The Ohio Department of Transportation is currently in the planning phase of a proposed project to reconstruct Interstate Route 70 though Zanesville. The project is currently scheduled to be under construction by Spring 2021. The current estimated cost of the project is $75,000,000, with funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Major Reconstruction Program.

The Interstate Route 70 (IR 70) construction area lies primarily within the boundaries of the City of Zanesville. The resurfacing begins at the interchange of US 40 to the west and SR 93 to the east. Full depth pavement reconstruction begins west of the Licking Road overpass, includes the Maple Avenue ramps, Maple Avenue at the ramp termini and ends east of the abandoned Railroad overpass. Traffic will be maintained for the duration of the project.

**Proposed Improvements Summary:**

- Resurfacing of IR 70 from US 40 interchange to SR 93 interchange
- Full-depth reconstruction of pavement from west of Licking Road to east of the abandoned railroad overpass
- Rehabilitation of the following eleven (11) bridge crossings:
  1. IR 70 bridges over Licking Road (2 bridges)
  2. IR 70 bridge over the Licking River/Old Newark Road
  3. State Street bridge over IR 70
  4. IR 70 bridge over the Muskingum River
  5. IR 70 bridge over 6th Street
  6. Ramp from IR 70 over 6th Street
  7. IR 70 bridge over Underwood Street
  8. Ramp from Maple Avenue to IR 70 Eastbound over McIntire Ave
  9. Ramp from Maple Avenue to IR 70 Eastbound over IR 70
  10. IR 70 Westbound to Maple Ave ramp bridge over McIntire Ave
- Remove the following four (4) bridge crossings:
  1. IR 70 over 5th Street*
  2. Ramp from 6th to IR 70 over 5th Street
  3. IR 70 over 7th Street*
  4. IR 70 over the abandoned railway

*Traffic flow under IR 70 on 5th Street and 7th Street will be permanently closed and routed to 6th St.

- 6th and 7th Streets will be restriped to allow for two-way traffic between Elm Street and Shinnick Street
- Elongation of westbound on ramp and eastbound off ramp at State Street
- Replacement of highway lighting along interstate median
- Reconstruction of signal at State Street Interchange and signal at 6th and Shinnick Street
- Remove pavement along Elm Street between Monroe Street to IR 70 eastbound off ramp. Elm Street will no longer have access to the IR 70 off-ramp at Underwood Street.
- Replacement and improvement of the median barrier
- Possible aesthetic enhancements to lighting, bridges and abutments.

The project will be constructed in four phases. The first three phases of construction (see below) are each estimated to be 9-month to 18-months in duration. The fourth phase (not depicted below) will entail final resurfacing and striping work and will be performed during nighttime lane closures. There may be short duration closures for some work items such as setting beams.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

- **Winter 2020:** Start of Right of Way Acquisition process
- **Summer/Fall 2020:** Design plans/Right of Way process complete
- **Winter 2021:** Project sale
- **Spring 2021:** Construction start
- **Fall/Winter 2025:** Approximate Construction Complete

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• State Street bridge will be closed to traffic during construction however the pedestrian traffic will be maintained.
• The I-70 bridge pedestrian walkway over the Muskingum River will be closed during construction.
• Possible temporary closures of the path under the I-70 Bridge over the Muskingum River.
• Possibility for impacts to Historic Districts (McIntire Terrace and the Muskingum River).
• Possible work within the Floodplains of the Licking and Muskingum River(s).
• Possible right of way impacts to 8-10 parking spaces along 6th St & a railroad easement from the Railroad, City of Zanesville and Muskingum County.
• Elm Street will no longer have access to the I-70 off-ramp at Underwood Street.