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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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October 2, 2015

## **I-75 northbound to be one lane on Saturday; Nightly lane closures on I-75 northbound continue; Breese Road ramps to close**

Interstate 75 from just south of Fourth Street to Cridersville

Saturday, October 3

- Interstate 75 northbound will be restricted to one lane on Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow barrier wall to be moved.
- The lane closure will also require the northbound exit ramp from I-75 to Breese Road to close during the same period.
  - Traffic will detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 and back to Breese Road.

Monday, October 5-Thursday, October 8

- Nightly lane closures will continue on I-75 in the northbound direction on Monday through Thursday of next week beginning at 6 p.m. each night and continuing until 5:30 a.m. the following day. The closures are needed to allow the existing northbound lanes of I-75 over Ohio 65 to be demolished.
  - During the lane closures on I-75, the northbound entrance ramp at Breese Road will close.
    - Traffic will be detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 and back to Breese Road.
    - The northbound exit ramp at Breese Road will remain open.
  - During the lane closures on I-75, the northbound exit ramp at Ohio 65 will remain open.
    - The Ohio 65 northbound entrance ramp will remain closed.
    - Traffic is detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 northbound.
- The demolition work will also close Ohio 65 at the I-75 interchange from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. each day.

- During daytime hours, traffic on I-75 from Cridersville to Fourth Street will resume 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.
  - Traffic will remain in this pattern for several weeks.

### Friday, October 9-Sunday, October 11

- Beginning Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11, I-75 northbound traffic will be restricted to one lane continuously to allow for demolition of the existing northbound lanes of I-75 over the railroad bridge north of the Ohio 65 interchange.
  - The I-75 northbound entrance ramp from Breese Road will be closed continuously during this time as well.
    - Traffic will be detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 and back to Breese Road.
    - The exit ramp from I-75 northbound to Breese Road will remain open.

### Hanthorn Road

- Hanthorn Road over Interstate 75 remains closed until 2016.

### McClain Road

- The McClain Road bridge over Interstate 75 remains closed until late 2015 or early 2016.

### **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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*Thank you.*

