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| **Monmouth Street Overpass Work Launches**  **I-75 Mill Creek Expressway Project**  *Phase 2 funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*    **LEBANON**  *(Friday, March 12, 2010)* - Work on the $664 million Interstate 75 Mill Creek Expressway Project begins Monday, March 15 with the start of reconstruction of the Monmouth Street overpass connection between Central Parkway and Colerain Avenue.  With funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Monmouth Street work will remove and reconstruct the overpass, and reconstruct and convert Monmouth to a local through street between Central Parkway and Colerain Avenue. In addition, the Bates Avenue Bridge and the pedestrian bridge between Colerain Avenue and Central Parkway will be removed to clear overhead obstruction to future construction on I-75. Work on the new overpass is to be completed by Sept. 30, 2010, with completion of the entire phase scheduled for Aug. 31, 2011. The Great Lakes Construction Company was awarded the $7.192 million contract.  Overall, upon its completion, the Mill Creek Expressway will improve traffic flow and enhance safety of the I-75 corridor from the Western Hills Viaduct to north of the Paddock Road interchange in Hamilton County. Over the course of 10 years, construction will rehabilitate eight miles of existing lanes and construct an additional lane in each direction. Work on the Monmouth Street overpass is phase 2 of the eight-phase project, with construction of phases 1 and 3 scheduled to begin in 2011.  The Mill Creek Expressway also includes updates at the interchanges at Hopple Street, I-74, Mitchell Avenue, Norwood Lateral and Paddock Road, as well as the modernization of the Colerain Avenue/Beekman Street interchange with I-74.  “This project will do more than improve the freeway system. It will modernize a vital link in our state’s growing transportation system unlocking the potential for further economic development, freight movements and new jobs,” said District 8 Deputy Director Hans Jindal.  Additional information about the Mill Creek Expressway is located at:  <http://www.i75millcreekexpressway.com/>    ###  **For more information contact:**  Sharon Smigielski, Public Information Officer, at (513) 933-6511  Liz Lyons, Public Information Specialist, at (513) 933-6534 |