
Interstate 75 Reconstruction Hancock County Project Facts



Project particulars

Project location:	Interstate 75 from 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, Findlay, Hancock County.
Construction project cost:	\$113.2 million
Contractor:	Beaver Excavating Inc., Canton
Project schedule:	Begin: March 2017 Estimated completion: May 2020

Reason for the project

- This section of Interstate 75 was constructed in the 1950s. The pavement and bridges are near the end of their life expectancy.
- The existing ramps are short, the shoulders are narrow and the volume of traffic has increased beyond what the roadway was originally designed to accommodate.
- Reconstruction and widening will enhance safety, increase capacity, replace failing pavement, reduce congestion and provide better connection between I-75 and U.S. 68/state Route 15.

Project Summary

- Reconstruction of approximately five miles of the existing four lanes of Interstate 75 and the addition of a third lane in each direction.
- Replacement of all mainline bridges on I-75.
- Replacement of the Harrison Street overpass.
- Redesign and reconstruction of the interchange between U.S. 68/state Route 15 and Interstate 75.
- Redesign and reconstruction of the interchange with U.S. 68/state Route 15 at Lima Avenue. The improved design will provide access to Lima Avenue directly from I-75 without first merging onto U.S. 68/state Route 15.
- Construction of noise walls along the interstate at the following locations:
 - Adjacent to Carlin Street north of County Road 313 and south of Harrison Street/County Road 144 on the east side of the interstate
 - Adjacent to Broad Avenue between U.S. 224/Trenton Avenue and Bigelow Avenue/County Road 96 on the east and west side of the interstate
 - Adjacent to Crosshill Drive from north of Bigelow Avenue/County Road 96 to just north of Hillshafer Drive on the east side of the interstate
- Construction of a new service road off Lima Avenue (extension of Lake Cascades Parkway).

Maintenance of Traffic

- Two lanes of traffic on I-75 in each direction will be maintained the majority of the time.
 - Traffic may be reduced to one lane in each direction during permitted lane closure times, generally from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

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- Contraflow traffic maintenance method will be used on the extreme north and south ends of the project in varying patterns. Traffic at times will be switched onto the opposite side of the interstate, separated by barrier wall, while existing lanes are removed and reconstructed.
- Harrison Street over I-75 between Logan Avenue and Morrical Boulevard is expected to close beginning spring of 2017 for approximately nine months.
- Ramps closures will be necessary.
 - The exit ramp from I-75 northbound to U.S. 68/state Route 15 (exit 156) will close spring 2017 for approximately three years.
 - The entrance ramp from U.S. 68/state Route 15 to I-75 southbound will close mid year in 2018 for approximately a year and a half.
 - The exit ramp from I-75 southbound to U.S. 68/state Route 15 will remain open throughout the duration of the project. This traffic movement will switch from the existing loop ramp to a new flyover ramp in mid 2018.
 - Ramps at the state Route 12 and U.S. 224 interchanges with I-75 will be closed at times during reconstruction of the lanes on I-75 during all three years of construction
 - No two exit or entrance ramps at the interchanges will be closed at the same time.
 - Lima Avenue at U.S. 68/state Route 15 will be closed to through traffic for approximately six months in 2019. During a majority of this closure, access to/from I-75 and U.S. 68/state Route 15 from Lima Avenue will be maintained.
- U.S. 68/state Route 15 in the area of the Findlay airport will be reduced to one lane in each direction in 2018 and 2019 during reconstruction of the pavement.

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Information regarding the I-75 project:

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