



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike Construction season kicks off this week

Turnpike will have fewer work zones than previous two years and test connected vehicle technology

BEREA (April 12, 2017) The Ohio Turnpike's 2017 construction season kicks off this week with 25 percent fewer lane miles under construction compared to 2016. The Commission anticipates spending as much as \$121.4 million on projects throughout northern Ohio. Its focus will be on improving the travel experience and the future safety and efficiency of transportation on the Ohio Turnpike.

"Our emphasis is that we'll continue to make improvements to ensure reliable travel and the exceptional condition of our road surface and bridges, but we'll have less congestion in work zones this season. In fact, we'll have 25 percent fewer lane miles under construction," said Executive Director Randy Cole. "Our customers want fewer orange barrels so we're carefully balancing customer preference with the need for capital improvements."

"During this construction season, please be safe by slowing down in work zones and most importantly, by driving distraction-free," Cole added.

Continuing a program that began in 2011 with an investment of \$45.5 million, the Turnpike will replace original pavement in three sections this year. Included is a five-mile long section in the eastbound lanes in **Sandusky County** from milepost 90 to 95.9 (between Sandusky and Riley Townships).

Five-mile long sections also will be replaced in 2016 in **Erie County** in the westbound lanes from milepost 107.3 to 112.45 (between Groton and Oxford Townships) and in **Portage County** from milepost 186.35 to 191.39 (between Streetsboro and Shaler Township).

Four resurfacing projects are scheduled for 2017 totaling approximately \$21.6 million. Bridge repairs and rehabilitations also are in the budget for 2017 with \$16.6 million dedicated to their improvements.

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2017 Major Construction Projects from West to East

Williams County, Bridge Painting

Joseph-Beaver Road – CR 15 [Milepost (MP) 14.1]

Norfolk Southern Railroad (MP 14.2)

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.

Fulton County, Bridge Painting

Rueger-Shetler Rd. – CR 16 (MP 23.9)

Fulton-Williams Rd. – CR 17 (MP 24.4)

Spies-Handy Corners Rd. – TR 22 (MP 27.3)

Ohio Turnpike Ramp – Exit 34 (MP 34.9)

Liberty-Adrian Rd. – CR 8-1 (MP 41.1)

Raker-Barden Rd. – CR 7-2 (MP 41.9)

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.

Lucas County, Bridge Painting

Berkey-Southern Rd. – SR 295 (MP 51.4)

Albon Rd.-SR 295 (MP 56.1)

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Wood and Ottawa Counties, Ohio Turnpike Mainline Resurfacing

Resurfacing of the Right and Center Lanes between Milepost 69.3 – 74.1

Start Date: July 17, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: October, 2017

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

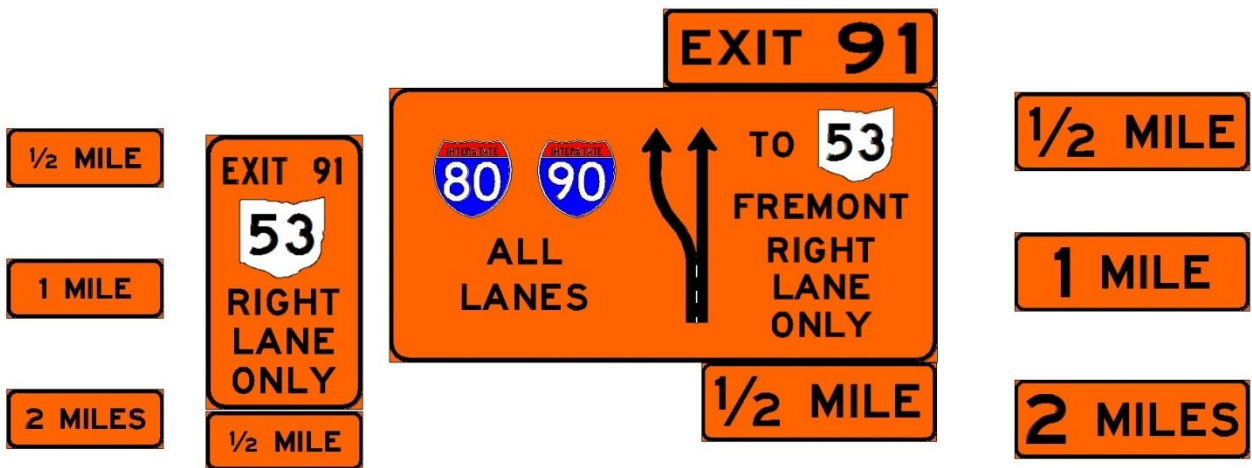
Sandusky County, Ohio Turnpike Base Pavement Replacement

