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The following is a weekly report concerning construction and maintenance work on state highways within the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, which includes the counties of Allen, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. This report is issued each week beginning in April and continues through November.

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Construction and Maintenance Projects

Week of September 23, 2013

I-75 Reconstruction Project

For the most recent information concerning the Interstate 75 reconstruction project through Lima and Allen County and the safety upgrade of Ohio 117/309 on Lima's east side, please visit: www.odotlima75.org

I-75 between Fourth Street and Ohio 81 in Lima will have occasional nighttime lane restrictions during reconstruction of the existing lanes of pavement, replacement of mainline bridges and reconstruction of the interchanges. Work began in March 2013 and will continue through fall of 2015. Traffic is maintained two lanes in each direction the majority of the time. Lane restrictions generally occur from 7 p.m. until 10 a.m. the following morning. The following is project information for the coming week:

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I-75 Mainline

— Paving of the new concrete pavement in the southbound direction outside the barrier wall on I-75 from south of Fourth Street to the Ohio 117/309 interchange continues. During paving operations, traffic on I-75 could be affected at times. Motorists are cautioned to watch for concrete trucks entering and exiting the highway as the operation continues.

— By the end of next week, both northbound and southbound traffic will be traveling on the new concrete pavement from just south of Fourth Street to a point prior to the Ohio 117/309 interchange where traffic is then transitioned back to the existing pavement.

— Motorists should be aware that all entrance and exit ramp merge areas have been shortened throughout the project area. Drivers on I-75 are encouraged to use the passing lane through the zone if they do not wish to exit. Signs advising this have been placed throughout the project area.

Ohio 117/309 Interchange

-Temporary, short-term closures on Ohio 117/309 at the interchange with I-75 between the southbound entrance ramp and the northbound exit ramp started Friday at approximately 10 p.m. and will likely continue until after midnight today. The closures are to allow for setting of bridge beams over the roadway. A total of four closures will be required. Each closure is expected to be up to 20 minutes in duration. Traffic on Ohio 117/309 will be temporarily stopped by law enforcement officers while each beam is set in place. Once each beam is set, traffic will be released.

-The entrance ramp to I-75 northbound from Ohio 117/309 is closed as of Aug. 29 for at least one month to allow for construction of the new northbound ramp and new northbound pavement on Interstate 75. Traffic on Ohio 117/309 eastbound wishing to access I-75 northbound will be directed to Ohio 117, Greely Chapel Road to Fourth Street back to I-75. Ohio 117/309 westbound will be directed to Lost Creek Boulevard, Ohio 117, Greely Chapel Road and Fourth Street back to I-75.

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Fourth Street Interchange

— The southbound entrance and exit ramps at Fourth Street remain closed for reconstruction but are expected to be reopened by the end of the week. Traffic is detoured to the Ohio 65 interchange then north on Ohio 65 (St. Johns Road) to Fourth Street. Electronic message boards have been placed on I-75 advising motorists to use Ohio 65. Northbound ramps are open.

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 117 between Ohio 309 and Greely Chapel Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction at times for curb and gutter and driveway reconstruction over the next couple of weeks. Lane closures will occur as needed.

— Pavement widening operations on the south side of Ohio 309 between Saratoga Avenue and Lost Creek Boulevard will cause frequent closures of the eastbound, right lane. The lane closures could also occur on Saturdays but will reopen at the end of the day.

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.

Allen County

Pavement repair will take place on I-75 at the following locations. Work will likely take place

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Tuesday through Thursday of the week and generally between the hours of 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Work is being performed by the Allen County ODOT maintenance garage:

— I-75 northbound at the 120 mile marker (Breese Road)

— I-75 northbound at the 135 mile marker (Ohio 696)

— I-75 southbound at the 139 mile marker (between Bentley Road and Hillville Road)

Ohio 66 in the city of Delphos will close for five days Sept 23 for a railroad crossing repair. Traffic detoured onto Ohio 697, Ohio 116 and Ohio 81 back to Ohio 66.

Putnam County

Ohio 65 at Road L-10 south of the village of Ottawa will be restricted at times through the work zone in the upcoming weeks for removal of pavement at the intersection. The work coincides with a project being performed by CSX Railroad which will eliminate the railroad crossing at this location.

U.S. 224 a half mile west of the village of Kalida to the CSX railroad in the village of Ottawa will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair and resurfacing.

Ohio 108 south of Miller City to just north of Miller City will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair and resurfacing.

Ohio 694 from the Glandorf corporation limit to just north of Glandorf will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair and resurfacing.

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Van Wert County

U.S. 30 from Van Wert to the Indiana line will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for berm work

U.S. 127 three miles south of Van Wert closed Aug. 13 for 45 days for bridge repair. Traffic is detoured to Ohio 81 to Ohio 118 back to U.S. 127.