
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



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Barrier wall removed, final paving on I-75, Lima, begins next week

Interstate 75 from the Auglaize County line to Fourth Street, through Lima and Allen County, will have occasional lane closures throughout the year during the final year of the reconstruction of the interstate. Current and upcoming impacts to traffic are as follows:

- Milling of the pavement throughout the entire project area in preparation for paving is under way and is reducing traffic through the work zone both northbound and southbound. This operation will continue over the weekend.
- Nighttime paving of the final course of asphalt, berm work and striping throughout the entire project area will begin Monday, August 15. Work will occur from 7 p.m. until 2 p.m. the following day.
 - Paving operations will occur from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day and are expected to continue for approximately one month.
 - Construction trucks will be entering and exiting frequently throughout the project area during the next several weeks.
 - Posted speed through the work zone will be lowered while work is taking place.
- Traffic patterns on Ohio 65 beneath Interstate 75 will continue to shift for the next two weeks during completion of the concrete pavement.
- Traffic on I-75 north and south of the Ohio 65 interchange area is now traveling in a normal pattern. All barrier wall through this area has been removed.
- Heavy construction truck traffic will be present throughout the project for the next several weeks, especially in the area of the Ohio 65 interchange and the Yoder Road area, near the Orthopedic Institute of Ohio complex.

About the I-75 Project Phases:

Project 1 of the Interstate 75 reconstruction project, which is the replacement of the Fourth Street and Reservoir Road bridges over Interstate 75 in Lima, was completed in the spring of 2014. Project 2 reconstructed the existing lanes of Interstate 75 from Fourth Street to just north of Ohio 81 in Lima. This phase also includes the reconstruction of the Fourth Street, Ohio 81 and Ohio 117/309 interchanges; a safety upgrade to Ohio 309 east of the Interstate 75 interchange; and the reconstruction and realignment of Ohio 81 from Neubrecht to Stewart Road. This phase was completed in 2014. Project 3, from the Auglaize County line to Fourth Street, began in 2014. This phase also includes the reconstruction of the Breese Road and Ohio 65 interchanges as well as the replacement of the Hanthorn and McClain Road bridges over Interstate 75. The overall project is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

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