



## *News from the Ohio Turnpike*

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### **Ohio Turnpike Construction season kicks off this week**

**BEREA** (April 4, 2018) The Ohio Turnpike's 2018 construction season kicks off this week. The Commission anticipates spending as much as \$134 million on projects throughout northern Ohio. Its focus will be on improving the travel experience and the future safety and efficiency of transportation on the Ohio Turnpike.

"For your safety, as well as that of other drivers and our employees, please slow down to the posted speed in work zones," said Executive Director Randy Cole. "Due to the Highway Patrol's stepped up aerial enforcement, motorists received more than 3,800 citations in work zones in 2017. More importantly, there were 21.5 percent fewer work zone crashes and no fatalities. Please follow the posted speed limit to avoid an expensive ticket or worse yet, cause a life-changing crash," Cole added.

Continuing a 30-year Pavement Replacement Program that began in 2011 with an investment of \$30 million in 2018, the Turnpike will include full-depth excavation and replacement of original pavement in two sections this year. Included is a five-mile long section in the eastbound lanes in **Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties** from milepost 149.24 to 154.10 (between North Ridgeville and Olmsted Township).

A 6.6-mile long section also will be replaced or resurfaced in 2018 in **Cuyahoga and Summit Counties** between Broadview Heights and Boston Township. Full-depth excavation and replacement of original pavement will occur in the left lane and left shoulder westbound from milepost 172 to 174.34. In addition, the westbound and eastbound left lane and left shoulder will be resurfaced from milepost 169.10 to 172 and all remaining lanes (center, right, right shoulder) will be resurfaced in both directions (eastbound and westbound) from milepost 174.34 to 178.05.

Other work taking place in this area includes full-depth excavation and replacement of pavement on the southbound I-77 ramps to and from the Ohio Turnpike at Exit 173 and 90-day detours will be posted. All remaining ramps at Toll Plaza 173 also will be resurfaced with intermediate night closures and/or weekend closures. Detours will be posted.



## **2018 Major Construction Projects from West to East**

### **Williams County, Bridge Painting**

**Mainline over Norfolk Southern Railroad (milepost 14.2)**

**Clifton-Gunn Road (MP 21.4)**

**Mainline over Tiffin River (MP 24.7)**

**West Barre-Advance Road/County Road 13 (MP 36.3)**

**Biddle-Scott Road (MP 37.1)**

**Winnameg-Lyons Road/County Road 11 (MP 38.3)**

**Heller-Lyons Road (MP 39.3)**

Beginning in May and through September, 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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

### **Sandusky County, Bridge Painting**

**Carley Road (MP 94.7)**

**Gibbs Road (MP 97.6)**

**Karbler Road (MP 98.1)**

**Yorktown Road/County Road 260 (MP 100.2)**

**Copp Road (MP 104.3)**

**Northwest/Southwest Road-County Road 312 (MP 106.1)**

Beginning in May and through September, 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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

### **Erie County, Bridge Painting**

**Northwest/Southwest Road-County Road 312 (MP 106.1)**

**Deyo Road (MP 107.5)**

Beginning in May and through September, 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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

### **Erie and Lorain Counties, Pavement Resurfacing**

Beginning in May and through September, eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter lane closures on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing. Two lanes will be maintained during the day and a single lane in each direction will be maintained at night time.

Resurfacing of all three lanes and both shoulders between milepost 127.2 – 136.2

**Start Date: April 3, 2018**

**Estimated Completion Date: October 2018**

## Lorain County Bridge Rehabilitation and Removal

**Mainline over Quarry Road/County Road 30 (MP 138)**

**Mainline over inactive railroad (MP 138.2)**

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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

## Lorain County, Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley Service Plazas, Fueling System Upgrades

Beginning on March 25 at 7:00 a.m. until approximately June 25, the Sunoco fueling stations located at Middle Ridge and Vermilion Valley Service Plazas will be closing for scheduled system upgrades. There will be no gasoline or diesel service at either plaza during replacement of underground fuel piping, pumps, concrete valves, etc. The plazas will remain open for food, retail, restrooms and other amenities during this upgrade. All Sunoco fueling stations at the Ohio Turnpike's other Service Plazas will remain open.

## Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties Pavement Replacement

Full-depth excavation and pavement replacement of the right and center Lanes eastbound between milepost 149.25—154.10.

**Start Date: April 2, 2018**

**Estimated Completion Date: November 2018**

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter a contraflow traffic pattern and work zone with reduced speed limits while crews remove and replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes. Eastbound traffic intending to use Exit 151 (I-480) or Exit 152 (SR 10) must keep to the right at the traffic split and use the right lane only. Warning signs will be posted as seen in the example below.



### **Cuyahoga County Bridge Deck Replacement**

Pearl Road in Strongsville, Overhead Bridge (MP 161.1)

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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

### **Cuyahoga & Summit Counties Pavement Replacement and Resurfacing of mainline and Exit 173**

Full-depth excavation and pavement replacement will occur in the left lane and left shoulder westbound from milepost 172—174.34. The westbound and eastbound left lane and left shoulder will be resurfaced from milepost 169.10 to 172 and all remaining lanes (center, right, right shoulder) will be resurfaced in both directions (eastbound and westbound) from milepost 174.34 to 178.05.

Full-depth excavation and replacement of pavement on the southbound I-77 ramps to and from the Ohio Turnpike at Exit 173 will also take place and 90-day detours will be posted. All remaining ramps at Toll Plaza 173 also will be resurfaced with intermediate night closures and/or weekend closures. Detours will be posted.

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### **Portage County Bridge Deck Replacement**

**Mainline over Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway (MP 186)  
I-480 eastbound overhead (MP 186.8)**

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.

### **Portage County Pavement Resurfacing**

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter lane closures on the mainline for pavement repairs and resurfacing. Two lanes will be maintained during the day and a single lane in each direction will be maintained at night time.

Resurfacing of all three lanes and both shoulders between milepost 191.39-205.20

**Start Date: April 3, 2018**

**Estimated Completion Date: October 2018**

## **Mahoning County Bridge Deck Rehabilitation and Bridge Removal**

### **Deck Rehabilitation on Ohio Turnpike Ramp over Ohio Turnpike (MP 218.7)**

### **Bridge Removal on Mainline over Mill Creek Bikeway (MP 223)**

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. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

## **Mahoning County, Bridge Deck Replacement**

### **Garfield Rd. (MP 240.8)**

Eastbound and westbound customers traveling in this area will encounter a bi-directional traffic pattern and reduced speed limits while crews finish the bridge deck replacement begun in 2017 over Garfield Rd. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. Local traffic in the area may encounter minor delays due to this work.

Customers are encouraged to visit [www.ohioturnpike.org](http://www.ohioturnpike.org), or follow the Commission's [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) pages for up-to-date information on construction locations and traffic incidents.

**NOTE:** To limit delays for customers, the Commission 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 is expected to be completed by early November.

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