
Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County



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I-75 northbound to be restricted for next few weeks, Ohio 65 northbound ramps to be affected

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.
- Beginning Tuesday, May 17 and continuing throughout the week, the single northbound lane on Interstate 75 through the contraflow area will be closed during the hours of 3 a.m. to 1 p.m. while embankment work occurs.
 - During the lane closure, the entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 will remain open but will be controlled with flaggers.
 - The exit ramp from northbound Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 will be closed during the operation. Traffic will be detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 southbound back to Ohio 65.
- Beginning May 23 and continuing for approximately two weeks, the single northbound lane on Interstate 75 through the contraflow area will close during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while embankment work occurs.
 - During the lane closure, the entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 will be closed, only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.
 - The exit ramp from northbound Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 will remain open.
- Demolition of the remaining pavement and bridge structures on I-75 over Ohio 65 and the railroad bridge has been completed.
- Hanthorn Road over Interstate 75 remains closed until mid June.

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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