



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike Construction season to start next week.

March 28, 2014 (Berea, OH) – Berea, Ohio – It may not feel like spring, but the Ohio Turnpike’s 2014 construction season is scheduled to start next week. The Commission will spend more than \$110 million this year on projects throughout northern Ohio. Included in these construction projects is the completion of the final portion of 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 Ohio Turnpike 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 still be necessary, but will occur mostly during off-peak travel times or overnight. Projects taking place in two lane sections may require different types of single lane closures; these projects are planned in multiple phases to accommodate the heavy traffic of the summer travel season. Work is scheduled to start next week and is expected to be completed by mid-November.

Commission Executive Director Rick Hodges stressed the importance of this work. He stated, “These projects not only indicate the start of better weather in Ohio, it signifies the unified efforts to improve Ohio’s transportation system. As always, the Commission is pleased to have a full construction season planned; which not only provides jobs for thousands across the state, but also helps to keep the Turnpike in excellent condition.”

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

Attached please find the 2014 Major Construction Projects list:

2014 Major Construction Projects

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 project in both east & westbound lanes.

Estimated completion date: Friday, November 14.

Milepost 58.0 – 64.5 Lucas & Wood Counties Third Lane Widening and Bridge Work

Eastbound and westbound Ohio Turnpike Customers traveling in this area will see shifted traffic patterns and reduced speed limits. Work in this area will be ongoing until the end of the 2014 constructions season.

Secondary roads affected by this work are:

U.S. 20 (Lucas Co.) – Open with reduced lanes of traffic

Michigan Ave. (Lucas Co.) – Between N. Borgan Dr. & Parkway Dr. will Close 7/14 – 8/23

Stengel Ave. (Lucas Co.) – Between Cady St. & Green Valley Dr. will Close 7/14 – 8/23

SR 65 (Wood Co.) – Open with reduced lanes of traffic (bidirectional traffic)

White Rd. (Wood Co.) – Between Riverbend Ct. & Ford Rd. will close 6/19 – 7/19

Simmons Rd. (Wood Co.) – Between W. Mandell Rd. & E. Mandell Rd. will Close 6/16 – 7/26

Milepost 101.2 – 107.3 Sandusky County Base Pavement Replacement

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

Estimated completion date: Friday, November 14.

Milepost 159.8 – 164.8 Cuyahoga County Base Pavement Replacement

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

Estimated completion date: Friday, November 14.

Note: Completion of all construction projects is weather dependent.

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