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PROJECT UPDATE



Beam setting over Blanchard River to restrict traffic

LIMA, Ohio (April 12, 2018) - The following impacts to traffic related to the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 75 through Findlay and Hancock County are scheduled to occur:

Interstate 75

Interstate 75, both northbound and southbound, between the U.S. 224 and state Route 12 interchanges will be restricted to one lane during nighttime hours only the majority of the week of April 18 during setting of bridge beams over the Blanchard River.

- Traffic will be temporarily slowed and perhaps stopped for short intervals, up to 15 minutes, while each beam is set in place.
- The I-75 southbound entrance ramp at U.S. 224 will be used as a staging area for the beams and will therefore be temporarily closed for short intervals of up to 15 minutes during the operation.
- Work will take place during nighttime hours, generally from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day next week.

U.S. 68/state Route 15

U.S. 68/state Route 15 is reduced to one lane in both directions between Lima Avenue and the Findlay city line, which is just north of West Hobart Avenue, due to drainage work in preparation for road reconstruction.

U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange

The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to U.S. 68/state Route 15 (exit 156) closed June 19, 2017 for approximately three years.

- Traffic is detoured north to the state Route 12 interchange to Interstate 75 southbound back to U.S. 68/state Route 15. ([see map](#))

State Route 12 interchange

All ramps at the state Route 12 interchange with Interstate 75 are currently open.

U.S. 224 interchange

All ramps at the U.S. 224 interchange with Interstate 75 are currently open.

About the Hancock I-75 project:

Interstate 75 will be reconstructed and widened beginning just south of Harrison Street/County Road 144, which is just south of the U.S. Route 68/state Route 15 interchange, to the county Road 99 interchange, Findlay, Hancock County. The project will reconstruct approximately five miles of the existing four lanes of Interstate 75, construct an additional lane of travel in each direction, replace all mainline bridges on I-75, replace the Harrison Street overpass, redesign and reconstruct the interchange between U.S. 68/state Route 15 and Interstate 75, and redesign and reconstruct the interchange with U.S. 68/state Route 15 at Lima Avenue. The project also includes the construction of noise walls at particular locations. Expected completion is May 2020. Beaver Excavating, Canton, serves as the general contractor.

Project information may be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/hancock75>

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The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for these projects are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.