



I-80 East Onramp at Toll Plaza 152 in Lorain County to Close on April 17, 2024

The project includes the replacement of two mainline Ohio Turnpike bridges and the Bagley Road bridge over the turnpike.

BEREA, Ohio (April 12, 2024) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission will close the onramp to Interstate 80 east at Toll Plaza 152 (North Olmsted-Cleveland) in Lorain County on April 17, 2024, to begin work on an Ohio Turnpike mainline bridge at milepost 152.1 eastbound that runs above the onramp.

The eastbound offramp on the Ohio Turnpike to Lorain Road (state Route 10) will remain open.

Motorists planning to travel eastbound on the Ohio Turnpike that normally enter from Lorain Road can observe and follow the posted detour signs: Lorain Road north to I-480 east to I-71 south to Toll Plaza 161 (Strongsville-Cleveland).

“We understand that temporary closures can result in inconveniences for our customers, businesses, and local communities, and whenever possible, we avoid the disruptions,” said Chris Matta, chief engineer/deputy executive director for the turnpike commission. “Our staff has previously contacted business owners and met with local officials in Lorain County to inform them about project and address their concerns.”

Mainline Bridge Replacement at Milepost 152.1 Eastbound

Phase I of the project includes the partial removal and replacement of the bridge deck at milepost 152.1 eastbound in Lorain County. Following the completion of the new concrete bridge deck, the center and right lanes will be paved with asphalt. The left shoulder and left lane will remain open for eastbound traffic on the Ohio Turnpike.

Phase II of the project includes the reopening of the eastbound onramp at Toll Plaza 152 on Aug. 1, 2024. The remaining eastbound bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The left shoulder and left lanes will be paved with asphalt. The center and right lanes will be open for eastbound traffic on the toll road.

The expected completion date is Oct. 25, 2024.

Work on the westbound side of the mainline bridge is scheduled to begin in April 2025.

Mainline Bridge Replacement at Milepost 152.3 Eastbound

At the same time, another bridge replacement project at milepost 152.3 eastbound in Lorain County on the Ohio Turnpike over Lorain Road will begin.

During Phase I, part of the eastbound bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The left shoulder and left lane will remain open for eastbound traffic on the Ohio Turnpike during the paving of the center and right lanes.

During Phase II, the remaining eastbound bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The center and right lanes will be open for eastbound traffic during the paving of the left shoulder and left lanes.

The expected completion date is Oct. 25, 2024.

Work on the westbound side of the mainline bridge is scheduled to begin in April 2025.

Bagley Road Bridge in Lorain County to Close on April 29, 2024

The Bagley Road bridge that runs above the Ohio Turnpike at milepost 152.9 in Lorain County will close on April 29, 2024.

The bridge deck will be removed and replaced.

The detour route around the bridge closure includes Lorain Road to Cook Road to Stearns Road and back to Bagley Road.

There will be no permanent lane closures on the mainline of the Ohio Turnpike during the project. Some intermittent lane closures will be scheduled.

The bridge is scheduled to reopen on Oct. 25, 2024.

Work Zone Construction Season Begins in April

The turnpike commission is calling on motorists to be self-aware of dangerous behaviors behind the wheel – such as aggressive and distracted driving – to reduce crashes, especially in work zones, when traveling on the 241-mile toll road and elsewhere.

“The highway construction season begins in April, so raising awareness of work zone safety is a top priority,” Matta added. “By eliminating dangerous driving behaviors, most vehicle crashes are preventable.”

To protect roadway construction workers, the turnpike commission is urging motorists to drive safely in-and-around work zones by:

- Establishing a safe following distance;
- Following the work zone speed limit (because of reduced lane widths, traffic lane shifts, and narrow shoulders);
- Avoiding distractions;
- Paying attention to signs; and
- Being prepared to slow down or stop.

For emergency roadside assistance or to report an unsafe driver, dial #677 in Ohio or 911.

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