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Changes Coming to Sunshine Street Signal

On Monday, June 18, the City of Springfield will begin the process of removing the mid-block pedestrian traffic signal on Sunshine Street, just west of Delaware Avenue, by covering the signal heads for a 30-day period.

This pedestrian signal was originally installed to assist Delaware Elementary students to cross Sunshine Street. In recent years, Springfield Public Schools (R-12) has adopted a barrier street policy that requires all students across a barrier street to be bussed. Because Sunshine Street is classified as a barrier street, it has been determined that there are no students using the signal to walk to and from school. Therefore, the signal is no longer needed or being used for its original purpose and should be removed. The Springfield School Crossing Protection Committee has voted to support the removal of this pedestrian signal.

Following standard practice for removal of a traffic signal, the signal heads will remain covered for a 30-day period to allow for public comment. At the end of the public comment period, a final decision regarding removal will be made. Unless unforeseen concerns for the operation of this signal are identified, the signal will be removed completely the week of July 16, 2012.

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