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Knox County Adds Walking Connectivity to Gibbs Community

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The intersection of Emory Road and Tazwell Pike has long been a heavily trafficked area for the Gibbs' community – but it isn't walkable. The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department changed that recently, completing a sidewalk project at Harbison's Crossing.

"What we're doing is building pedestrian facilities at all corners to where kids can safely access any corner they want and do so in a lot more efficient manner," said Knox County Engineering and Public Works Senior Director Jim Snowden.

Knox County Commission Chairman Richie Beeler noted such a project was a major initiative for one of the busiest thoroughfares in the county.

"It's a busy intersection. Probably the busiest in his part of the county and so the need was there, and the response was there," Beeler added. "One of the things we have heard from people is we would love to see more walking connectivity and a small town feel to the Gibbs area and the Mayor's Office has been so supportive in getting those kinds of features in to make that happen."

The new sidewalks and additional push button technology will allow pedestrians to cross carefully while stopping road traffic. Beeler said its all part of making the area safer for families.

"We got street lighting in the school zones back in late 2020 and so just making it safer for families and folks out here in Gibbs, is a top priority," said Beeler.

To learn more about the project check out the video.

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