Base Pavement Replacement of the Right & Center Lanes Eastbound Between Milepost 90.0 – 95.9

Start Date: April 24, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: November, 2017

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a contraflow traffic pattern and work zone with reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes. Eastbound traffic intending to use Exit 91 (SR 53) must keep to the right at the traffic split and use the right lane only.



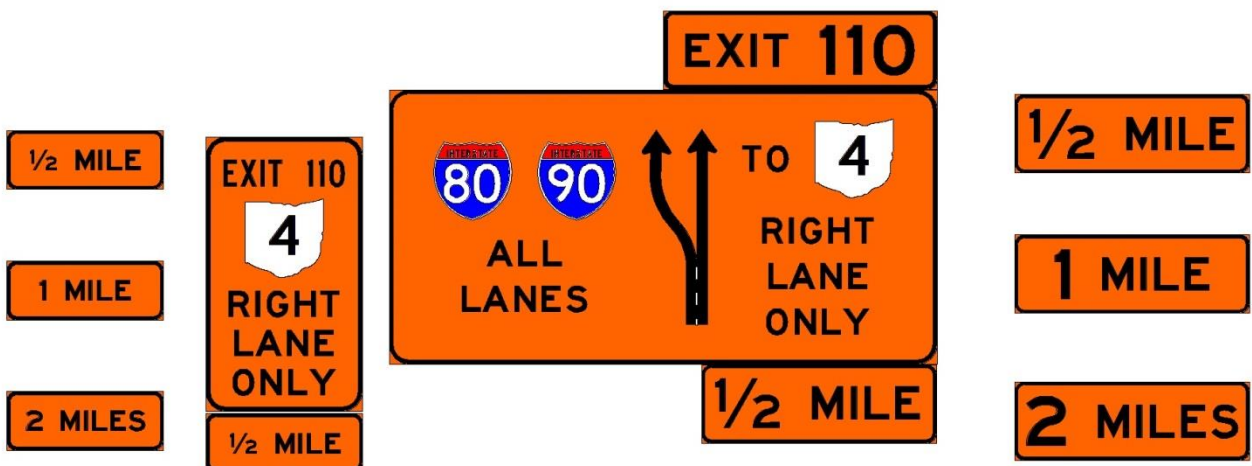
Erie County, Ohio Turnpike Base Pavement Replacement

Base Pavement Replacement of the Right and Center Lanes Westbound Between Milepost 107.3 – 112.4

Start Date: May 23, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: November, 2017

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a contraflow traffic pattern and work zone with reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. Westbound traffic intending to use Exit 110 (SR 4) must keep to the right at the traffic split and use the right lane only.



Erie County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Arlington Rd. – TR 130 (MP 122.3) – [Detour](#) will begin the week of April 24.

Joppa Rd. – TR 140 (MP 128.5) – [Detour](#) will begin the week of May 8.

Dean Rd. – TR 66 (MP 132.4) – [Detour](#) will begin in July.

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 for local traffic on all three bridges deck replacements jobs.

Lorain County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Quarry Rd. (MP 138.0)

Abandoned Conrail R.R. (MP 138.2)

West River Rd. (MP 145.8)

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.

Lorain County, Ohio Turnpike Mainline Resurfacing

Resurfacing of the Left, Center and Right Lanes between Milepost 136.1 – 144.1

Start Date: April 4, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: November, 2017

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a single lane closure on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing. Two lanes will be maintained during the day and a single lane in each direction will be maintained at night time.

Cuyahoga County, Ohio Turnpike Mainline Resurfacing

Resurfacing of the left Lane between Milepost 160.1 – 169.1

Start Date: July 24, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: November, 2017

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a single lane closure on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing. Two lanes will be maintained during the day and a single lane in each direction will be maintained at night time.

