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I-75/Austin Pike Project Update

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in conjunction with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (MCTID) would like to provide a construction update on the I-75/Austin Interchange Project located in Montgomery County.

After breaking ground in April 2009, the project is approximately seventy percent complete. Although it took utility companies longer than anticipated to perform vital work at the project's onset, the contractor has worked diligently throughout this construction season and has managed to mitigate the vast majority of the impacts. Even though Miamisburg-Springboro Pike is paved and appears to be in a drivable state, there is more work needed before opening it to motorists.

After careful deliberation of the overall impacts to the area, and in consultation with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (TID), the City of Springboro, the City of Miamisburg and Miami Township, it was decided by ODOT to keep Miamisburg-Springboro Pike closed until early summer of 2010.

A very unique and specialized traffic signal is needed to move traffic safely through the intersection at SR-741. As you drive past the intersection you will notice that this is not an ordinary intersection. In fact, it is the first of its kind in Ohio. Installing a temporary signal and restriping Miamisburg-Springboro Pike would take months to complete, and ultimately would add months to finish the entire project.

In the interim, the following actions will be taken to help reduce the impacts on local roadways and improve the safety of the travelling public.

1. Beginning December 14, 2009, the vast majority of the high volume of construction traffic related to the development of adjacent properties will travel within the construction project limits instead of using local roads.
2. ODOT will assess and repair current pavement potholes and deterioration at the Penny Royal bridge and will maintain this area until the structure is replaced in the Summer of 2010.
3. MCTID will assess and repair current pavement potholes and deterioration along the remaining sections of the posted detour route.

Thank you all for your patience as we complete construction of this important project, which is currently projected to be in June 2010 about two months ahead of schedule. The end result will improve traffic mobility and is a vital link to promoting economic growth in this region.

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

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