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# Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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August 6, 2015

## **Interstate 75 traffic to be temporarily stopped tonight and Friday near McClain Road; SR65 ramp to reopen**

### McClain Road

- Traffic on Interstate 75 will be stopped for short intervals tonight and Friday night during setting of bridge beams on the McClain Road bridge.
- Lane restrictions in the area approaching the bridge will begin at 8 p.m. with traffic stoppages to begin at 10 p.m. and are expected to conclude by 6 a.m. the following day.
- Local law enforcement will assist with traffic control during the operation.
- Work will occur in one direction at a time
  - Northbound traffic will be affected tonight.
  - Southbound traffic will be affected on Friday night
- The McClain Road bridge over Interstate 75 remains closed until late 2015 or early 2016.

### I-75 between McClain Road and Cridersville

- Traffic this week between McClain Road and Cridersville is being switched into a configuration where two southbound lanes and one northbound lane is traveling on the southbound side of the interstate, separated by concrete barrier, with one northbound lane remaining on the northbound side.
- Lane restrictions are occurring from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the transition.

### Breese Road

- The northbound entrance and exit ramps at Breese Road closed July 31 for approximately one month during paving operations taking place at the base of the ramps on Interstate 75.
  - Traffic is detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 and back to Breese Road
  - Alternate detour is National Road at exit 118 at Cridersville to Dixie Highway back to Breese Road.

### Ohio 65 Interchange

- The southbound entrance and exit ramps at Ohio 65 are open.
- The northbound entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 remains closed.

- Traffic is detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 northbound.
- The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to Ohio 65 is closed but is expected to reopen on Friday, August 6.
  - Traffic during the ramp closure is detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 southbound back to Ohio 65.

**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.

Project information may be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ODOTLima75](http://www.facebook.com/ODOTLima75); on Twitter, prefaced with #ODOTLima75, at [https://twitter.com/#!/ODOT\\_NWOhio](https://twitter.com/#!/ODOT_NWOhio); and on the Web at [www.odotlima75.org](http://www.odotlima75.org).

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*Thank you.*

