



Ohio Turnpike Announces Construction Projects by County for 2026

National Work Zone Awareness Week Runs April 20-24, 2026

BEREA, Ohio (April 22, 2026) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission is reminding all motorists to be self-aware of unsafe driving behaviors – such as speeding and distracted driving – in work zones during this construction season.

“Unsafe driving behaviors behind the wheel put motorists and highway workers at risk,” said Chris Matta, chief engineer and deputy executive director of the turnpike commission. “We will have over 1,000 workers on the road during the construction season, and our goal is to get them home safely every day.”

Unsafe driving behaviors in works zones are preventable and easily identified, and include:

- Speeding;
- Driving distracted, impaired, aggressive, and drowsy;
- Following a vehicle too closely;
- Not wearing a seat belt; and
- Failing to obey traffic signs and signals.

All motorists – driving passenger vehicles and commercial trucks – can drive safely in work zones by:

- Establishing a safe following distance;
- Being prepared to slow down or stop;
- Maintaining the work zone speed limit. (Lane widths are reduced, and the lanes have been shifted and are narrow with no shoulders);
- Avoiding distractions by putting your phone down; and
- Paying attention to the signs.

National Work Zone Awareness Week – an annual spring campaign held at the start of the highway construction season to encourage safe driving in work zones and keep workers safe – is held this year from April 20-24, 2026.

Construction Projects by County in 2026

In 2026, the turnpike commission approved a budget of nearly \$247 million for capital improvement projects.

About \$170 million of the 2026 capital plan is allocated for roadway and bridge projects, which include 114 lane miles of pavement improvements and an extensive amount of work on numerous bridges.

“To limit delays for travelers on the Ohio Turnpike, we strive to maintain two lanes of traffic in all three lane sections of the turnpike during peak travel times,” Matta added. “Some single lane work zones will be necessary but will occur mostly during off-peak travel times, mainly at night.”

The 2026 construction projects on the Ohio Turnpike by county (from west to east) include:

FULTON COUNTY

One mainline resurfacing project and one mainline bridge deck replacement project in Fulton County include:

- All lanes and shoulders will be resurfaced both eastbound and westbound from milepost 33.7 to 38.9.
The project is underway and has an estimated completion date of Oct. 19, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the day, with traffic reduced to a single lane at night for the work.
- The mainline bridge over Bad Creek (milepost 41.3) will be widened to the inside and the existing bridges will be redecked.
The project is underway and has an estimated completion date of Dec. 1, 2027. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours.

LUCAS/WOOD COUNTIES

One mainline bridge deck replacement project stretching from Lucas County to Wood County includes:

- The westbound mainline bridge over the Maumee River (milepost 63) will be redecked.
The project is ongoing with construction estimated to be completed on Nov. 15, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. The project will continue in 2027 and 2028 to complete work to the eastbound structure and restore traffic to the original alignment.

WOOD COUNTY

One mainline resurfacing project in Wood County includes:

- All lanes and shoulders will be resurfaced both eastbound and westbound from milepost 66.7 to 70 and the left lane and left shoulder will be resurfaced from milepost 70 to 74 both eastbound and westbound.
The project is ongoing and is estimated to be completed in September 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours.

OTTAWA/SANDUSKY COUNTIES

The bridge repainting projects spanning Ottawa and Sandusky counties include:

- The overhead bridge at State Route 51 (milepost 80.9) will be repainted.

- The overhead bridge at Dischinger Road (milepost 81.5) will be repainted.
- The overhead bridge at Toll Plaza 81 (Elmore-Woodville-Gibsonburg) Ramp (milepost 81.9) will be repainted.
- The mainline bridge over Waggoner Road (milepost 83.3) will be repainted.
Estimated start date is May 4, 2026, with an estimated completion date of Oct. 30, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during daytime operations, with traffic reduced to a single lane at night for the work. Toll Plaza 81 will have temporary exit and entrance ramp closures (about 30 days) and will be detoured. One lane bi-directional traffic on Waggoner Road will be maintained with a temporary signal. The North Coast Inland Trail will be temporarily closed and detoured for about 45 days.

SANDUSKY COUNTY

The bridge deck replacement projects and a truck parking expansion project in Sandusky County include:

- The overhead bridge at Yorktown Road (milepost 100.2) will be redecked.
- The overhead bridge at Vickery Road (milepost 101.3) will be redecked.
Estimated start date is May 2, 2026, with an estimated completion date of Dec. 13, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike during the project. Local roads will be closed and detoured.
- Truck parking at Erie Islands Service Plaza (milepost 100 westbound) will be expanded.
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion in July 2026. There will be no impact on mainline traffic or service plaza access.

