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Streets, bridges and signal lights set to greet 2018

PROSPER (January 2, 2018) Commuters in Prosper will see roadway changes in 2018 that will make it easier to access the growing number of retail and commercial establishments that have opened their doors for business or will soon do so.

New traffic signals are adding to the safety, convenience and flow of commuters traveling along US 380 and Preston Road. Before the end of the month, a traffic signal will be operational at US 380 and Lovers Lane, controlling the flow of traffic into and out of the Gates of Prosper business park. A second signal slated for operation by the end of the month at Richland Blvd. and Preston Road serves the same purpose on the Preston Road side of the commercial center.

Michael Bulla, Prosper's Capital Projects Manager, says more traffic studies are on the horizon, seeking to quantify the number of autos traversing the areas around the Gates of Prosper.

"Additional traffic studies will be completed to document the necessity of a signal at the Preston and Lovers Lane intersection," he said. "Based on current projections, the signal at Preston and Lovers should meet TxDOT's criteria in late 2018 or early 2019."

Meanwhile, contractors working on the Texas Department of Transportation project to widen US 380 from four to six lanes are progressing rapidly toward completing the remaining section within Prosper's town limits, expecting to complete the westbound portion from the Dallas North Tollway to the Town's western boundary in February.

The completion of this stretch promises to improve access to the growing list of businesses, residential developments and institutions on the Prosper side of US 380, including Texas Health Prosper, St. Martin de Porres Church and School and Longo Toyota. Over 40,000 vehicles travel through this segment daily.

Kara Brinley, VP and General Manager at Longo Toyota, says the completion of the westbound lane will significantly improve safety. "Longo Toyota of Prosper is dedicated to providing a safe environment for our guests and our team members. Redirecting this traffic will greatly assist us in our mission," she said.

Redirecting traffic away from temporary lanes into permanent patterns allows contractors the ability to begin and accelerate construction of the bridge configurations over US 380 at Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway.

Pillars are already sprouting at the Preston Road intersection, and soon will be erected at the tollway crossing. Both of these overpasses are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Motorists must still exercise caution through construction areas. Fortunately, very few accidents have been reported in the affected area, and police urge continued vigilance.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 20,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."