



HANCOCK COUNTY: Southbound ramps at Lima Avenue and U.S. 68/state Route 15 to close

The following are current or upcoming traffic impacts related to the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 75 in Hancock County through the city of Findlay. All work is weather dependent.



INTERSTATE 75 THROUGH HANCOCK COUNTY

Dates to note:

April 29

- Southbound ramps on the west side of Lima Avenue at U.S. 68/state Route 15 will close for three weeks (weather permitting).

INTERSTATE 75

Interstate 75, both northbound and southbound throughout the project, from just south of Harrison Street to county Road 99, is occasionally restricted during nighttime hours only, generally between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. for pavement reconstruction and widening. Two lanes of traffic in each direction are maintained during daytime hours.

- Paving work is currently happening on I-75 southbound from the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange to the south end of the project near Harrison Street. This

summer, the southbound lanes through this area will be shifted to the west onto a new alignment.

- Three lanes of traffic are now operating on I-75 northbound between U.S. 224 and county Road 99. A third lane southbound is expected to be opened later this summer when the northbound side of the bridge over the Blanchard River is complete.
- I-75 southbound south of the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange is operating in a contraflow pattern with one lane of southbound traffic switched onto the northbound side. This pattern will remain until mid May.
- An auxiliary lane on I-75 northbound between U.S. 68/state Route 15 and the state Route 12 interchange has been reopened following asphalt paving.
 - The lane alleviates the short merge which currently exists at U.S. 68/state Route 15 onto I-75 northbound.
 - Traffic wishing to exit onto state Route 12 may remain in the auxiliary lane without entering onto I-75 northbound.
- The pavement on I-75 is currently an intermediate pavement. The final driving surface will not be placed until the last year of the project in 2020.

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 limit, which is just north of West Hobart Avenue, for drainage work and road reconstruction. The traffic pattern will change later in the year.

U.S. 224 INTERCHANGE

All ramps at the U.S. 224 interchange are open.

STATE ROUTE 12 INTERCHANGE

All ramps at the state Route 12 interchange are open.

U.S. 68/STATE ROUTE 15 INTERCHANGE

The exit ramp from Interstate 75 northbound to U.S. 68/state Route 15 closed June 2017 for approximately three years during reconstruction of the interchange.

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

The entrance ramp from U.S. 68/state Route 15 to Interstate 75 southbound closed in early November 2018 through the remainder of the project during reconstruction of the interchange ([see map](#)).

- Traffic is detoured onto Interstate 75 northbound to the state Route 12 interchange to Interstate 75 southbound.

LIMA AVENUE

Lima Avenue closed Oct. 15 until the end of the 2019 construction season. The following traffic impacts are in place ([see graphic](#)) or upcoming:

- Lima Avenue traffic cannot 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 is possible.
 - To access Lima Avenue on the west side of U.S. 68/state Route 15, traffic is detoured onto I-75 northbound to the state Route 12 interchange to I-75 southbound back to Lima Avenue ([see map](#)).
 - To access Lima Avenue on the east side of U.S. 68/state Route 15, traffic is detoured onto U.S. 68/state Route 15 southbound to the U.S. 68/state Route 15 interchange, south of Findlay, to U.S. 68/state Route 15 northbound back to Lima Avenue ([see map](#)).
- On April 29, the southbound ramps at U.S. 68/state Route 15 at Lima Avenue on the west side of U.S. 68/state Route 15 near the airport will close for approximately three weeks during construction of a roundabout ([see map](#)).
 - Traffic will be detoured onto state Route 12 and county Road 9 back to Lima Avenue.
 - When the ramps reopen, traffic will be in a new pattern and will utilize portions of the future roundabout.
 - Concrete work is occurring within the roundabout area. Concrete curbs and a truck apron, which guides truck tires away from the interior of the roundabout, have been completed.
 - Paving of new ramps is taking place on the airport side from U.S. 68/state Route 15 to Lima Avenue.
 - The northbound ramps at Lima Avenue, near Cooper Tire, are expected to close once the southbound ramps reopen.

LOGAN AVENUE, BYAL AVENUE

- Logan Avenue between Lima Avenue and Blaine Street closed March 25 for approximately two months during reconstruction to align the road with Lima Avenue.
- Byal Avenue between Blaine and Lima Avenue closed in July 2018 for reconstruction. The road will reopen when the roundabout at Lima Avenue is opened.

NOISE WALLS

- All noise walls throughout the project are completed. Final touch-up of seeding and grading will continue this season.

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 fall of 2020. Beaver Excavating, Canton, serves as the general contractor.

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

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