
Project Update

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



September 8, 2014

Traffic to be slowed on I-75 this evening through Wednesday for McClain Road bridge demolition

Interstate 75

- Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Interstate 75 traffic will be slowed approaching the McClain Road bridge to allow for demolition of the existing bridge structure.
 - Law enforcement will slow traffic as it approaches the bridge, then release traffic as debris from the roadway is removed.
 - Traffic will be slowed or stopped for up to 15 minutes each occasion.
 - The operation will begin in the southbound lanes first, then move to the northbound,
 - Work will conclude by noon on Tuesday, then begin again at 8 p.m. Tuesday and continue until noon Wednesday.
 - The bridge overhead and the bridge piers will be demolished during the operation.
- Both northbound and southbound Interstate 75 is now traveling in a new traffic pattern from just south of Fourth Street to McClain Road. 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.
 - 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.
- Interstate 75 northbound in the area of the Ohio 65 interchange will be reduced to one lane through the work zone on Saturday, September 13 for pavement repair. Work will likely begin during the morning hours and continue the majority of the day.
- 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 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.
- Motorists should be aware that all entrance and exit ramp merge areas have been shortened throughout the project area. Drivers on Interstate 75 are encouraged to use the passing lane through the zone if they do not wish to exit. Signs advising this have been placed throughout the project area. enforced.
- Traffic cameras may be accessed at www.odotlima75.com, or at www.Ohgo.com.
- Please drive slowly through the construction zone.

Ohio 81

- Traffic both eastbound and westbound is currently traveling on the new concrete pavement from just west of Stewart Road to just west of Neubrecht Road. Traffic will remain one lane in each direction while work at the interchange continues.
- Work on reconstructing the service road on the south side of Ohio 81 continues.
- All ramps at the interchange are open.

Ohio 117/309 Interchange

- Lane closures will continue as needed at the interchange for concrete pavement repair, painting of the bridge 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.

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.
 - Demolition of the original bridge will take place September 8-10 (see I-75 section above.)
- The road will remain closed until the completion of the Interstate 75 reconstruction project in 2016.

Breese Road Interchange

- The entire Breese Road interchange was reopened 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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