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INTERSTATE 75 RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING
In the city of Findlay, Hancock county

BEGIN: March 2017
COMPLETE: Fall 2020
COST: $114 million
CONTRACTOR: Beaver Excavating Inc.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project to reconstruct and widen I-75 through the city of Findlay beginning just south of Harrison Street/County Road 144, which is just south of the U.S. Route 68/state Route 15 interchange, to the county Road 99 interchange, is entering its fourth and final year. The project will reconstruct approximately five miles of the existing four lanes of Interstate 75, construct an additional lane of travel in each direction, replace all mainline bridges on I-75, replace the Harrison Street overpass, redesign and reconstruct the interchange between U.S. 68/state Route 15 and Interstate 75, and redesign and reconstruct the interchange with U.S. 68/state Route 15 at Lima Avenue. The project also includes the construction of noise walls at particular locations. Expected completion is late fall 2020.

Beaver Excavating, Canton, serves as the general contractor.

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MAJOR ELEMENTS COMPLETED EARLIER WITH THE PROJECT:

- Reconstruction of the Harrison Street bridge over I-75.
- Construction of a new flyover ramp which carries I-75 southbound traffic to U.S. 68/state Route 15. The flyover eliminated a loop ramp where numerous rollover accidents occurred.
- Reconstruction of all ramps at the state Route 12 and U.S. 224 interchanges.
- Completion of a service road along Lima Avenue near the headquarters of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
- Reconstruction of the Logan Avenue intersection with Lima Avenue.
- Installation of noise walls.

THE MOST NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019:

- Three lanes of traffic on I-75 in both directions were opened from state Route 12 to county Road 99. The lanes also have the final driving surface of asphalt, which originally was not planned to be done until late this year.

- The opening in November of the double roundabouts at the interchange at Lima Avenue with U.S. 68/state Route 15 marked a significant milestone in the project. The bridge over Lima Avenue which carries traffic to and from I-75 and U.S. 68/state Route 15 was also completed.

- The bridge on I-75 over the Blanchard River and a substantial portion of a bridge on I-75 over the railroad near the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange were completed.

- The lanes of U.S. 68/state Route 15 were reconstructed from its interchange with I-75 to the south end of the project. The final driving surface of asphalt will be placed late this year.

WORK TO CONTINUE IN 2020 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT:

The greatest concentration of work is now occurring at the interchange at U.S. 68/state Route 15 with I-75.

- Construction on the following ramps at the interchange will continue until late fall. Traffic will continue to be detoured north on I-75 to the state Route 12 interchange and back on I-75 southbound until the ramps are opened:
  - I-75 northbound to U.S. 68/state Route 15
  - I-75 northbound to Lima Avenue
  - U.S. 68/state Route 15 to I-75 southbound
  - Lima Avenue to I-75 southbound

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• Work at the Lima Avenue interchange will continue with grading and seeding, and installation of lighting, pedestrian beacons, signage, and landscaping. Little impact to traffic is expected.

• The majority of work on I-75 itself is occurring between Harrison Street to the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange where the reconstruction and expansion of the northbound lanes continues. Two lanes of traffic are maintained the majority of time.

• All four lanes of I-75 in this section are traveling on the southbound side and will remain in this pattern until late fall. This allows the northbound existing lanes to be reconstructed and a new, third lane to be constructed.

• All existing I-75 pavement has been removed and the intermediate pavement placed through this section.

• Work to extend a noise wall on the west side of I-75 from Bigelow Avenue to the south will begin in June and is expected to complete in September.

• All lanes of I-75 will open late summer.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS
• Two lanes of traffic will be maintained through the work zone the majority of time.

• Traffic will continue to be detoured north on I-75 to the state Route 12 interchange and back on I-75 southbound until late fall.

• Between Harrison Street to the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange all four lanes will continue to travel the southbound side until late summer.

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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