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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Auglaize County line to Fourth Street  
Lima, Allen County

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### **New traffic patterns begin tonight on I-75 between Breese Road and Cridersville**

#### *I-75 mainline between Fourth Street and Stewart Road*

- Interstate 75 between Fourth Street and Stewart Road will continue to be restricted to one lane tonight and Friday of this week and all of next week for pavement smoothing.
  - Work will take place both northbound and southbound, but in one direction at a time.
  - The restriction will be in place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. each night.

#### *I-75 mainline between the Little Ottawa River (south of Breese Road) and Cridersville*

- Beginning tonight, the southbound lane which is currently traveling on the northbound side of the interstate will be crossed over onto new pavement on the southbound side.
  - Traffic will be affected beginning at approximately 8 p.m. while the transition is under way and will continue to be affected up to 1 p.m. Thursday.
- Once the switch occurs, both southbound lanes in this area will be traveling on new pavement on the southbound side.
- On Friday, the northbound passing lane through this area will be crossed over onto the southbound side of the interstate.
  - Traffic will be affected by this operation beginning at approximately 8 p.m. Friday until approximately 1 p.m. Saturday.

#### *I-75 mainline between Fourth Street and Cridersville*

- The single southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate from Fourth Street to Cridersville is traveling on new pavement as work on the reconstruction of the existing southbound passing lane continues.
- All southbound traffic between McClain Road and Ohio 65 is currently traveling in their normal lanes of travel but the traffic pattern will change in the future.
  - Prior to the Breese Road interchange, traffic in this area is transitioned back to the contraflow pattern with one lane southbound traveling on the southbound side and one lane southbound traveling on the northbound side with opposing traffic separated by

concrete barrier.

- Until late fall, lane restrictions will occur on I-75 southbound 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.
- Hanthorn Road Bridge over Interstate 75 remains closed until 2016.
- McClain Road 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.

### **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.

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/#1/ODOT\\_NWOHio](https://twitter.com/#1/ODOT_NWOHio); and on the Web at [www.odotlima75.org](http://www.odotlima75.org).

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