
Project Update

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



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Work will restrict traffic on I-75 this weekend; contraflow traffic pattern on Interstate 75 now extends from Fourth Street to Auglaize County line

Interstate 75

- Lane closures on Interstate 75 are occurring in the northbound direction for pavement work during nighttime hours between Reservoir Road and Fourth Street.
- Lane closures will occur this weekend in the southbound direction between Reservoir Road and Fourth Street beginning at 7 p.m. Friday until approximately noon on Monday, also for pavement work.
- Both northbound and southbound Interstate 75 is now traveling in a new traffic pattern from just south of Fourth Street to the Auglaize County line. Traffic is operating in the contraflow pattern 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.
 - This maintenance of traffic method will allow two lanes of traffic in each direction to be maintained, remove traffic from the existing pavement which is to be reconstructed, and create a safe work zone for the contractor.
 - Traffic will remain in this pattern for the remainder of the project, until 2016.
- Motorists traveling southbound on Interstate 75 wishing to access Breese Road are directed to remain in the far-right southbound lane.
- Motorists traveling southbound on Interstate 75 wishing to access Ohio 65 are also directed to remain in the far-right lane. The southbound exit ramp to Ohio 65 is currently closed and traffic is currently being detoured to Breese Road to Interstate 75 northbound back to Ohio 65.

- Installation of cable rail in the median of the interstate is taking place between Fourth Street and Stewart Road.
- Occasional lane restrictions are occurring throughout the entire work zone from the Auglaize County line to north of Ohio 81 during both daytime and nighttime hours.
- Northbound and southbound Interstate 75 is now traveling on new concrete pavement from just south of Fourth Street to Stewart Road.
- Motorists are advised to observe posted speeds through the work zone for their safety and the safety of workers. Speeds are being enforced by local law enforcement by ground and air patrol throughout the zone.
- Motorists are asked to be aware of trucks entering and exiting the interstate throughout the work zone at various locations. Heed message boards and signs which indicate lane use, obey the posted speed and use caution when passing vehicles in the zone.
- Traffic cameras may be accessed at www.odotlima75.com, or at www.Ohgo.com.
- Please drive slowly through the construction zone.

Ohio 81

- New traffic signals were placed into operation this week at the Ohio 81 interchange ramps with Interstate 75.
- Lane closures continue through the interchange area as work on the bridge, grass seeding and concrete curb repairs continue. Work on reconstructing the service road on the south side of Ohio 81 is largely complete.
- All ramps at the interchange are open.

Ohio 117/309 Interchange

- Lane closures will continue as needed at the interchange for pavement striping and other related work which will require lane restrictions for several more weeks.
- All ramps at the interchange are open.

Johnny Appleseed Bike Path

- The Johnny Appleseed bike path in the area of the CF&E railroad is open.

Ohio 65

- The northbound entrance ramp from Ohio 65 to northbound Interstate 75 closed August 13 until the project's completion in 2016. Traffic detoured southbound on Interstate 75 to National Road and back to Interstate 75 north.

- The southbound exit ramp from Interstate 75 to Ohio 65 closed August 29 until late spring of 2015. Traffic detoured to Breese Road to Interstate 75 northbound back to Ohio 65.
- Traffic on Ohio 65 is traveling on temporary pavement through the interchange area. By late October traffic is expected to be shifted onto the new concrete pavement.

Hanthorn Road

- Hanthorn Road over Interstate 75 closed May 12 for reconstruction of the bridge and for work on Interstate 75 below the bridge. The bridge will remain closed until the fall of 2016.

McClain Road

- McClain Road over Interstate 75 closed September 2 for reconstruction and for work on Interstate 75 below the bridge.
- The road will remain closed until the completion of the Interstate 75 reconstruction project in 2016.

Breese Road Interchange

- Traffic is one lane in each direction on the Breese Road bridge as work continues.
- The entire Breese Road interchange was reopened to traffic on September 2.

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; on Twitter, prefaced with #ODOTLima75, at https://twitter.com/#!/ODOT_NWOhio; and on the Web at www.odotlima75.org.

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