Cuyahoga County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Columbia Rd. – SR 252 (MP 156.9) – [Detour](#) to begin tentatively on May 30.

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 for local traffic on this bridge deck replacement job.

Summit County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Boston Mills Rd. – CR 32 (MP 178.0) – [Detour](#) begins the week of July 14.

Old Eight Rd. (MP 179.5) - [Detour](#) will begin the week of April 10.

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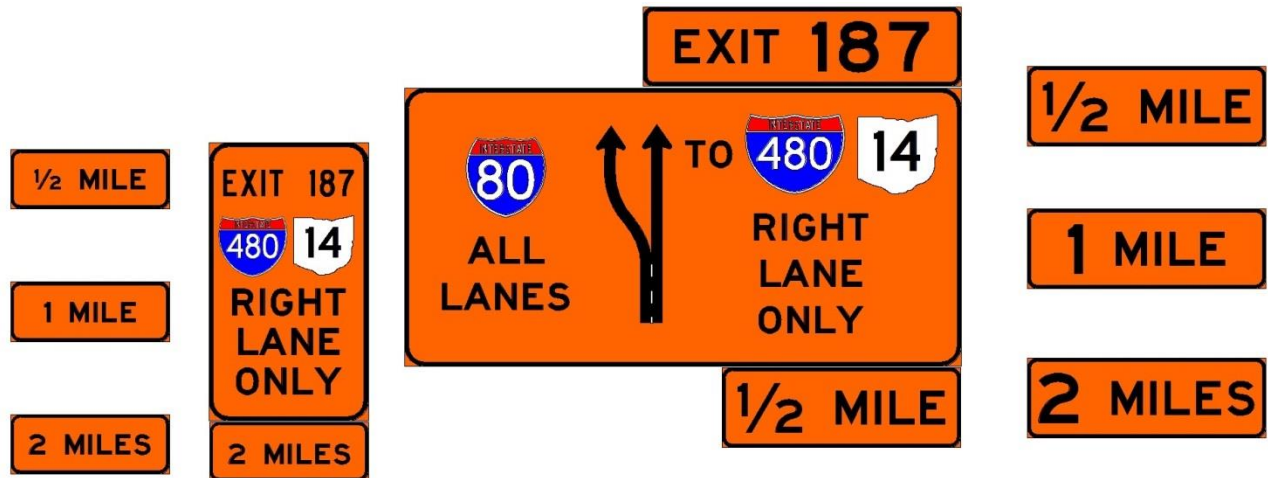
Portage County, Ohio Turnpike Base Pavement Replacement

Base Pavement Replacement of the right and center lanes westbound Between Milepost 186.3 – 191.3

Start Date: May 17, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: November, 2017

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a contraflow traffic pattern and work zone with reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. Westbound traffic intending to use Exit 187 (I-480/SR 14) must keep to the right at the traffic split and use the right lane only.



Portage County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Nichols Rd. – CR 225 (MP 199.2) – [Detour](#) to begin the week of April 10. (available upon request)

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 for local traffic on this bridge deck replacement job.

Portage County, Fuel System Upgrades at Portage & Brady’s Leap Service Plazas

Fuel system upgrades at Portage & Brady’s Leap Service Plazas. (MP 197.0)

Start Date: April 2

Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2017

The Sunoco fueling stations located at Brady's Leap and Portage Service Plazas (MP 197.0) are closed for fuel system upgrades. There will be no gasoline or diesel service at either plaza during this renovation. Brady's Leap and Portage Service Plazas will remain open for food, restrooms and other amenities during this construction.

Mahoning County, Bridge Rehabilitation

Kirk Rd. (MP 222.8)

Ohio Turnpike Ramp Over SR 7 (MP 232.6)

Ohio Turnpike Ramp (MP 232.9)

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.

Mahoning County, Bridge Deck Replacement

Garfield Rd. (MP 240.8)

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the bridge deck over Garfield Rd. 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.

NOTE: 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 www.ohioturnpike.org, or follow the Commission's [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) pages for up-to-date information on construction locations and traffic incidents.

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