



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Ohio Turnpike to begin use of night-time work zones to aid safety and traffic flow

BEREA (May 13, 2016) – To minimize delays for travelers and to increase safety for customers and employees, the Ohio Turnpike will be staffing night-time work zones with its maintenance workers beginning Monday, May 16.

Maintenance operations, such as full and partial depth pavement repairs, joint sealing, and raised pavement marker replacement typically require closing two lanes of traffic. As a result, double-lane closures during day-time travel often cause traffic to back up during heavy traffic periods, especially during the summer.

“Working at night when there is lower traffic volume has resulted in fewer traffic accidents and safety incidents in our construction zones,” said Executive Director Randy Cole, Ohio Turnpike. “Additionally, there are fewer backups during the day and customers appreciate being able to get to their destinations on time.”

Portable electronic message signs will caution customers prior to arriving in night-time work zones, which will be in use between Toledo and Youngstown (mileposts 64 and 218) between May 16 and Sept. 15, 2016. The scheduled hours of work are from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.



The Ohio Turnpike reminds travelers to observe reduced speed limits in work zones or face doubled fines.

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Night-time Work Zones begin the week of May 16 in the following locations:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>County/Municipality</u>	<u>Mileposts</u>	<u>Lanes</u>	<u>Work performed</u>
May 16-20	Sandusky/Sandusky Township	91.8-93.1	Eastbound left and center	Pavement repairs and hot sealing
May 16-20	Sandusky/Townsend Township	101.3-100.3	Westbound right and center	Pavement repairs and hot sealing
May 16-20	Cuyahoga/Olmsted Township, City of Olmsted Falls	156-157.7	Eastbound right and center	Pavement repairs
May 16-20	Summit/Boston Township	175.5-174	Westbound left and center	Pavement repairs and hot sealing
May 16-27	Trumbull/Braceville and Newton Townships	209-212	Eastbound left and center	Pavement repairs, hot sealing and bridge deck repairs

Please note that all closures – both opening and closing dates – are subject to change due to weather. The 2016 construction season on the Ohio Turnpike is its largest in 15 years. This is the third consecutive year for the Ohio Turnpike to deploy night-time work zones.

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The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.

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