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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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September 18, 2015

## Traffic pattern changes upcoming, Breese Road ramps to reopen Saturday

Interstate 75 from just south of Fourth Street to Cridersville

- Lane closures are occurring daily both northbound and southbound throughout the zone, generally from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. the following day, during reconstruction of the existing lanes.
- Traffic on I-75 from just south of Fourth Street to just north of Ohio 65 and from just south of Ohio 65 to Cridersville is 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.
- This pattern changes in the area of Ohio 65 and the railroad bridge where two northbound lanes and one southbound lane is being maintained on the northbound side of the interstate, separated by concrete barrier, while one southbound lane remains on the southbound side.
  - Today and tomorrow, traffic through this area will be switched to 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.
  - This switch will place traffic in a consistent contraflow pattern throughout the entire length of the project. Traffic will remain in this pattern for approximately three weeks.
- Today and Saturday, crews will be switching northbound traffic between Breese Road and McClain Road from the passing lane to the driving lane. North of Breese Road, the pattern will switch back to the passing lane.
- Motorists are advised to use caution through the Ohio 65 area and throughout the entire work zone and be aware of changes in traffic patterns.

## Hanthorn Road

- Hanthorn Road over Interstate 75 remains closed until 2016.

## Ohio 65 Interchange

- The southbound entrance and exit ramps at Ohio 65 are open.
- The northbound exit ramp from Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 is currently open. **Another closure of this ramp was anticipated and may still be necessary after the Breese Road ramps reopen, which will occur on Saturday, September 19.**
- The northbound entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 remains closed until 2016.
  - Traffic is detoured north on Ohio 65 to the Fourth Street interchange back to I-75 northbound.

## McClain Road

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

## Breese Road

- The northbound entrance and exit ramps at Breese Road closed July 31 during paving operations taking place at the base of the ramps on Interstate 75. **The ramps are scheduled to reopen this Saturday, September 19.**
  - Traffic is detoured to Fourth Street to I-75 and back to Breese Road.
  - Alternate detour is National Road at exit 118 at Cridersville to Dixie Highway back to Breese Road.

### **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.*

