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## TRAFFIC ALERT UPDATE

## Road to Parking Garage at Leonard L. Williams Justice Center to partially close on Nov. 12, 2024

As part of the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Custom House in Wilmington, a portion of Alico Road – that runs from the exit of the parking garage of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center to N. King Street near 6<sup>th</sup> Street – will **close permanently on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024.** 

In tandem with that closure, the traffic pattern for the remaining part of Alico Road – that runs from N. King St. near 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the entrance of the parking garage – will change to accommodate two-way traffic. This change means that it will no longer be possible for parking along Alico Road and further that pick-ups and drop-offs will no longer be allowed on Alico Road. All drivers entering Alico Road will be required to enter the parking garage. Traffic on Alico Road and space limitations will prevent drivers from attempting to U-turn back onto N. King St.

Initially, the road will be closed to just vehicles but ultimately pedestrian traffic will also be closed off on the sidewalk along that stretch of Alico Road as construction proceeds.

Signs will be posted on King St. to alert visitors to the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center about the traffic changes.

As an alternate, drivers may want to consider entering and exiting the parking garage from the Walnut St. side of the structure.

Renovation of the Custom House, which was constructed in 1855, began in December 2023 and will expand the historic structure by adding 51,650 square feet to the existing 15,000-square-foot building. Once opened, it will house the Delaware Supreme Court's New Castle County chambers, as well as the Administrative Office of the Courts. Construction is expected to be completed in 2026.

Additional updates on traffic disruptions will be posted on the Delaware Judicial Branch website <u>courts.delaware.gov/traffic</u> during the construction.