



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike construction draws to a close in time for holidays

BEREA (Nov. 20, 2017) The Ohio Turnpike's 2017 construction season is winding down, which means customers can expect smooth travel for their Thanksgiving holiday travel.

Although construction zones will be removed for Thanksgiving, customers may see temporary zones between the end of November and mid-December, which will be of limited length and duration. All 2017 projects were budgeted for \$121.4 million, with 25 percent fewer lane miles under construction than in 2016.

"We invest in infrastructure improvements each year to deliver a safe and smooth travel experience for our customers," said Executive Director Randy Cole. "As our construction season ends, please stay safe during your travels by observing posted speed limits and by eliminating distractions if you are in control of the steering wheel."

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.

Continuing a program that began in 2011 with an investment of \$45.5 million, the Turnpike has replaced original pavement in three sections this year. Included was 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 were replaced 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 Shalersville Township).

Three resurfacing projects were completed for 2017 totaling approximately \$21.6 million. Bridge repairs and rehabilitations also took place in 2017 with \$16.6 million dedicated to their improvements.

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Remaining & Recently Completed 2017 Major Construction Projects from West to East

Wood and Ottawa Counties, Pavement Resurfacing between Lake and Troy Twps.

Resurfacing of the right and center lanes occurred in both directions between Mileposts 69.3 – 74.1.

Start Date: July 17, 2017

Completion Date: Nov. 12, 2017

As of Nov. 12, east and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern with three lanes now open and a 70 mph speed limit in effect.

Sandusky County, Pavement Replacement between Sandusky and Riley Townships

Pavement replacement of the right and center lanes occurred eastbound from Milepost 90.0 – 95.9.

Start Date: April 24, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: Nov. 22, 2017

As of Oct. 20, east and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern following removal of a contraflow work zone. Three lanes are now open and a 70 mph speed limit is in effect following removal and replacement of the original pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes. Daily lane closures will be used to complete punch list items until the completion date.

Erie County Pavement Replacement between Groton and Oxford Townships

Pavement replacement of the right and center lanes occurred westbound from Milepost 107.3 – 112.4.

Start Date: May 23, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: Nov. 22, 2017

As of Oct. 17, east and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern following removal of a contraflow work zone. Three lanes are now open and a 70 mph speed limit is in effect following removal and replacement of the original pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. Daily lane closures will be used to complete punch list items until the completion date.

Lorain County, Pavement Resurfacing between Brownhelm Twp. and Elyria

Resurfacing of the left, center and right lanes eastbound and westbound occurred between Milepost 136.1 – 144.1.

Start Date: April 4, 2017

Completion Date: Nov. 12, 2017

As of Nov. 12, eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern with three lanes now open and a 70 mph speed limit in effect.

Cuyahoga County, Pavement Resurfacing from Strongsville to Broadview Heights

Resurfacing of the eastbound and westbound left lanes occurred between Mileposts 160.1 – 169.1.

Start Date: July 24, 2017

Completion Date: Nov. 3, 2017

On Oct. 27, eastbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern with three lanes open and a 70 mph speed limit in effect . The westbound side was completed on Nov. 3. Daily lane closures will be used to complete punch list items until the completion date.

Portage County, Pavement Replacement between Streetsboro and Shalersville Twp.

Pavement Replacement of the right and center lanes occurred westbound between Mileposts 186.3 – 191.3.

Start Date: May 17, 2017

Estimated Completion Date: Nov. 22, 2017

As of Oct. 14, east and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers returned to a normal traffic pattern following removal of a contraflow work zone. Three lanes are now open and a 70 mph speed limit is in effect following removal and replacement of the original pavement in the westbound right and center lanes. Daily lane closures will be used to complete punch list items until the completion date.

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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