
Project Update

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



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I-75 southbound traffic to switch onto new pavement next week; Breese Road ramps to open

Interstate 75 mainline

- Interstate 75 southbound from just north of Breese Road to Cridersville will be switched onto new pavement mid week next week. At that time, the Interstate 75 southbound entrance and exit ramps at Breese Road will reopen. The ramps were closed April 27 for an estimated 30 days for pavement work.
- In the near future, possibly as soon as late May, Interstate 75 southbound from Fourth Street to just north of Breese Road will also be switched onto new pavement.
- The switch will not change the current traffic pattern and will not greatly affect traffic.
- The switch will allow work on the reconstruction of the existing southbound passing lane to begin.
- Until late fall, I-75 southbound between Fourth Street and Cridersville will continue to be restricted to one lane 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.

Ohio 65 Interchange

- The entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to southbound Interstate 75 will close mid week next week for 30 days once the Breese Road ramps reopen. Traffic will be 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.

Breese Road Interchange

- Mid week next week, the exit ramp from southbound I-75 to Breese Road and the entrance ramp from Breese Road to southbound I-75 will reopen at the time southbound traffic between McClain Road and Cridersville is switched onto new pavement. The ramps were closed April 27 for an estimated 30 days for pavement work on the ramps.
- The following detours will remain in place until the ramps are reopened:
 - I-75 southbound traffic wishing to access Breese Road is detoured to the National Road interchange at Cridersville to I-75 northbound back to Breese Road.
 - Breese Road traffic wishing to access I-75 southbound is detoured north onto I-75 to Fourth Street back to I-75 southbound.

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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