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## Project Update

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

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### **More traffic switches occurring tonight into Saturday; ramp openings and closures scheduled for Ohio 65 interchange**

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

- Beginning after 7 p.m. this evening and continuing into Saturday morning, the southbound passing lane between McClain Road and Ohio 65 will be switched onto new pavement. Traffic may be slowed during the switch but no significant traffic impacts are expected.
  - Last week the southbound driving lane in this area was switched over to 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 will be 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.
- Beginning mid week next week, the single southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate from Ohio 65 to Fourth Street will be switched onto new pavement. At that time, 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.

- 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*

- Beginning next week, lane closures will occur on I-75 between Fourth Street and Stewart Road at various locations for pavement repair. Work is currently scheduled to take place Wednesday through Friday of next week and continue through the week of June 15.
- The lane closures will generally occur between 4 a.m. and noon each day.
- Work will begin in the southbound lanes first, then switch northbound.

### **Ohio 65 Interchange**

- The entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to southbound Interstate 75 closed May 13 for 30 days. Traffic detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 southbound. *This ramp is expected to reopen during the week of June 15.*
- The 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 southbound to Ohio 65 remains closed. Traffic detoured to National Road at Cridersville to I-75 northbound back to Ohio 65. *This ramp is expected to reopen by the end of next week.*
- The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to Ohio 65 is *expected to close the week of June 22 for 30 days.* 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](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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*Thank you.*

