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Commuters to downtown Columbus are generally thought of as people going to work, but a sizeable amount of the traffic in and out of downtown from dawn until often past sundown are students headed to class.

That commute gets complicated - but still very doable - for students, faculty and staff at several college campuses in or near downtown Columbus as the Columbus Crossroads I-71/670 interchange project continues. Detours, reroutes and lane changes have become part of the daily routine for those going to and from Franklin University, Capital University Law School, the Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD) and Columbus State Community College, the largest of the four.

Even before any dirt was moved on this mega project eleven months ago, Columbus State was reaching out to students, staff and faculty to make sure they were prepared to navigate the Columbus Crossroads work zone.


CCAD and Capital University Law School also provide updates on their websites if a traffic change on the project directly impacts students and staff.
Motorists exiting I-71 at Spring Street near the CSCC Campus

Broad Street Exit Ramp Re-Opens

One of downtown's most popular exits is back open for traffic. The Broad Street exit ramp from I-71 South re-opened early this morning. Drivers will notice a freshly paved, wider ramp as the most obvious improvement. But the work on the ramp also upgraded storm water runoff basins and retaining walls.

The Broad Street exit ramp was ready to handle the morning rush hour traffic after it was opened at 5 AM Thursday morning

Living in a Material World

Don't cue up the Madonna video. No diamonds and designer clothes. And we're sorry if we've planted a song in your head for the rest of the day, but materials do matter on the Columbus Crossroads. Materials like sand, steel and concrete, that is. As we near the one year anniversary of the start of the rebuilding of the I-71/670 interchange, here are just some of the materials used so far.
118,700 tons of sand or about one quarter of the sand it took to recently restore several miles of beach in Florida.

13,615 cubic yards of concrete poured or slightly more than 1,361 truckloads at 10 cubic yards per concrete mixer truck.

We've also reached some milestones for major structures, too.

- Nine bridges have all beams installed
- Two bridges have 50% of their beams installed

So, with 22 total bridges to construct, this means we're nearly half way done building them. With "props" to Madonna ... that's what we call "material" progress!

This Weekend's Events:

Chowing down goes mobile!

Food on wheels as the Ohio Food Truck & Cart Festival rolls into the Ohio History Center & Ohio Village.
Dates: Saturday-Sunday, August 25-26  
Location: Ohio History Center/Ohio Village, 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 43211  
Hours: Saturday, 11 AM - 8 PM; Sunday, 11 AM - 6 PM  
Phone: 614-560-5006, 614-774-6962  
Web: [www.columbusfoodtruckfest.com](http://www.columbusfoodtruckfest.com)

More than 35 of the area's best food trucks and carts will be on hand with a great selection for "foodies." No worries about getting there through the Columbus Crossroads project zone. Take the 17th Avenue exit from I-71.

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**Get the 4-1-1 on Traffic:**

**Jack Gibbs Boulevard Closure for Bridge, Drainage and Retaining Wall Construction and Bridge Demolition**

On Monday, August 27, Jack Gibbs Boulevard will close from Leonard Avenue to Fort Hayes for **45 consecutive days**, until approximately **October 10**. Follow the posted detour to St. Clair Avenue to 5th Avenue to Cleveland Avenue.

**Cleveland Avenue Ramp Closure for Bridge Striping**

From **Sunday, August 26 through Tuesday, August 28** the ramp from I-670 East to Cleveland Avenue will **close each night**.

- Starting at 7 PM each night, one lane in each direction on Cleveland will be closed between Mt. Vernon Avenue and 2nd Avenue  
- Starting at 8 PM each night, the ramp from I-670 East to Cleveland Avenue will close  
- The ramp and lanes will re-open by 5 AM each morning

**I-71 South Lane Reduction for I-670 "Flyover" Ramp Bridge Decking**

I-71 South will be reduced to one lane from **11 PM to 5 AM** nightly from **Sunday, August 26 through Wednesday, August 29**

- Starting at 8 PM the I-670 West to I-71 South ramp will be closed  
- Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 South  
- The ramp will re-open by 5 AM each morning

**I-71 North Closures for Deck Pours & Spring Street Bridge Beam Erection**

I-71 North will be closed on **two nights** **Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday August 30**

- Starting at 8 PM each night, the ramp from Main Street to I-71 North will close  
- Starting at 8 PM each night, the ramp from Fulton Street to I-71 North will close  
- Starting at 8 PM each night, the ramp from Miller/Kelton Avenues to I-70 West will close  
- Starting at 9 PM each night, I-70 West to I-71 North will close. Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 North.  
- Starting at 9 PM each night, I-70 East ramp to I-71 North will close. Traffic will be detoured to I-670 East and State Route 315 North.  
- Everything will re-open by 5 AM each morning
I-71 South Closure for Overhead Beam Erection for Spring Street Bridge
I-71 South will be closed for two nights Tuesday, September 4 and Wednesday, September 5

- Starting at 8 PM each night, the ramp from I-670 West to I-71 South will close. Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 South to I-71 South.
- Starting at 9 PM each night, I-71 South will be closed and detoured to I-670 West to State Route 315 South and I-71 South
- Everything will re-open by 5 AM each morning

I-71 Southbound Lane Reduction for I-670 "Flyover" Ramp
Overhead Bridge Work
On Thursday, September 6

- Starting at 8 PM the ramp from I-670 West to I-71 South will be closed
- Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 South
- The ramp will open by 5 AM the next morning

All work is weather dependent and subject to change. Up-to-date traffic and construction information, 24-hours a day, can be found at odot71670.org. Follow us on Twitter. Find us on Facebook.

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