
Project Update

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



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Southbound traffic onto new pavement by end of today; closures at Ohio 65 slated

I-75 mainline between Fourth Street and Cridersville

- All southbound traffic between McClain Road and Ohio 65 has been switched onto new pavement.
 - Both northbound and southbound traffic through this area 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.
- By the end of today, the single southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate from Ohio 65 to Fourth Street will be switched onto new pavement. When the switch is complete, traffic in this southbound lane will be traveling on new pavement between Fourth Street and Cridersville.
- The switch allows work on the reconstruction of the existing southbound passing lane to occur.
- 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.
 - The closures will occur in the southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate where only one lane of southbound traffic is currently being maintained.
 - During the lane closures, all southbound traffic will be shifted onto the northbound side of the interstate where two lanes of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic is being maintained.
 - 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.

I-75 between Fourth Street and Ohio 81

- Lane closures will continue next week on I-75 between Fourth Street and Stewart Road at various locations for pavement repair.
- The lane closures will generally occur between 4 a.m. and noon each day.
- Work is occurring in the southbound lanes first, then will switch northbound.

Ohio 65 and Ohio 65/I-75 Interchange

- Ohio 65 in the area beneath the I-75 interchange bridge will close during nighttime hours only on Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 for demolition of the existing southbound side of the bridge:
 - The closure on Monday will occur from approximately 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Tuesday morning.
 - The closure on Tuesday will occur from approximately 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Wednesday morning.
 - All ramps at the Ohio 65 interchange will be open and available during the closure:
 - Ohio 65 northbound traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 and west on Fourth Street back to Ohio 65.
 - Ohio 65 southbound traffic will be detoured south on Interstate 75 and east on Breese Road back to Ohio 65.
 - Traffic on I-75 through the Ohio 65 area is not expected to be affected during the demolition.
- *The entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to southbound Interstate 75 is expected to reopen Saturday, June 13.* The ramp was closed May 13 for approximately one month.
- *The entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 will open temporarily on Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 while Ohio 65 is closed.*
 - The ramp will remain open only during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day during the closure of Ohio 65 for bridge demolition.
 - Once the bridge demolition work at Ohio 65 is complete, the ramp will close and traffic will be detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 northbound.
- *The exit ramp from Interstate 75 southbound to Ohio 65 is expected to reopen today.*

- The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to Ohio 65 is currently open but is [expected to close the week of June 22 for approximately one month.](#) Traffic will be 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; on Twitter, prefaced with #ODOTLima75, at https://twitter.com/#!/ODOT_NWOHio; and on the Web at www.odotlima75.org.

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