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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Auglaize County line to Ohio 81  
Lima, Allen County

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November 24, 2014

### **Southbound exit ramp to Fourth Street to close briefly on Tuesday; all lanes open through zone for Thanksgiving holiday**

#### **Fourth Street Interchange**

- On Tuesday, November 25, the exit ramp from Interstate 75 southbound to Fourth Street will be closed for approximately three hours for pavement evaluation.
- The closure will begin at 9 a.m.
- Traffic detoured south on Interstate 75 to Breese Road, to Interstate 75 northbound back to Fourth Street.

#### **Interstate 75**

- Two lanes in each direction will be maintained on Interstate 75 through the construction zone from Fourth Street to the Auglaize County line over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Traffic on Interstate 75 from Fourth Street to the Auglaize County line is currently maintained in a contraflow traffic pattern. Motorists are advised to adhere to posted speeds through the zone as lanes are narrowed. The contraflow traffic pattern is as follows:
  - On the northbound side of the interstate, two lanes of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic is maintained. Opposing traffic is separated with a concrete barrier wall.
  - On the southbound side of the interstate, only one southbound lane is maintained.
  - The exception is an area north and south of McClain Road where all lanes of Interstate 75 are traveling on the northbound side and are then transitioned back to the established pattern.
  - Traffic will remain in this pattern through winter.

## About the I-75 Project Phases:

Project 2 will reconstruct 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 is expected to be completed in 2015.

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. Both structures were opened to traffic last fall. 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/#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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