



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike Construction Season Draws to a Close

BEREA (Nov. 10, 2015) – The Ohio Turnpike’s 2015 construction season is winding down, which means customers can expect smooth sailing for their upcoming Thanksgiving holiday travel.

By the end of the year, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission will have completed projects that were budgeted for \$125 million to upgrade the Turnpike. Included is the completion of two westbound pavement replacement projects in Cuyahoga and Sandusky Counties.

The westbound lanes to be completed are from milepost 164.8 to 159.8 in Cuyahoga County and from milepost 107.2 to 101.2 in Sandusky County. The eastbound pavement in these sections was completed in 2014.

Meanwhile, two additional projects to replace five-mile long sections of pavement in Lorain County (eastbound from milepost 144.10 to 149.24) and Trumbull County (westbound from milepost 216.10 to 221.26) are also nearing completion.

“We are nearing the end of our largest capital improvement program in more than a decade,” said Executive Director Randy Cole, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission. “Travelers expect a safe, smooth road and these investments provide that value.”

To limit delays for customers, the Commission maintained two lanes of traffic in all three-lane sections of the Turnpike during peak travel times. Some single lane zones were necessary, but occurred mostly during off-peak travel times or overnight.

“These major construction projects continue to demonstrate the Commission’s commitment to a world-class facility with infrastructure assets that are second to none in quality and durability,” said Ohio Turnpike Chief Engineer Tony Yacobucci.

Included in the ambitious construction season were pavement resurfacing projects in Williams, Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties and the rehabilitation and repair of numerous bridges across the entire length of the Ohio Turnpike.

In an effort to keep Ohio Turnpike customers informed of construction projects that might affect their travel, customers are encouraged to visit www.ohioturnpike.org, or the Commission’s Twitter or Facebook pages for up-to-date construction information.

2015 Major Construction Update

Milepost 0.00 – 5.70 in Williams County, Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike roadway repairs and resurfacing has been completed. The repairs and resurfacing included right and left lanes as well as shoulders. All lanes are available to travelers.

Completion date: June 26, 2015.

Milepost 16.10 – 19.10 in Williams County, Bridge Deck Replacement of 4 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. Work at the bridges at Mileposts 16.1 and 18.1 is complete and all lanes at these locations have been reopened to traffic. Work on the bridges at Mileposts 17.1 and 19.1 will continue through approximately Nov. 20, 2015 and then be suspended until work resumes in March 2016 with work scheduled to be completed by June 1, 2016.

Estimated Completion date: June 1, 2016.

Milepost 34.90 – 60.80 Fulton and Lucas Counties, Bridge Deck Replacement of 3 Bridges

The work at the bridges at Mileposts 34.9, 41.1 and 60.8 will be complete by approximately Nov. 20, 2015.

Estimated Completion date: Nov. 20, 2015.

Milepost 72.00-86.20 in Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Pavement Repairs and Resurfacing

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike roadway repairs and resurfacing has been completed. The repairs included longitudinal joint repair from Milepost 72.0 to Milepost 74.15 and Milepost 80.5 to Milepost 86.2. Additionally, the right and center lanes from Milepost 74.15 to Milepost 80.5 were repaired and resurfaced. All lanes are available to travelers.

Completion date: July 27, 2015.

Milepost 101.20 – 107.20 Sandusky County Pavement Replacement

Crews removed and replaced the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. This completes the work for this two-year project as eastbound right and center lanes were replaced in 2014.

Estimated final completion date: Nov. 23, 2015.

Milepost 144.10 – 149.24 Lorain County, Pavement Replacement

Crews removed and replaced the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes. This completes the work for the first year of this two-year project. Westbound right and center lanes will be replaced in 2016.

Estimated interim completion date: Nov. 25, 2015.

Milepost 159.80 – 164.80 Cuyahoga County, Pavement Replacement

Crews removed and replaced the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. This completes the work for this two-year project as eastbound lanes were replaced in 2014.

Estimated final completion date: Nov. 20, 2015.

Milepost 216.10 – 221.26 Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, Pavement Replacement

Crews removed and replaced the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. This completes the work for the first year of this two-year project. Eastbound right and center lanes will be replaced in 2016.

Estimated interim completion date: Nov. 20, 2015.

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The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, smoothest 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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