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## Project Update

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

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May 26, 2015

### **Southbound I-75 exit ramp at Ohio 81 to be affected by work tomorrow**

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

- Interstate 75 southbound from Fourth Street to Cridersville has been switched onto new pavement. The switch only affects traffic traveling in the single southbound lane on the far west side of the interstate through the contraflow zone.
- The switch allows work on the reconstruction of the existing southbound passing lane to occur.
- One lane of southbound traffic between Ohio 65 and McClain Road has been switched onto the northbound side onto new pavement. Both the northbound and southbound traffic in this area had previously both been traveling in the southbound lanes.
- 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*

- On Wednesday, May 27, the exit ramp from Interstate 75 southbound to Ohio 81 will remain open but will be restricted for pavement work. Traffic on I-75 is not expected to be affected. The restriction will likely only be in place for the day.

- Within the next few weeks, lane restrictions will occur on I-75 between Fourth Street and Reservoir Road for pavement repair.

## **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.
- 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.
- The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to Ohio 65 remains open.
- Within the next three weeks, three of the four ramps at the interchange are expected to reopen.

## **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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