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PROJECT UPDATE



RECONSTRUCTION
AND WIDENING
In Hancock County through the city of Findlay

Dates to note:

Late June/early July

- Logan and Byal Avenue close

Early July

- All traffic on I-75 to shift onto the southbound side
- Northbound ramps at U.S. 224 to close

July 10

- Ramp from U.S. 68 to Interstate 75 southbound will close overnight, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mid July

- Lima Avenue to close for approximately one year

[\(See graphic of upcoming construction events\)](#)

Traffic shift on Interstate 75 to occur early July

LIMA, Ohio (June 22, 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 throughout the project, from just south of Harrison Street to county Road 99, is occasionally restricted to one lane during nighttime hours only, generally between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for pavement reconstruction and widening. Two lanes of traffic in each direction are maintained during daytime hours.

- In early July, all I-75 traffic, both northbound and southbound north of the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange, will be shifted onto the southbound side of the interstate during reconstruction and widening of the northbound lanes.
- Access to all exit and entrance ramps will be maintained, except during reconstruction of the northbound ramps at the state Route 12 and U.S. 224 interchanges (see below).
- By the end of this year, I-75 from U.S. 224 to county Road 99 will be traveling on three lanes in each direction on intermediate pavement. The final layer of pavement will not be placed until next year.

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 city of Findlay, which is just north of West Hobart Avenue, for drainage work and road reconstruction.

- The route will remain restricted to one lane throughout the summer.

U.S. 224 INTERCHANGE

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

In early July, both ramps at U.S. 224 to and from I-75 northbound will close.

- The entrance ramp from U.S. 224 to I-75 northbound will close for approximately 30 days. Traffic will be detoured onto I-75 southbound to the state Route 12 interchange back to I-75 northbound.
- The exit ramp from I-75 northbound to U.S. 224 will close for approximately 60 days. Traffic will be detoured to the county Road 99 interchange to I-75 southbound back to U.S. 224.

STATE ROUTE 12 INTERCHANGE

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

- Closures of the northbound ramps are anticipated to occur in September.

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](#))

On July 10, the ramp from U.S. 68 to Interstate 75 southbound will close during setting of bridge beams.

- The ramp will remain closed from approximately 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Traffic will be detoured to the state Route 12 interchange back to Interstate 75 southbound.

LIMA AVENUE

Work on a future roundabout is currently occurring in the infield at Lima Avenue with no effect to traffic.

- **In mid July, Lima Avenue is tentatively scheduled to close for approximately one year for construction of the roundabout.**
 - Lima Avenue traffic will not be permitted to travel east or west beneath U.S. 68/state Route 15.
 - No access from U.S. 68 southbound to Lima Avenue eastbound, or from U.S. 68 northbound to Lima Avenue westbound will be possible.

- All four ramps at Lima Avenue will remain open. Overnight or weekend closures will be necessary later in the year.
 - Lima Avenue is expected to reopen in June 2019.
- Logan Avenue and Byal Avenue will be affected by the construction at Lima Avenue as follows:
 - Logan Avenue will close late June until late July.
 - Byal Avenue will also close late June for approximately one year.

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 August 2020. Beaver Excavating, Canton, serves as the general contractor.

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

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