
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



August 3, 2016

Ohio 65 traffic shift occurs tonight, barrier wall on I-75 removed beginning Friday

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:

- Lane closures are occurring throughout the project both northbound and southbound for work in the median.
- On Wednesday, August 3, beginning at approximately 6 p.m. and continuing through the night, traffic on Ohio 65 beneath Interstate 75 at the interchange will be shifted for completion of the concrete pavement. Traffic shifts and restrictions in this area will continue for the next three weeks.
- Traffic on I-75 north and south of the Ohio 65 interchange area continues to travel in a contraflow pattern where two southbound lanes and one northbound lane of traffic are traveling on the southbound side of the interstate, and one northbound lane is traveling on the northbound side of the interstate.
 - On Friday, August 5, beginning at approximately 7 p.m. and continuing into Saturday, the barrier wall on I-75 in the northbound direction through the contraflow area will be removed. During the operation, the right-hand, northbound lane will be closed as well as the northbound entrance and exit ramp at Ohio 65.
 - Exit ramp traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 to Fourth Street to Interstate 75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
 - Entrance ramp traffic will be detoured south on Interstate 75 to Breese Road back to Interstate 75 northbound.
 - On Tuesday, August 9, beginning at approximately 7 p.m. and continuing into Saturday, the barrier wall on I-75 in the southbound direction through the contraflow area will be removed. During the operation, traffic will be restricted to one lane. The southbound entrance and exit ramps are not expected to be affected
- Milling of the pavement throughout the entire project area in preparation for paving will begin the week of August 8 and will reduce traffic to one lane through the work zone. Paving of the final course of asphalt will begin the week of August 15.
- 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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