
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



July 29, 2016

I-75 northbound to be one lane on Saturday, paving to begin week of August 15

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 mid August.
- Traffic on I-75 northbound will be reduced to one lane through the contraflow zone on Saturday, July 30, and on Monday through Wednesday, August 1-3, from approximately 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, for paving between Ohio 65 and the railroad bridge. All ramps at the Ohio 65 interchange are expected to remain open during the operation.
- 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.
- 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.

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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