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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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November 23, 2015

### **Interstate 75 traffic pattern changing into winter mode this week**

- The concrete barrier wall in the southbound lanes from Ohio 65 and National Road in Cridersville is being removed this week in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday and in preparation for winter maintenance operations.
  - Construction barrels will remain up in the southbound direction while pavement markings are placed. The barrels will be removed in mid December and traffic at that time will be placed into its final pattern for the winter.
  - By the end of today, Interstate 75 northbound between Cridersville and Ohio 65 will be in a normal driving pattern and will remain so all winter.
- Traffic on Interstate 75 both northbound and southbound from Fourth Street to Ohio 65 is currently two lanes in each direction in a normal driving pattern. This pattern will be maintained throughout the winter.
- Throughout the winter, traffic just north and south of the Ohio 65 interchange will remain in a contraflow pattern with two southbound lanes and one northbound lane traveling on the southbound side of the interstate, separated by concrete barrier, and one northbound lane traveling on the northbound side.
- No lane restrictions will occur throughout the Interstate 75 reconstruction project area from Fourth Street to Cridersville over the Thanksgiving holiday. Work on the project will be suspended Wednesday through Saturday of the week.

### **Yoder Road**

- Yoder Road closed November 4 for approximately two months to allow for construction of a retaining wall which will be built between Yoder Road and Interstate 75.
- Access to the Orthopedic Institute of Ohio (OIO) is maintained at the main entrance near Ohio 65. The rear entrance/exit to and from the facility near the railroad tracks will function as an exit-only during the construction.
- Yoder Road will be a one-way road from the railroad to the main entrance where it will resume two-way traffic operation.
- During this construction, properties located between the railroad and Breese Road will only be accessible from Breese Road.

- Construction of the retaining wall is part of the Interstate 75 reconstruction project.

### **Ohio 65 Interchange**

- The Ohio 65 northbound entrance ramp remains closed.
  - Traffic is detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 northbound.

### **Breese Road Interchange**

- All ramps at the Breese Road interchange are open.

#### **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](https://www.facebook.com/ODOTLima75); on Twitter, prefaced with #ODOTLima75, at [https://twitter.com/#1/ODOT\\_NWOhio](https://twitter.com/#1/ODOT_NWOhio); and on the Web at [www.odotlima75.org](http://www.odotlima75.org).

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