
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



July 20, 2015

Traffic pattern changes coming this week

I-75 between Ohio 81 and Ohio 309

Interstate 75 southbound between Ohio 81 and Ohio 309 will be restricted to one lane on Wednesday from approximately 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pavement scanning.

I-75 between Fourth Street and Cridersville

Until late fall, lane restrictions will occur on I-75 between Fourth Street and Cridersville during reconstruction of the existing lanes.

- Lane closures will occur most hours of the day except between the hours of 1-6 p.m. when traffic volumes are highest.
- Motorists should be aware of construction trucks and equipment entering and exiting the lanes of travel throughout the work zone.

I-75 between Fourth Street and McClain Road

- The single southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate from Fourth Street to McClain Road is traveling on new pavement as work on the reconstruction of the existing southbound passing lane continues.
- In the McClain Road area, traffic is currently being maintained in a normal driving pattern but next week, this area will be switched into a contraflow pattern.

I-75 between McClain Road and the Little Ottawa River (south of Breese Road)

- At some point this week, traffic between McClain Road and the Little Ottawa River will be switched into a configuration where two southbound lanes and one northbound lane will be placed on the southbound side of the interstate, separated by concrete barrier, while one northbound lane will remain on the northbound side.
- Last week, traffic from the Little Ottawa River to Cridersville was switched into the same configuration.

Hanthorn Road

The Hanthorn Road Bridge over Interstate 75 remains closed until 2016.

Ohio 65 and Ohio 65/I-75 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.
 - Traffic is detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
 - The ramp is expected to reopen in early August.

McClain Road

The McClain Road bridge over Interstate 75 remains closed until late 2015 or early 2016.

Breese Road Interchange

- All ramps at the Breese Road interchange are currently open; however, any work on the mainline of I-75 will affect mostly the southbound exit ramp to Breese Road.
- Motorists should expect short-term closures at the interchange ramps. Closures will be communicated by electronic message boards.
- Traffic on I-75 southbound wishing to access Breese Road should remain in the far west southbound lane.

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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