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**TRAFFIC DETOUR PLANNED TO FACILITATE SEWER TAP AND PARKING LOT
PAVING NEAR WESTMORELAND HOSPITAL AS PART OF EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT EXPANSION**

GREENSBURG, PA, April 9, 2010 ... South Washington Avenue from Shearer to West Pittsburgh Streets in Greensburg will be closed during daylight hours April 12 and 13 to accommodate the placement of a new manhole for access to sewer lines in the vicinity of Westmoreland Hospital. The Greater Greensburg Sewage Authority has granted Excelsa Health additional taps to handle the hospital's anticipated increase in patients served as a result of emergency department expansion.

Traffic detours will be posted between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday to allow installation of the manhole. Concurrently, weather permitting, the new 29-space patient and visitor parking lot at the corner of Washington Avenue and West Pittsburgh Street will be paved in anticipation of its opening April 19.

The completion of these activities will allow phase two of the emergency department expansion to commence the week of April 19 with work in the area directly adjoining the emergency department. Additional hospital security staff will be stationed to help direct and control traffic flow.

The entire emergency department expansion is expected to take nine months, When complete, the department will be equipped better to handle 60,000 visits annually.