

WILKES-BARRE CITY

Thomas M. Leighton
Mayor



40 East Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
(570) 208-4158- phone
(570) 208-4101- fax

PENNSYLVANIA

****NEWS RELEASE****

March 27, 2009

Contact: Bridget Giunta, 570.332.3583

bgiunta@wilkes-barre.pa.us

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

WILKES-BARRE – The City of Wilkes-Barre announces that a major phase in the construction of the \$25 million Intermodal Transportation Facility will be completed early next week. On Tuesday, March 31, the 190 foot crane that was used to assemble the concrete and steel for the 752 space parking garage will be dismantled, beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through Thursday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m. To accommodate the massive crane, as well as the considerable amount of equipment that will be used to dismantle it, the following changes will be made to traffic patterns in the area of South Washington Street (schematic included with this document):

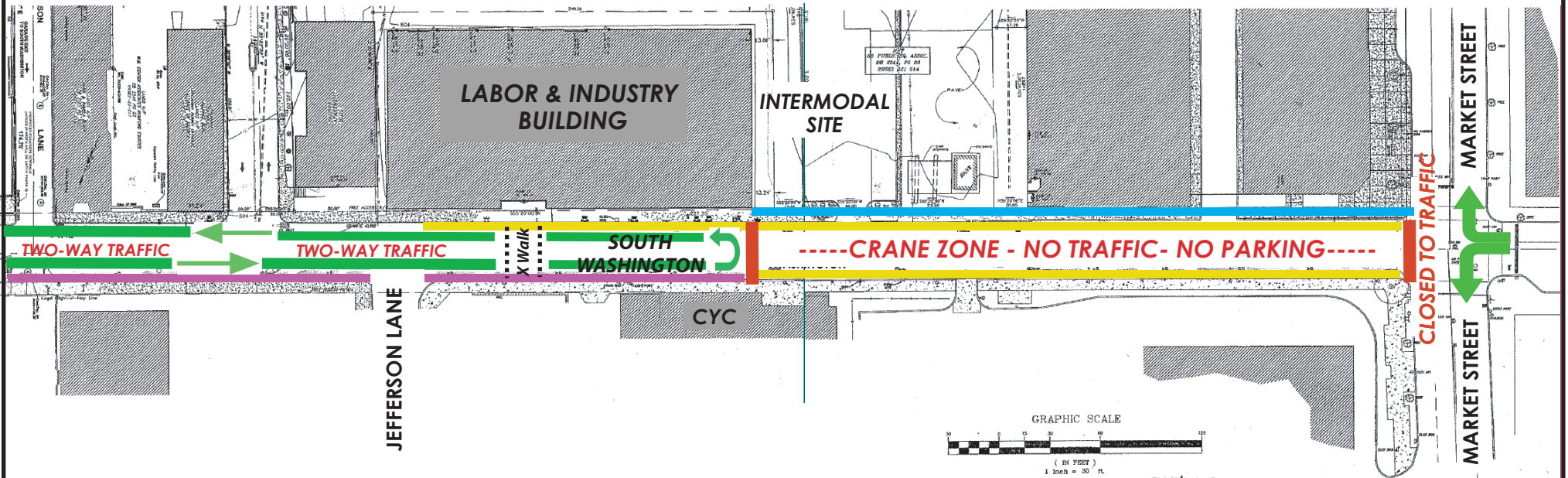
- South Washington Street will be closed at the intersection of East Market Street. Officers will be on-site at this intersection.
- South Washington Street, from Northampton Street to the area of the CYC, will be made a two-way street. Traffic may enter South Washington Street from Northampton Street in the north-bound lane to access homes and businesses in this area. Vehicles must then turn around and exit South Washington Street from the south-bound lane. Officers will be on-site at this location.
- Vehicles exiting the Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 lot and Park and Lock Central will not be affected by these changes; however, they should be alert to oncoming traffic.
- No parking will be permitted on either side of South Washington Street, with the exception of reserved handicapped parking, which will be labeled on signage in a designated area.
- The sidewalk on the Intermodal side of South Washington Street will be closed to pedestrian traffic from the corner of East Market Street to the Labor and Industry Building. Pedestrians may use the marked crosswalk in front of the Labor and Industry building entrance to move from one side of the street to the other.

Motorists and pedestrians are to follow posted signage carefully. Businesses and residents in the area of South Washington Street have been notified of these changes by the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Next, site work will begin at the Intermodal, including the construction of sidewalks, paving and curbing. Retrofitting and HVAC work will follow, with an expected project completion late this summer. The City of Wilkes-Barre thanks residents and motorists for their continued patience and cooperation during this landmark construction project.



City of Wilkes-Barre Intermodal Transportation Facility



SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 - Thursday, April 2, 2009

- No Parking
- Traffic Lane
- Road Closed
- Sidewalks Closed
- Reserved Handicapped Parking