
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



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I-75 northbound to be restricted beginning Monday, Ohio 65 northbound ramps to intermittently close

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:

- 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.
- Traffic on I-75 northbound will be reduced to one lane through the contraflow zone Monday through Thursday of the week of June 20, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., while bridge beams are set for the Ohio 65 interchange bridge and for the railroad bridge to the north (east) of the interchange.
 - Traffic on Ohio 65 will be maintained but controlled with flaggers during the operation.
 - On Monday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., the exit ramp from northbound Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 will be closed.
 - Traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 to Fourth Street to Interstate 75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
 - Beginning Tuesday and continuing through Thursday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, both the northbound entrance and exit ramps at the Ohio 65 interchange will be closed.
 - Exit ramp traffic will be detoured north on Interstate 75 to Fourth Street to Interstate 75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
 - Entrance ramp traffic will be detoured south onto Interstate 75 to Breese Road back to Interstate 75 northbound.
- 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.

- Hanthorn Road over Interstate 75 remains closed. The bridge is expected to reopen to traffic in approximately one week.
- Paving of the final layer of asphalt throughout the project is expected to take place in late July and 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.

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