



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike Construction season kicks off this week

BEREA (April 9, 2015) The Ohio Turnpike's 2015 construction season kicks off this week with its largest capital improvement program in more than a decade. The Commission anticipates spending as much as \$125 million this year on projects throughout northern Ohio, including doubling the number of pavement replacement projects that will be under construction in 2015.

"The Commission is proud to have planned its largest capital improvement program in more than a decade. Our program not only provides jobs for thousands across the state, but also keeps the Turnpike in excellent condition, which customers rightly expect," said Executive Director Randy Cole."

Two pavement replacement projects that began in 2014 with the replacement of five- and six-mile long sections of eastbound lanes in Cuyahoga and Sandusky Counties, respectively, will have the westbound pavement replaced in 2015.

The westbound lanes are scheduled for completion from Mileposts 164.8 to 159.8 in Cuyahoga County and from Mileposts 101.2 to 107.2 in Sandusky County. Meanwhile, two new projects will begin this year to replace five-mile long sections of pavement in Lorain County (Mileposts 144.41 to 149.24) in the eastbound lanes and Trumbull County (Mileposts 216.1 to 221.0) Counties in the westbound lanes.

"We conducted a pavement study to evaluate the condition of the pavement for the entire length of the Turnpike," said Anthony Yacobucci, Chief Engineer. "We are updating the study to help us prioritize sections based generally upon levels of deterioration as well as other factors.

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 started this week and is expected to be completed by early November.

Included in the ambitious season is 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 customers informed of construction projects that might affect their travel, they 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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2015 Major Construction Projects

Milepost 0.00 – 5.70 in Williams County, 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 and resurfacing. One lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Start date: April 8, 2015 Estimated completion date: June 26, 2015.

Milepost 16.10 – 19.10 in Williams County, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing 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. There will be a full detour on the four overhead bridges being repaired and resurfaced at Mileposts 16.1, 17.1, 18.1 and 19.1.

Start date: April 20, 2015 Estimated completion date: Oct. 30, 2015.

Milepost 34.90 – 60.80 Fulton and Lucas Counties, Rehabilitation of 4 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike Customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic single 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 affected three bridges for deck replacement.

Start date: May 4, 2015 Estimated completion date: Oct. 30, 2015.

Milepost 59.52 – 64.13 in Lucas and Wood Counties, Third Lane Pavement Repairs

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic lane closures on the mainline for third lane pavement repairs. At least one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Start date: TBD Estimated completion date: TBD

Milepost 72.00-86.20 in Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, 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 and resurfacing. Two lanes in each direction will be maintained during daytime hours (6:00 a.m.-8 p.m.). At night, one lane will be available to customers (8:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.).

Start date: April 7, 2015 Estimated completion date: June 26, 2015.

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Milepost 101.2 – 107.3 Sandusky County Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter bi-directional traffic patterns and reduced speed limits on or about April 23, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes.

Start date: April 7, 2015 Estimated completion date: Nov. 2, 2015.

Milepost 117.3 – 118.1 in Erie County, Bridge Deck Repair and Rehabilitation of 2 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter a traffic shift onto shoulder lanes as two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times during bridge deck repair and rehabilitation at Mileposts 117.3 and 118.10.

Start date: Aug. 1, 2015 Estimated completion date: Oct. 30, 2015.

Milepost 144.10 – 149.24 Lorain County, Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits on or about May 15, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes.

Start date: April 1, 2015 Estimated completion date: Nov. 10, 2015.

Milepost 159.8 – 164.8 Cuyahoga County, Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits on April 20, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the westbound right and center lanes.

Start date: April 7, 2015 Estimated completion date: Nov. 3, 2015.

Milepost 216.10 – 221.26 Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter the third lane being closed on or about April 21. Two lanes will be maintained in each direction. On or about June 1, a bi-directional traffic pattern will be in use, while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes. **Exit 216 (Lordstown-East) ramp closures:** Beginning April 20, 2015, the eastbound entrance ramp to the Ohio Turnpike will be closed for approximately 45 days. Beginning about June 5, 2015, the westbound exit ramp from the Ohio Turnpike will be closed until about Oct. 30.

Start date: April 1, 2015 Estimated completion date: Dec. 13, 2015.

Milepost 171.1 – 198.5 Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage Counties, Rehabilitation of 4 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic single and double lane closures on the mainline for bridge rehabilitation at Mileposts 171.1, 184.7, 187.0, 192.4.

Start date: April 7, 2015 Estimated completion date: Oct. 30, 2015.

Milepost 226.50 – 236.70 Mahoning County Rehabilitation of 7 Bridges

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter periodic single lane closures on the mainline for bridge rehabilitation and repainting of various bridges.

Start date: June 1, 2015 Estimated completion date: Sept. 1, 2015.



Pavement replacement in Sandusky County was part of the Ohio Turnpike's 2014 construction season in the eastbound lanes and will occur in the westbound lanes in 2015 in this section.

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

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