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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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July 20, 2016

## I-75 northbound to be one lane, Ohio 65 northbound entrance ramp to close Friday night

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.
- 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. Traffic will remain in this pattern until late summer.
- On Friday, July 22 at 7 p.m., the right, northbound lane through the Ohio 65 interchange area will be closed until approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, July 25 during pouring and curing of the concrete for the bridge deck at the railroad bridge.
  - During the operation, the northbound entrance ramp at Ohio 65 will be closed beginning at approximately 9 p.m. on Friday, July 22 until approximately 2 p.m. Monday, July 25.
    - Entrance ramp traffic will be detoured south on Interstate 75 to Breese Road back to Interstate 75 northbound.
  - The northbound exit ramp will likely require closure as well beginning at 10 p.m. Friday, July 22 until approximately 3 a.m. the following Saturday morning.
    - Exit ramp traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 to Fourth Street to Interstate 75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
- Traffic on I-75 northbound will continue to be reduced to one lane through the contraflow zone Monday through Friday for the next few weeks, from approximately 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, for drainage and bridge work.
  - The exit ramp from northbound Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 will likely be closed during these same hours Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.
    - Traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 to Fourth Street to Interstate 75 southbound to Ohio 65.

- The entrance ramp is expected to remain open.
- Heavy 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. Truck traffic will be especially prevalent from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. each day.
- Paving of the final layer of asphalt throughout the project is expected to take place in early August.

**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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