



**WEST CHESTER PREPARES FOR OPENING OF MAJOR RETAILER
EFFORTS MADE TO EASE TRAFFIC BURDEN DURING GRAND-OPENING WEEK**

West Chester Township staff has been working diligently over the past several months to make sure the grand opening of retail giant IKEA is a positive experience for all of the businesses and residents of West Chester.

IKEA predicts several thousand cars each day during the first week of opening its doors to business on March 12th.

Businesses and residents throughout the community are being notified of proposed traffic plans for the grand-opening week and efforts are being made to help them with their individual needs.

West Chester Township Police, at IKEA's expense, will be posted throughout the area to monitor traffic, as well as Ohio State Patrol. West Chester Fire Department staff, again at the retailers' expense, will be on hand to manage medical and fire emergencies in the high-traffic area of the store during grand-opening week.

"West Chester Township, the Ohio State Patrol, Butler County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation have been working together with IKEA to develop a plan that will cause the least disruption to the Township's daily traffic," said Public Safety Director Jim Detherage.

Please note the traffic plan map to plan your route of travel from March 12 until March 20th.

[IKEA Traffic Plan](#) [IKEA Travel Tips](#)