



## Update of ODOT Major Projects in the Downtown Cincinnati Area April 26, 2021

### ODOT District 8 Multi-Year Work Plan:

ODOT has recently completed an update of our Multi-Year Work Plan (FY22-FY27). Please visit the following link for an interactive map that includes project details.

<https://gis3.dot.state.oh.us/d08/MultiYearWorkPlan/>

This spring, we will also update our MYWP narrative document that provides more detail related to this effort. This document will be posed on the following site:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/DO8/Pages/District-8-Multi-Year-Work-Plan.aspx>

### KYTC - Brent Spence Bridge - I-71/75 Southbound/Northbound (191.3 - 191.8 marker):

A maintenance project to clean and paint the Brent Spence Bridge started March 1. The project requires various lane and ramp closures that provide access to the bridge. The project is expected to be complete by Nov. 15, 2021.

ODOT is moving forward with design on two improvements related to the Brent Spence Bridge:

- **PID 113361**
  - Description
    - Reconstruct and widen I-75 from just north of the Linn Street overpass to the northern limits of the bridge over Findlay Street.
    - Replace the Linn St. overpass with I-75 and reconstruct Gest Street from Freeman Avenue to US 50. The reconstruction of Gest Street will eliminate the roadway connection from Gest St. to Linn St. The pedestrian access from Gest to Linn St. shall be replaced.
    - Replace the Ezzard Charles Drive overpass over I-75, reconstruct portions of Western Ave., cul-de-sac West Court St., and construct new I-75 ramps to and from Freeman Ave., Western Ave., and Ninth St.
  - Status/Schedule
    - Funding has been secured for design and construction
    - ODOT is working to select a consultant on the May 2021 programmatic selection.
    - Design is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021
    - Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2025

- **PID 114161**
  - Description
    - Reconstruction of I-75 from Findlay St. to just south of Marshall Ave. This is the northern end of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Project includes the construction of a new interchange on I-75 to connect to the new Western Hills Viaduct (WHV). The WHV project is being developed by the City of Cincinnati.
  - Status/Schedule
    - ODOT funding has been secured for preliminary engineering only at this time
    - ODOT is working to select a consultant on the May 2021 programmatic selection
    - Design is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021
    - Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2025

**I-71 resurfacing from the RR bridge north of SR 562 to south of I-275 (PID 91826):**

Repaving and bridge deck replacement of Stewart Bridge and rehab of other bridges from RR bridge north of SR 562/Norwood Lateral to SR 126/Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (approximately 5.5 miles). Also includes widening to three continuous through lanes between the SR 562/Norwood Lateral interchange and Red Bank Expressway, removes the northbound Ridge exit and adds a NB I-71 exit to Kennedy.

Traffic is now in Phase 4, switching north I-71 work to the inside lanes from just north of Kennedy to Red Bank and pushes traffic from Red Bank to Stewart to the outside lanes. Ph. 4 also includes adding a northbound contraflow on I-71. Construction includes bridge work on I-71 at Stewart and Red Bank and paving on both I-71 NB and SB. Scheduled work, all contingent upon weather:

- Effective April 10, the NB contraflow lane was closed, and three lanes of traffic are open on the mainline in the NB direction; SB I-71 is in its final configuration.
- Effective April 26, the Kennedy Avenue ramp to I-71 North will be closed for up to 90 days for paving work. The closure will be in effect through mid-July, and motorists will be detoured via Duck Creek Road and Red Bank Expressway to I-71 North.
- Effective April 26, the ramp from I-71 North to Ridge Avenue will be closed permanently. This permanent closure is part of planned upgrades to the Ridge/Kennedy Avenue interchange. Motorists will be routed by way of Exit 8A.

Began: Spring 2018 – Completion: Aug. 13, 2021. Construction Cost: \$36 million.

**I-75 widening – Phase 5A of Mill Creek Expressway (PID 104667):** Widen I-75 to four lanes connecting the improvements from Hopple and Mitchell projects. Additional improvements to the connection of EB I-74 to I-75.

- The new bridge from EB I-74 to NB I-75 is open.
- Phase 2 of the replacement of the bridge decks on EB I-74 over Beekman and Elmore is complete; crews are working on the approach slabs.
- Work has begun on Phase 3 of the I-74 EB to I-75 SB bridge deck.
- Work on the new structure for I-75 over I-74 WB is continuing, and work on the new southbound structure has begun. Southbound traffic is been moved into a contraflow configuration onto the new northbound structure.
- Median wall removal, earthwork and pipe work on I-75 is ongoing.

- Three lanes of I-75 South are shifted into a contraflow pattern until summer.
- Widening work on the outside of I-75 South and North is complete. Currently working on full depth reconstruction of south I-75 from Ludlow to Monmouth overpasses and median of I-75 north of Ludlow overpass.
  - Began: Fall 2018 – Completion: Sept. 2022. Cost: \$87 million.

**Thru the Valley (7 phases):** I-75 lane addition, resurfacing and interchange work from SR 126/Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway to just south of I-275 (approximately 8 miles).

