

# News from the Ohio Turnpike

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# Ohio Turnpike Construction Season Drawing to a Close

**Sept. 15, 2014** (Berea, OH) – The Ohio Turnpike's 2014 construction season is beginning to wind down. By the end of the season, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) will have spent more than \$110 million this year on projects to upgrade the Turnpike. Included in these construction projects is the completion of the final portion of a third lane in Lucas and Wood Counties, as well as base-pavement replacement projects in Sandusky and Cuyahoga Counties.

In an effort 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. Work is expected to be completed by mid-November.

"These major construction projects continue to demonstrate the Commission's commitment to provide customers with a safe and smooth travel experience," said OTIC Chief Engineer Anthony Yacobucci.

In an effort to keep Ohio Turnpike customers informed of construction projects that might affect their travel, customers are encouraged to visit <u>www.ohioturnpike.org</u>, or the Commission's *Twitter* or *Facebook* pages for up-to-date construction information.



### 2014 Major Construction Update

#### Milepost 43.3 – 55.5 in Fulton & Lucas Counties Resurfacing

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter restricted traffic patterns and reduced speed limits due to resurfacing projects in both east & westbound left lanes.

Estimated completion date: Friday, Nov. 14.

#### Milepost 59.5 – 64.1 Lucas & Wood Counties Third Lane Widening and Bridge Work

The westbound left lane and left shoulder and the eastbound left lane and left shoulder are closed for third lane construction. Ohio Turnpike Customers traveling in this area will see shifted traffic patterns and reduced speed limits. Work in this area will be ongoing until Friday, Nov. 14, 2014.

Secondary roads are no longer affected by this work.

#### Milepost 101.2 – 107.3 Sandusky County Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter bidirectional traffic patterns and reduced speed limits, while crews continue to replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes.

Estimated completion date: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014.

#### Milepost 159.8 – 164.8 Cuyahoga County Base Pavement Replacement

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike customers traveling in this area will encounter bidirectional traffic patterns and reduced speed limits, while crews continue to replace the original base pavement in the eastbound right and center lanes.

Estimated completion date: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014.

Note: Completion of all construction projects is weather dependent.

REMINDER: When driving through work zones, motorists can increase safety by following these tips:

- Stay alert and give driving your full attention;
- Follow all posted signs and obey flaggers;
- Don't tailgate or speed; most crashes in work zones are rear-end collisions;
- Expect the unexpected;
- Beware that normal traffic patterns may be shifted.

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 & 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.

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