ERIE COUNTY

One mainline bridge deck replacement project in Erie County includes:

- The eastbound mainline bridge over Portland Road (milepost 109.2) will be redecked.
The project is underway with construction estimated to be completed by Nov. 15, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. The project will continue in 2027 to redeck the westbound bridge and in 2028 to repaint the bridges.

ERIE/LORAIN COUNTIES

One pavement replacement project stretching from Erie County to Lorain County includes:

- The eastbound pavement from milepost 127.9 to milepost 133.2 will be replaced.
The project is ongoing with 2026 construction estimated to be completed by Nov. 15, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. Three lanes of traffic will be restored at the completion of the 2026 construction season. The project will continue in 2027 to replace the westbound pavement.

LORAIN COUNTY

One bridge deck replacement in Lorain County includes:

- The overhead bridge at Gore-Orphanage Road (milepost 133.1) will be redecked. *The project is ongoing and estimated to be completed by July 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike during the project. Gore-Orphanage Road is closed and detoured.*

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

One pavement replacement project, three bridge redecking projects, and a mainline resurfacing project in Cuyahoga County include:

- The westbound pavement from milepost 159.8 to 154.1 will be replaced. *The project is ongoing with construction estimated to be completed by Dec. 4, 2026. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. Three lanes of traffic will be restored at the completion of the 2026 construction season. The project will continue in 2027 to replace the eastbound pavement.*
- The mainline bridges over State Route 82 (milepost 165.4) and over York Road (milepost 165.5) will be redecked.
- The overhead bridge at Broadview Road (State Route 176) (milepost 169.5) will be redecked. *Estimated start is May 4, 2026, with an estimated completion date of Dec. 7, 2027. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Broadview Road during work on the bridge.*
- All lanes and shoulders eastbound will be resurfaced from milepost 164.7 to 169.7. *The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of July 27, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours.*

SUMMIT COUNTY

Bridge deck replacement projects in Summit County include:

- The overhead bridge at Toll Plaza 180 (Akron) (milepost 180.3) will be redecked.
- The overhead bridge at Prospect Road (milepost 182.1) will be redecked.
- The overhead bridge at State Route 91 (milepost 183.2) will be redecked. *The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of Nov. 23, 2026. Traffic on the Toll Plaza 180 bridge will be maintained using a temporary signal during construction. Prospect Road is closed and detoured. State Route 91 will be maintained with one lane in each direction.*

SUMMIT/PORTAGE COUNTIES

One bridge deck replacement project stretching from Summit to Portage counties includes:

- The bridge replacement project over Tinkers Creek (milepost 185.6) will continue.
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of Dec. 1, 2026. Traffic on the Ohio Turnpike is being maintained with two lanes in each direction during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours.

PORTAGE COUNTY

One bridge repair project in Portage County includes:

- The bridge repair of the Page Road overhead bridge (milepost 189.2) will continue.
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date by Sept. 3, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike during the project. Page Road is closed and detoured.

TRUMBULL COUNTY

One pavement replacement project in Trumbull County includes:

- The westbound pavement from milepost 216.1 to milepost 212.76 will be replaced.
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of Dec. 11, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. Toll Plaza 215 (Lordstown-West) westbound entrance ramp will be closed and detoured for 90 days.

MAHONING COUNTY

One mainline resurfacing project, a mainline slope repair project, and a bridge replacement project in Mahoning County include:

- All lanes and shoulders will be resurfaced both eastbound and westbound from milepost 221.33 to 225.9.
Estimated start date is June 15, 2026, with construction estimated to be completed by Nov. 15, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the day, with traffic reduced to a single lane at night for the work. The project will continue in 2027 both eastbound and westbound to resurface from milepost 225.9 to 230.35.
- The repair of the eastbound slope at milepost 222.35.
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of Aug. 31, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the project, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours.
- The overhead bridge replacement at U.S. Route 224 (milepost 227.6).
The project is ongoing with an estimated completion date of Oct. 15, 2026. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on the Ohio Turnpike, with periodic single-lane closures during off-peak hours. Traffic on U.S. Route 224 will be maintained with one lane in each direction.

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