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Tunnel? What Tunnel?

One of the biggest parts of the Columbus Crossroads project is one most of us will never see. But it's nearing completion of an important phase. Drilling and mining of the 4,300 foot "micro-tunnel" underneath the I-71 corridor is just about done.

While neighbors slept and motorists drove by overhead, a huge mining machine has tunneled a horizontal hole for a large storm water drain to handle runoff from both the new Columbus Crossroads interchange and nearby city streets. The new drainage system will reduce flooding during heavy rainfalls, something that can create a hydroplaning hazard for motorists. It will also separate sewer and storm water to make waterways safer and preserve city drinking water.
What does it take....

Right now, there is only one bridge in the Columbus Crossroads project site that has had steel beams installed. (Concrete beams, or girders, are also being installed on other bridges.) But even the amount of steel used on the new I-71 bridge over Jack Gibbs Boulevard is no small thing.

The five steel beams used on this bridge have a total weight of more than 119,535 pounds. How much is that?

It's roughly the equivalent weight of 35 NASCAR race cars at 3,400 pounds for each car...including a driver and safety gear. Now that's what we call "heavy metal!"
Airborne Above the Columbus Crossroads

ODOT's Aerial Engineering crew recently took a high-flying tour of the Columbus Crossroads I-71/670 project site and they shared the view with us.

Check out this view, looking east across the zone, with I-670 running along the left side, with the Fort Hayes Career Center and Columbus State Community College campuses visible.

Sights and Sounds from the Work Zone

Another busy day in the construction zone.

Check it out: http://youtu.be/H5KPCQWdmfg

Greater Columbus Arts Festival Back on the Riverfront!
The annual Greater Columbus Arts Festival returns to its roots along the Scioto Mile riverfront area this weekend...and that means lots of traffic heading into downtown.

Downtown Columbus is open, of course. Here's how you can get to the Arts Festival safely and conveniently through the Columbus Crossroads.

I-71 South:
- 5th Avenue to Cleveland Avenue to Mt. Vernon Avenue or Spring Street
- Broad Street
- Main Street

I-71 North:
- Front Street
- Fourth Street
- Broad Street

I-670 East:
- Neil Avenue to Nationwide Boulevard
- Third Avenue
- Cleveland Avenue

I-670 West:
- Neil Avenue to Nationwide Boulevard

Here's the 4-1-1 on Traffic!

I-670 West to I-71 South Ramp:
- Left lane closure of the ramp from 9 AM to 3:30 PM on Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 for bridge work

Cleveland Avenue - Monday night, June 4 and Wednesday, June 6, for setting architectural panels on a retaining wall:
- Starting at 8 PM, the I-670 east to Cleveland Avenue Ramp will close
Starting at 9 PM, northbound Cleveland Avenue will be closed and detoured to Mount Vernon Avenue over to 4th Street to 5th Avenue
- Starting at 9 PM, southbound Cleveland Avenue will be reduced to one lane
- COTA buses will be flagged through on Cleveland Avenue
- Both Cleveland Avenue and the ramp will re-open by 5 AM the mornings of June 5 and 7

**Jack Gibbs Boulevard**
- Closed Tuesday, June 5 from 6 AM to 6 PM for hydro-demolition of the bridge and installation of overhang jacks on bridges over top of Jack Gibbs Boulevard

**Alley from Spring Street to Shiloh Baptist Church**
- The southern segment of the alley at Spring Street closes Monday, June 11 until December 1. The alley is located to the east of I-71 between Mt. Vernon Avenue and Spring Street.

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