

News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike Construction season kicks off this week

BEREA (April 11, 2016) The Ohio Turnpike's 2016 construction season kicks off this week with its largest capital improvement program in 15 years. The Commission anticipates spending as much as \$144.5 million this year on projects throughout northern Ohio.

"Our construction program not only provides jobs across northern Ohio, but also keeps the Turnpike in superior condition for customers." said Executive Director Randy Cole. "During this busy construction season, please be safe by slowing down and driving distraction-free in work zones."

As part of the program, the Ohio Turnpike is investing approximately \$76 million to replace original pavement from 60 years ago. The Turnpike will replace pavement five-mile long sections in **Erie County** in the eastbound lanes from Groton Township to Oxford Township (milepost 107.3 to 112.45) and in the westbound lanes in **Lorain County** from Elyria Township to North Ridgeville (milepost 144.1 to 149.2)

In **Portage County**, a five-mile section will be replaced from Streetsboro to Shalersville Township (milepost 186.35 to 191.3). Another five-mile long section also will be replaced in the eastbound lanes in **Trumbull County** from Lordstown to Austintown Township (milepost 216.9 to 221.2). The opposite lanes in these sections were completed in 2015.

To limit delays for customers, the Ohio Turnpike will strive to maintain two lanes of traffic in all three-lane sections of the Turnpike during peak travel times. Some single lane zones will be necessary, but will occur mostly during off-peak travel times or overnight. Work is expected to be completed by early November.

Customers are encouraged to visit <u>www.ohioturnpike.org</u>, or follow the Commission's <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u> pages for up-to-date information on construction locations and traffic incidents.

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2016 Major Construction Projects from West to East

Williams County (Milepost 17.1 – 19.1), Deck Replacement of 2 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. There will be a full detour on the two bridge deck replacements at milepost 17.1 & 19.1

County Road 18 (MP 17.1) <u>Detour</u>- March 7 – June 1 County Road 20 (MP 19.1) <u>Detour</u>- March 7 – June 1

Williams County (Milepost 21.4), Deck Replacement of Clifton-Gunn Rd. Bridge

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. There will be a full detour on the Clifton – Gunn Rd. Bridge at milepost 21.4.

Clifton – Gunn Rd (MP 21.4) <u>Detour</u>- June 19 – Oct.1

Williams County (Milepost 0.9 – 22.0), Rehabilitation & Painting of 8 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work at mileposts 0.9, 2.1, 10.6, 16.1, 17.1, 18.1, 19.1, and 22.0

Rehabilitation & Painting Locations:

Fish Creek Rd (MP 0.9)	SR 49 (MP 2.1)
Nettle Creek Rd (MP 10.6)	Old SR 569 (MP 16.1)
Eberly- Home Rd (MP 17.1)	Clays Church Rd (MP 18.1)
Alvordton Rd (MP 19.1)	Stryker-Lockport Rd (MP 22.0)

Fulton County (Milepost 23.9 – 42.9), Deck Replacement of 6 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. There will be a full detour on the six bridges deck replacements at mileposts 23.9, 24.4, 27.3, 41.9, 42.4, and 42.9.

Locations with Detours:

Rueger-Shetler Road (MP 23.9) <u>Detour</u>- March 29- July 26 Fulton- Williams Road (MP 24.4) <u>Detour</u>- March 29 - July14 Spies-Handy Corners Road (MP 27.3) <u>Detour</u>- March 29- Aug. 30 Raker-Barden Rd (MP 41.9) <u>Detour</u>- March 29-June 30 Delta- Santee Rd (MP 42.4) <u>Detour</u>- June 30- Sept. 30 Brigham- Fraker Rd (MP 42.9) <u>Detour</u>- March 29- June 27

Fulton County (Pike/Twp. to Fulton Twp./Milepost 38.9 – 48.3), Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a single lane closure on the mainline for pavement repairs & resurfacing. One lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Start date: April 4, 2016 Estimated completion date: June 30, 2016

Lucas and Wood Counties (Springfield Twp. to Lake Twp./Milepost 55.45 – 69.3), Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a single lane closure on the mainline for pavement repairs & resurfacing. One lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Start date: April 4, 2016 Estimated completion date: Nov. 12, 2016

Erie County (Groton Twp. to Oxford Twp./Milepost 107.3 – 112.4), Pavement Replacement

East and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits in early May through Nov. 11, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes between milepost 107.3 to 112.4 in Erie County. Eastbound customers wishing to exit the Ohio Turnpike at Exit-110 (Sandusky/SR 4) must use the right-most lane prior to the bi-directional work zone to access the toll plaza.

Start date: May, 2016 Estimated completion date: Nov. 12, 2016.

First set of Notification Signs located 2 miles before the traffic split:





Lorain County (Elyria Twp. to North Ridgeville/ Milepost 144.1 – 149.2), Pavement Replacement

East and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits on April 14 through Nov. 11, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes between milepost 144.1-149.2 in Lorain County. Westbound customers wishing to exit the Ohio Turnpike at Exit-145 (Lorain-Elyria/SR 57) must use the right-most lane prior to the bi-directional work zone to access the toll plaza.

Start date: April 14, 2016 Estimated completion date: Nov. 12, 2016.

First set of Notification Signs located 2 miles before the traffic split:



Lorain County, Milepost 150.5, Bridge Deck Replacement of SR 83 (Avon-Belden Rd)

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline. Traffic on SR 83 will be maintained through a single lane work zone controlled by a timed traffic light. Local traffic on SR 83 should expect minor delays in the area due to reduced lanes during this project.

Start date: Under way Estimated completion date: June 20, 2016

Portage County (Streetsboro to Shalersville Twp./Milepost 186.3 – 191.3). Pavement Replacement

East and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits in early May through Nov. 11, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes between milepost 186.3 – 191.3 in Portage County. Eastbound customers wishing to exit the Ohio Turnpike at Exit 187 (Streetsboro/I-480/SR 1 4) must use the right-most lane prior to the bi-directional work zone to access the toll plaza.

Start date: May, 2016 Estimated completion date: Nov. 12, 2016.

First set of Notification Signs located 2 miles before the traffic split:



Mahoning County (Jackson Twp. to Austintown Twp./Milepost 216.9 to 221.2), Pavement Replacement

East and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits on April 20 thru Nov.11, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes between milepost 216.9 – 221.2 in Mahoning County. Eastbound customers wishing to exit the Ohio Turnpike at Exit-218 (Youngstown/ I-80/I76) must use the right-most lane prior to the bi-directional work zone to access the toll plaza. In addition, the Exit 216-Lordstown entrance ramp will be temporarily closed beginning approximately April 20. Click <u>here</u> for detour.

Start date: April 20, 2016

Estimated completion date: Nov. 12, 2016.

First set of Notification Signs located 2 miles before the traffic split:



Note: Completion of all construction projects is weather-dependent.

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