

# Fact Sheet



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## Interstate 70 Reconstruction in Belmont County

*5-mile major upgrade, stretching 2 ½ miles on each side of Exit 208*

**ROADWAY HISTORY:** This roadway was built in 1963 – that makes it roughly 46 years old. The original pavement construction included nine inches of concrete. It was first overlaid with three inches of asphalt in 1977, then in 1985, one inch was planed and three and a half inches were overlaid again. In 2000, a one and a half inch mill and fill project was completed in various locations on I-70.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In addition to constructing five miles of new unbonded, concrete pavement, the project also includes the replacement and repair of four bridge decks and substructures within the work zone – two in each direction.

*What is Unbonded Concrete Pavement?* Unbonded concrete pavement construction consists of installing a layer of asphalt (or bond breaker) overlaid with nine inches of concrete. This bond breaker or flexible interlayer allows movement of the concrete surface independent of the concrete base, preventing cracking in the concrete overlay. Normal behavior of concrete is to expand and contract with temperature.

This project is a result of ODOT's statewide Priority System Program for Major Rehabilitation. The intent of this program is to rehabilitate and/or reconstruct the entire Interstate and Interstate "look alike" systems statewide. Projects are selected using a fact-based selection process, which considers the structural integrity of the existing pavement, the amount of traffic, the amount of loading imposed on the pavement by large trucks, the amount of congestion, and the number of accidents.

No additional pavement reconstruction projects are scheduled for I-70 in Belmont County over the next three years.

**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:** To minimize the inconvenience this work will have on motorists, lane closures are restricted to nighttime hours. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions at all times except for permitted lane closures at night between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The contractor has begun rebuilding the outside shoulder of the eastbound lanes to allow for the maintenance of traffic. The westbound lanes will be reconstructed this year and the eastbound lanes next year.

**PROJECT COST:** \$23,444,848.00

**PRIME CONTRACTOR:** Kokosing Construction Company, Columbus, Ohio

**EST. JOB CREATION & RETENTION:** Orange barrels across the state represent jobs being created and retained by hard-working Ohioans. It is estimated that over 100,000 labor hours will be spent by the prime contractor alone on this job. Those figures do not include the indirect jobs related to or stemming from this construction, such as subcontractors, material suppliers, area restaurants, gas stations, etc.

**START DATE:**

March 29, 2010

**COMPLETION DATE:**

October 31, 2011

**REST AREA UPGRADES:** To minimize the inconvenience to motorists, ODOT coordinated a project to upgrade and modernize the I-70 rest areas located within this work zone – between Exits 208 and 213 – at the same time of the highway project.



In conjunction with two rest areas in Guernsey County, ODOT awarded a \$2.17 million contract to upgrade and renovate all four facilities. The contractor is Colaianni Construction, Inc., from Dillonvale, Ohio.

Work includes:

- Complete demolition of the existing structures
- New floors and plumbing
- New heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- New roof
- New plumbing fixtures
- Addition of a family restroom
- New sidewalk from the building to the parking lot
- New electrical systems in the building
- New lighting in the building

Ohio's Appalachian Gateway Travel Information Center, located in Belmont County's I-70 westbound rest area, will be remodeled, allowing additional area for tourist information. Visitors to ODOT's Appalachian Gateway Travel Information Centers are able to obtain brochures and maps highlighting destinations throughout the region.

In line with ODOT's **Go with Green Initiative**, the goal of this project is to make everything as energy efficient as possible, while making the buildings ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Work will also be performed on the picnic shelters by ODOT staff while the rest areas are closed.

**START DATE:** These two rest areas will be closed for an extended period of time during this project, including the vehicular parking lots. Due to the schedule of the highway project, the eastbound rest area will be closed on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The westbound rest area will be closed on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COMPLETION DATE:** This project is expected to take five months to complete and is estimated to start in mid-August. Work will be performed concurrently at both the eastbound and the westbound facilities. The westbound facility is expected to reopen in early 2011; however, the eastbound rest area will not reopen until the completion of the highway project.

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