



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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For Immediate Release:

Ohio Turnpike approves largest capital budget in 15 years

The Commission will invest \$143.5 million in its own facilities in 2016

(BEREA, Dec. 15, 2015) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, at its regular meeting on Monday, approved its 2016 capital improvement budget. Included in the \$143.5 million capital budget for 2016 are resources for numerous roadway improvements, such as base pavement replacement, bridge rehabilitation and repairs and resurfacing.

The Commission's significant investment in its own facilities, its largest in 15 years, comes simultaneously with the Commission's ongoing support of Gov. John R. Kasich's Ohio Jobs and Transportation Plan. The plan is generating \$1 billion for non-turnpike transportation infrastructure projects in northern Ohio from bonds issued by the Commission and backed by future toll revenues.

"Ohio Turnpike customers expect a safe and smooth roadway and our team is dedicated to providing excellence," said Executive Director Randy Cole. "The Commission is able to fund improvements to our Turnpike infrastructure while also providing for thousands of jobs as part of Governor Kasich's Jobs and Transportation Plan."

PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT:

The Turnpike will replace pavement in five-mile long sections in the westbound lanes in Lorain County from milepost 144.1 to 149.24 and the eastbound lanes in Trumbull County from milepost 216.1 to 221. The opposite lanes in these sections were completed in 2015.

Five-mile long sections will also be replaced beginning in 2016 in Erie County in the eastbound lanes from milepost 107.3 to 112.45 and in Portage County from milepost 186.35 to 191.39. The Commission has approved a combined project budget for pavement replacement of \$76 million.

PAVEMENT RESURFACING

Three resurfacing projects are scheduled for 2016 totaling approximately \$18.8 million.

These projects will include resurfacing the pavement from milepost 38.9 to 43.3 in Fulton County and from milepost 55.45 to 69.3 in Lucas and Wood Counties. Service plaza parking areas and the ramps at Exit 91-Fremont/Port Clinton are also scheduled for resurfacing.

BRIDGE REPAIRS/REHABILITATION

Bridge repairs and rehabilitations also are in the budget for 2016 with \$15.7 million dedicated to their improvements. The bridge repairs include deck replacements, miscellaneous bridge rehabilitations, and substructure repair at various sites, including ten deck replacements at milepost 21.4 in Williams County, at mileposts 23.9, 24.4, 27.3, 41.9, 42.4 and 42.9 in Fulton County, at milepost 150.5 in Lorain County and at mileposts 197.8 and 198.5 in Portage County. Another 11 bridges will be repaired and rehabilitated from milepost 197.8 to 236.7 in Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties.

Note: Information regarding these projects, construction zones and/or changes to traffic patterns that may affect customers is posted on the Ohio Turnpike's website, at the start of construction season in April and May. Changes to traffic patterns due to daily maintenance, weather and other factors is also routinely provided on the Ohio Turnpike's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OhioTurnpike> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/@OhioTurnpike> pages.

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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 and 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.