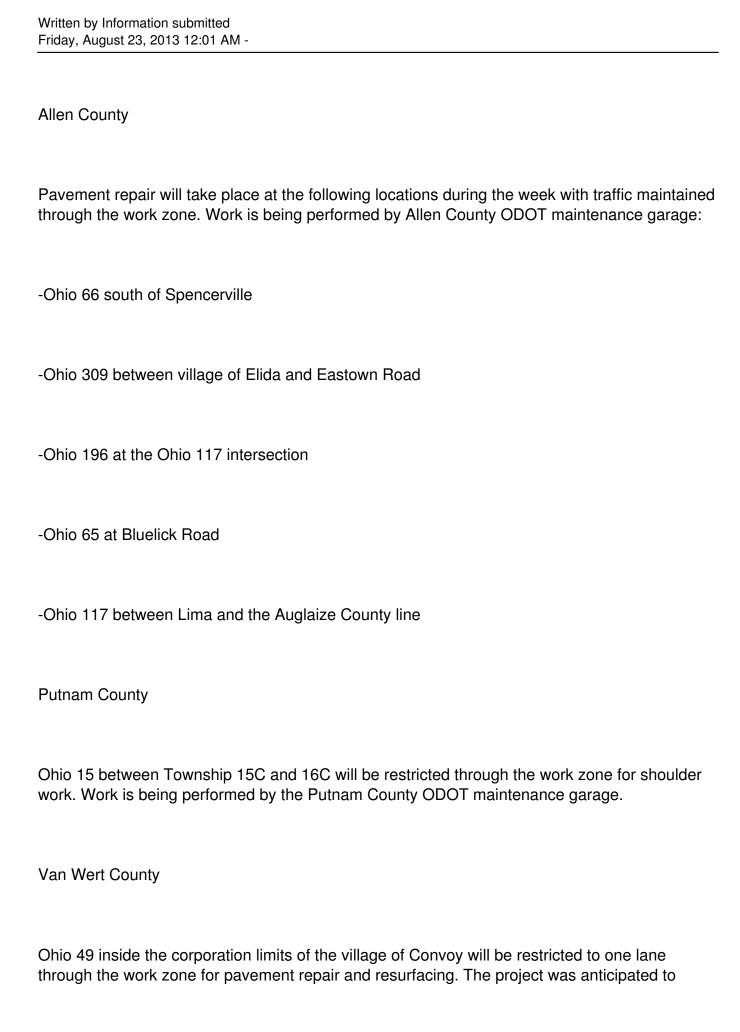


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- -The entrance ramp to I-75 northbound from Ohio 117/309, and the exit ramp from northbound I-75 to Ohio 117/309 will close Tuesday from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. to allow for installation of a storm sewer. Northbound I-75 traffic wishing to access Ohio 117/309 will be directed to Ohio 81 to I-75 southbound back to Ohio 117/309. Traffic wishing to access I-75 northbound from Ohio 117/309 will be directed southbound on I-75 to Ohio 65 back to I-75 northbound.
- -The I-75 northbound exit ramp to Fourth Street reopened Aug. 15. The northbound entrance ramp is expected to reopen by the Labor Day holiday. The southbound ramps are anticipated to be reopened in approximately one month.
- -Electronic message boards have been placed along I-75 to guide traffic for the Allen County fair to the appropriate exits. Northbound traffic on I-75 may use exit 124 (Fourth Street), southbound traffic on I-75 can use exit 125 (Ohio 117/309) or exit 122 (Ohio 65). Exit 124 southbound will remain closed throughout the fair. There will be no access to I-75 from Fourth Street during the fair. Use Ohio 65 or Ohio 117/309 to access I-75 from the fairgrounds. Signs have been placed throughout the area to guide traffic to and from the fairgrounds.
- -Paving of the new lanes on I-75 in the northbound direction outside the barrier wall from just south of Fourth Street to Ohio 117/309 is near completion. Paving in the southbound lanes from south of Fourth Street to Ohio 117/309 interchange is expected to begin during the week. Traffic on I-75 could be affected at times. Motorists are cautioned to watch for concrete trucks entering and exiting the highway over the next several weeks as the operation continues.
- · Ohio 117/309 is two lanes in each direction without a center turn lane from just east of the interchange with I-75 to Bowman Road during a safety upgrade project which will reconstruct areas of the pavement and install a raised curb median in the center of the roadway. All traffic is currently traveling on the north side of the roadway while work takes place on the south. Only two lanes of traffic are maintained, one lane in each direction, from Willard Avenue (Speedway) to the west of the I-75 interchange. This part of the project will be completed this fall.
- · Ohio 81 from just west of Stewart Road to just west of Neubrecht Road east of Lima is one lane in each direction in the existing eastbound lanes for pavement reconstruction. All ramp movements are currently maintained at the interchange with I-75.



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begin Thursday. Work is being performed by Shelly Company, Findlay.

Ohio 66 north of its intersection with U.S. 30 will close Monday for two days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 224 to U.S. 127, to U.S. 30 back to Ohio 66. Work is being performed by the Van Wert County ODOT maintenance garage.

Ohio 117 near its intersection with Ohio 116 will close Sept. 3 for two days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto Ohio 116 to Ohio 81, to Ohio 66, back to Ohio 117. Work is being performed by the Van Wert County ODOT maintenance garage.

U.S. 127 three miles south of Van Wert closed Aug. 13 for 45 days for bridge repair. Traffic is detoured to Ohio 709 to Ohio 118 back to U.S. 127. Work is being performed by Brumbaugh Construction, Arcanam.