- Began: spring 2017 – Completion: TBD – Cost: \$500 million to \$600 million.
- ODOT is moving forward with a study of a new alternative that could save tens of millions of dollars (**PID 113687**) compared to current plan for Phases 4, 5, and 6:
  - Description
    - Evaluate an alternative that would place both I-75 NB and SB on the existing SB I-75 alignment
  - Status/Schedule
    - ODOT has selected a consultant team that will be led by Mead and Hunt
    - Scoping is underway and design is slated to begin early in 2021
    - Public involvement is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2021
    - At that time, ODOT will decide between moving forward with this alternative vs. proceeding with the originally planned phases of 4, 5, and 6.
- Phase 8 (**PID 76256**) was recently moved back into FY2021 and is slated to begin construction in the spring of 2021.

For the latest information, visit ODOT's website at

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/projects/mega-projects/mega-projects/75-valley>

**Phases 1 and 2 (I-75, Shepherd/Glendale-Milford) (PID 82288):**

- Began: spring 2017 – Completion: **late-June/mid-July 2021** – Construction cost: \$96 million
- Phase 1: I-75 widening and resurfacing between Shepherd and Glendale Milford, redesign Shepherd interchange, remove collector distributor system, and improve the Glendale Milford interchange.
- Phase 2: Construct local connection between Shepherd and Glendale Milford thru GE (Neumann Way).

Contractor(s) will return in spring 2021 to finish the following remaining work:

- I-75 SB asphalt surface course placement
- Complete the remaining sealing of concrete surfaces
- Complete bridge painting
- Remaining signal and ITS work and testing requirements
- Final pavement markings I-75 SB (Thermo – Raised Pavement Markings - Rumbel Strips)
- Corrective work on all concrete interstate ramps and as needed
- Shepherd Ave. Bridge is OTT with Class 1 pavement markings over winter.

- Shepherd Avenue traffic is in final traffic configuration. The new I-75 SB off ramp to Shepherd Avenue is OTT. The existing off ramp (in front of Wendy's) is removed.
- Village of Evendale contractors constructing the remaining towers on the northeast and southwest corners of the Glendale Milford bridge, requiring temporary maintenance of traffic configurations on Glendale Milford thru May 2021. This is not part of the I-75/TTV construction contract and will work under a permit issued by ODOT.
- All Interstate ramps OTT and placed in final traffic configuration. Ramp metering installations will not be activated until late Jan. 2021.
- Speed limit of the project is 55 mph; all lanes are in final traffic configuration.
- I-75 SB traffic is placed on intermediate asphalt course, and final course will be placed in spring 2021.
- Duke will pull wires and set new LED streetlights along Glendale Milford in Winter 2021.
- Neumann Way is OTT from Glendale Milford to Shepherd Avenue. Final thermo pavement markings with raised pavement markers are installed for long line, but the auxiliary markings will be installed in the spring 2021.
- All earth disturbed areas not having permanent seeding established has winter seeding material applied. Permanent seeding and mulching will occur in spring 2021.

#### **General Electric Access:**

- Neumann Way is renamed to "AVIATION WAY."
- GE access from I-75 NB collector is closed. GE Campus traffic access is from Shepherd Ave., Glendale Milford and newly opened Vision Way.
- Traffic on Neumann Way/Aviation Way from Shepherd to Glendale Milford is maintained in permanent configuration with permanent decorative LED streetlights.

#### **S.R. 32 Little Miami Scenic Trail/Beechmont Bridge Connector (PID 107295)**

- Began: spring 2021 – Completion: fall 2022 – Construction cost: \$7.9 million

Construction of a new segment of the Little Miami Scenic Trail started last week at state Route 32 and Beechmont Avenue. Known as the Beechmont Bridge Connector, the project includes constructing a new, half-mile segment of the Little Miami Scenic Trail from the existing trail along S.R. 32 north of Beechmont Avenue to Lunken Trail, west of the Little Miami River.

As part of the Great Parks of Hamilton County's Little Miami Scene Trail, this is the final extension of the trail, and it will allow trail users to safely travel from the Little Miami Scenic Trail to the Ohio River Trail for the first time. Currently, A temporary traffic signal located at SR 32 ramp to WB 125 and on WB 125 is active and will remain in place until the conclusion of the project in August of 2022. Traffic has been shifted over and portable barrier is installed on EB 125 on the bridge.

**I-75/I-74 Interchange Reconstruction (PID 104668):** This is Phase 5B of the Mill Creek Expressway I-75 corridor projects. This phase addresses work on I-74 as part of the I-74/75 interchange reconstruction from just west of the Colerain Avenue interchange with I-74 to I-75. In addition, the project will improve the I-75 ramps to I-74 WB. The TRAC approved funding November 6, 2019, and we are currently working through the two-step design build process. The teams have been shortlisted, and the project is scheduled to be sold in May 2021.

**Eastern Corridor:** ODOT is currently working to update the current project website at <http://www.easterncorridor.org/> as well as the ODOT site <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/projects/mega-projects/mega-projects/eastern-corridor>.