

Lima Avenue closure

Fact sheet

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Lima Avenue beneath U.S. 68/state Route 15 will close Oct. 15 for approximately one year.

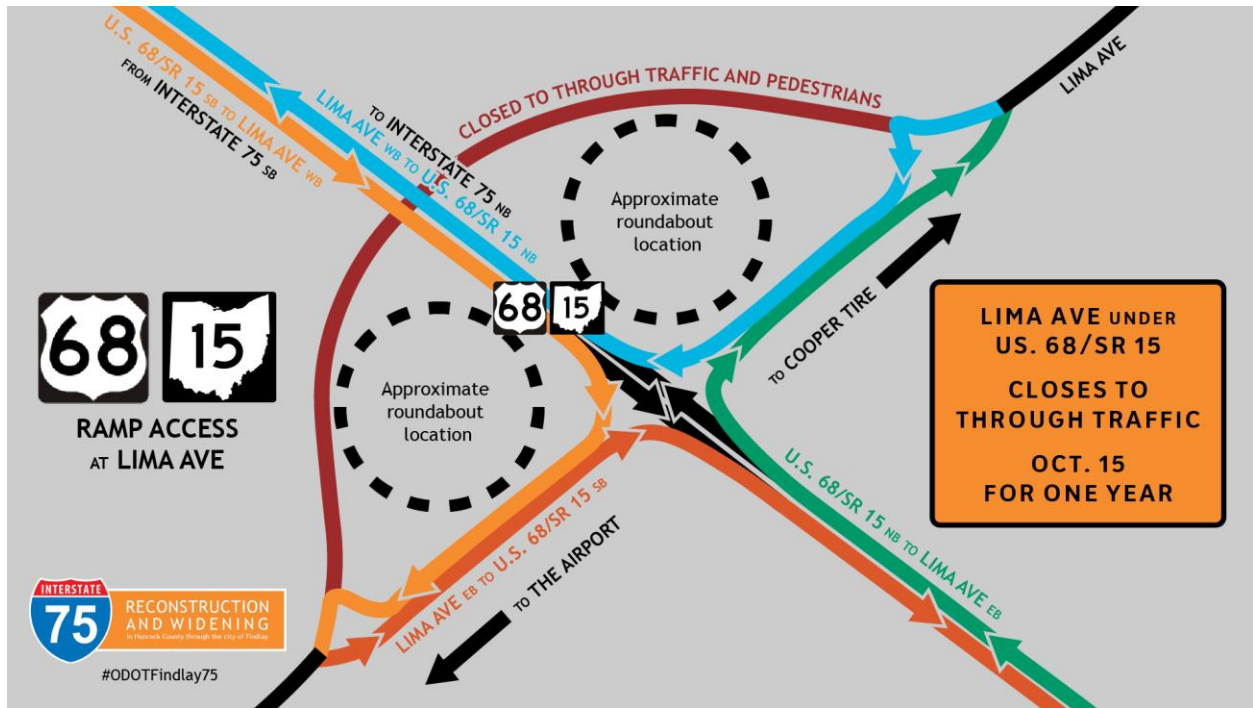
- Lima Avenue is a critical component of the Interstate 75 reconstruction and widening project through Findlay and Hancock County.
- The closure of Lima Avenue is necessary to reconstruct the interchange with U.S. 68/state Route 15 at Lima Avenue.
- The construction of a double roundabout will provide access to Lima Avenue directly from I-75 without first merging onto U.S. 68/state Route 15.
 - Roundabout design and new connector ramps will separate traffic movements which are currently merging at different rates of speed across multiple lanes.
 - Roundabout design is more effective at moving traffic versus a traffic signal and eliminates backups on exit ramps.

The following impacts to traffic will result from the closure of Lima Avenue:

- Lima Avenue traffic will not be permitted to travel east or west beneath U.S. 68/state Route 15 beginning Oct. 15 for one year.
- No access from U.S. 68 southbound to Lima Avenue eastbound, or from U.S. 68 northbound to Lima Avenue westbound will be possible.
 - To access Lima Avenue on the west side of U.S. 68/state Route 15, traffic will be detoured onto I-75 northbound to the U.S. 224 interchange to I-75 southbound back to Lima Avenue.
 - To access Lima Avenue on the east side of U.S. 68/state Route 15, traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 68/state Route 15 southbound to the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange, south of Findlay, to U.S. 68/state Route 15 northbound back to Lima Avenue.
- All four U.S. 68/state Route 15 ramps at Lima Avenue will remain open.
 - Access to the existing southbound on/off ramps will be maintained on the airport side.
 - Access to the existing northbound on/off ramps will be maintained on the Cooper Tire side.
 - Overnight or weekend ramp closures will be necessary later in the year.
 - All ramps at Lima Avenue will be closed temporarily when traffic is transitioned from the existing ramps onto the newly constructed ramps. This will occur during off-peak hours during a weekend.

Other notables:

- Emergency responders (fire, EMS and law enforcement) will always have access across Lima Avenue via a temporary roadway.
- Pedestrians will not be permitted in the construction area at any time.
- Utility relocation work has delayed the completion of intersection reconstruction at Logan Avenue. A temporary access will be constructed to provide access to Lima Avenue through the winter season.



About the Hancock I-75 Project:

Interstate 75 will be reconstructed and widened 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, Findlay, Hancock County. 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 May 2020. Beaver Excavating, Canton, serves as the general contractor.

Project information may be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/hancock75>

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