"Wooden" it be nice?....

.....if all that plywood and lumber used for the concrete bridge deck forms on the Columbus Crossroads didn't go to waste? Well, it doesn't.

Crews began peeling away the wooden forms on the second of the I-670 flyover bridges this week. They won't trash the wood, but salvage it for another day.
Most of the estimated 76,000 square feet of plywood and two-by-fours will be re-used on other projects in the Crossroads zone or saved and stored for future use in concrete framework. Kokosing uses the plywood multiple times before it is finally discarded.

**Time keeps on trippin', trippin', trippin'.......**

Many of us drive the I-71/670 interchange corridor without giving a second thought to what was there before. You might even take for granted that it was always a highway. But check out how the corridor looked in the early 1950's.

Much of it was home to the huge Pennsylvania Railroad yards, which included locomotive and car shops.

(Photo courtesy of Wright State University) This 1950's aerial photo looks east towards what is now Port Columbus International Airport, but you can see several landmarks, such as the St. Clair and Cleveland Avenue Bridges. At this time, most interstate highways were still a drawing on an engineer's desk.

(Today photo --- Summer 2012) Today, a portion of the rail corridor is still in use, but much of the land it once
occupied now hosts the constant flow of cars and trucks heading to and through Downtown Columbus and east to the airport.

Get the 4-1-1 on Traffic!

Heads Up! Local Street Paving Alert!

Jack Gibbs Blvd. and Leonard Ave. 30-Day Closure for resurfacing.
Begins Monday, June 17

- Starting at 7 a.m., Jack Gibbs Blvd. will close from east of I-670 west off ramp to approximately 1000 feet east of the intersection of Leonard Ave. and St. Clair Ave.
- This will begin the 30-day closure.

Friday Night, June 7
(I-670 east to I-71 south ramp night closure):

- Starting at 9 p.m., the ramp from I-670 east to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured on I-670 east to Leonard Ave. to I-670 west to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Thursday Night, June 6
(Jack Gibbs Blvd. to I-670 west Night closure):

- Starting at 8 p.m., close the ramp from Jack Gibbs Blvd. to I-670 west.
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Friday Night, June 7
(I-670 west to I-71 south ramp night closure):

- Starting at 8 p.m., the ramp from I-670 west to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Friday Night, June 7
(I-71 south nightly closure):

- Starting at 9 p.m., I-71 south will be reduced to a single lane and the ramp from 11th Ave. to I-71 south will close.
- At 10 p.m., I-71 south traffic will be detoured to I-670 west to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Thursday, June 6 to Friday, June 7
(Cleveland Ave. northbound, daytime right lane closure):
Starting at 9 a.m., the northbound lane of Cleveland Ave. will be closed from Jefferson St. to Jack Gibbs Blvd.  
All lanes will be reopened by 3 p.m. each afternoon.

Thursday Night, June 6  
(St. Clair Ave. night closure):

- Starting at 8 p.m., St Clair Ave. from Second Ave. to Leonard Ave. will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to Fifth Ave. to Cleveland Ave. to Jack Gibbs Blvd. to Leonard Ave.  
- All local streets will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Thursday, June 6 to Friday, June 7  
(St. Clair Ave. daytime flagging)

- Starting at 9 a.m., St. Clair Ave. traffic will be controlled by flaggers.  
- All flagging for this operation will be finished by 3 p.m.

Friday Night, June 7  
(Jack Gibbs Blvd. and Leonard Ave. nightly closure):

- Starting at 8 p.m., Jack Gibbs Blvd. will be closed from east of the I-670 west off ramp to the Leonard Ave. and St. Clair Ave. intersection. Traffic will be detoured to Cleveland Ave. to 2nd Ave. to St. Clair Ave.  
- All local streets will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Friday Night, June 7  
(St. Clair night flagging):

- Starting at 8 p.m., St. Clair Ave. traffic will be flagged from 2nd Ave. to Leonard Ave. while Jack Gibbs Blvd. is closed.  
- All streets and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Friday, June 7 to Monday, June 10  
(I-670 west left lane weekend closure):

- Starting at 8 p.m. Friday, the I-670 east on-ramp from Convention Center Drive will be closed.  
- Starting at 9 p.m. Friday, the I-670 east on-ramp from Fourth St. will be closed.  
- Starting at 10 p.m. Friday, the left lane of I-670 west from I-71 to the High St./Third St. exit will be closed.  
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. Monday morning.

Monday Night, June 10 to Friday Night, June 14  
(Nightly closures):

- Starting at 8 p.m., the ramp from I-670 west to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.  
- All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Monday Night, June 10 to Friday Night, June 14  
(I-71 south nightly closure):
Starting at 9 p.m., I-71 south will be reduced to one lane. At 10 p.m., I-71 south traffic will be detoured to I-670 west. Traffic detoured to I-670 west will be detoured to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.

Starting at 9 p.m., the ramp from 11th Ave. to I-71 south will close.

All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14
(Cleveland Ave. lane closures):

Starting at 9 a.m. each day, Cleveland Ave. will have single lanes in each direction from Jefferson St. to Jack Gibbs Blvd. closed. One lane of traffic each direction will be maintained at all times.

All lanes will be reopened by 3 p.m. each day.

Wednesday Night, June 12 to Friday Night, June 14
(I-670 east to I-71 south ramp nightly closures):

Starting at 9 p.m., the ramp from I-670 east to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured on I-670 east to Leonard Ave. to I-670 west to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.

All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Monday Night, June 10 to Thursday Night, June 13
(I-670 east ramp to Cleveland Ave. nightly closures):

Starting at 8 p.m., the ramp from I-670 east to Cleveland Ave. will be closed.

All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

Monday Night, June 10 to Friday Night, June 14
(St. Clair Ave. nightly closures):

Starting at 8 p.m., St. Clair Ave. will be closed from 2nd Ave. to Leonard Ave. Traffic will be detoured to 5th Ave. to Cleveland Ave. to Jack Gibbs Blvd. to Leonard Ave.

All streets will be reopened by 5 a.m. the next morning.

I-71 South Traffic Switch

Friday Night, June 14
(Night closure):

Starting at 8 p.m., the ramp from I-670 west to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.

All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 9 a.m. the next morning.

Friday Night, June 14
(I-71 south night closure):

Starting at 9 p.m., I-71 south will be reduced to a single lane and the ramp from 11th Ave. to I-71 south will close.

At 10 p.m., I-71 south traffic will be detoured to I-670 west to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.

All ramps and lanes will be reopened by 9 a.m. the next morning.
Friday, June 14
(I-670 east to I-71 south ramp night closures):

- Starting at 9 p.m., the ramp from I-670 east to I-71 south will be closed. Traffic will be detoured on I-670 east to Leonard Ave. to I-670 west to State Route 315 south to I-71 south.
- All ramps and lanes will be opened by 9 a.m. the next morning.

Watch Facebook, Twitter and the I-71/670 website for updates.

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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