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Eldorado Parkway to see traffic switchover on June 11

LITTLE ELM (June 10, 2015) The long-anticipated traffic switch on Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 a.m., says Assistant Town Manager Doug Peach.

“It’s probably been the most-asked question in town for several weeks,” he said. “And, frankly, it’s been a moving target for a number of reasons. But, it’s now here. All traffic will be switched tomorrow.”

The switchover will activate the eastbound lanes of Eldorado Parkway from Little Elm Bridge to Witt Road. At 6:30 a.m., crews, with the assistance of Little Elm Police officers, will open the road to traffic at the westernmost end. Then, they will open the remaining entrances in succession until all of the intersections are open.

After the switchover is complete, work to remove the temporary striping on the westbound lanes and to add the permanent stripes will take place. Motorists are cautioned to drive with care along the westbound side as crews may take several days to complete the restriping task.

“Traffic lights will be flashing red in all intersections for the time being,” he added. “Once we have everything running smoothly, we anticipate the lights going into full operation.” Lights flashing red in all directions is the equivalent of a four-way stop, when traffic alternates in sequence as it moves into and through the intersections.

Overhead lights along the median are expected to be operational in the near future. Work on the median beds will continue for the next several weeks with crews occasionally closing lanes for safety.

“It’s been a long way to get here, but it finally looks like the end is near,” said Peach.

The project has been under construction for several years, converting the two-lane asphalt roadway into the six lane, divided, concrete thoroughfare. Part of the project included a new Little Elm Bridge and similar conversion of Eldorado Parkway on the west side of the bridge.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.