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## Project Update

Interstate 75 Reconstruction -- Lima, Allen County

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September 24, 2015

## Nightly lane closures on I-75 northbound begin tonight, Breese Road ramps to close daily beginning tonight

Interstate 75 from just south of Fourth Street to Cridersville

- Nightly lane closures will occur in the northbound direction beginning tonight at 6 p.m. and continuing until 5:30 a.m. the following day for approximately one week. The restriction is to allow for removal of existing pavement in preparation for reconstruction.
  - The closure will result in one lane of northbound traffic being maintained on the southbound side of the interstate with opposing traffic separated by concrete barrier.
  - 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.
- Motorists are advised to use caution through the Ohio 65 area where a concentration of work is taking place. Be aware of changes in traffic patterns throughout the entire work zone.

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 will occur after the Breese Road ramps are reopened (see Breese information below.) The closure will be in place for approximately one month.**
- 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

- Beginning tonight, the northbound entrance and exit ramps at Breese Road will close from 6 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. each day.
- The closures will occur daily for approximately one week.
- The closures are necessary during removal of the existing pavement on the northbound lanes of Interstate 75.
  - I-75 northbound traffic wishing to access Breese Road is detoured north to Ohio 65 to Interstate 75 southbound back to Breese Road.
  - Breese Road traffic wishing to access Interstate 75 northbound is detoured south on Interstate 75 to National Road at exit 118 at Cridersville back to Interstate 75 northbound.
- Additional closures of the ramps will be necessary in the future.

### 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.*

