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CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER ADDRESSES INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT I-275 & STATE ROUTE 32
Drivers alerted to recent changes in traffic patterns that will improve safety and ease congestion

Batavia, OH – Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger today addressed the interchange improvements taking place at Interstate 275 and State Route 32. The County Engineer's office is working closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) who is responsible for the improvement work taking place at the interchange.

ODOT has announced the following changes will take place in the I-275/SR 32 area:

- Thursday, June 12 – nighttime work will necessitate lane closures on SR 32 westbound to implement a new traffic pattern from Eastgate Boulevard to Bells Lane. Westbound lane closures will be in place from 9 PM (Thursday) – 6 AM (Friday).
- Monday, June 16 – nighttime work require lane closures from 9 PM (Monday) – 6 AM (Tuesday) on I-275 southbound and SR 32 westbound.
- Beginning at 6 AM, Tuesday, June 17, there will be a significant change in traffic pattern on I-275 and SR 32. Considerable work on southbound I-275 will require traffic to be shifted to the west in preparation for what is called a “contraflow” configuration – where both north and southbound traffic will travel on what is currently the southbound lanes of traffic. Four lanes of traffic will continue – two lanes in each direction – and additional signage will be placed throughout the area to alert motorists to the changes.
- In addition to the changes to southbound I-275, the ramp from westbound SR 32 to southbound I-275 will also be reconfigured. Beginning Tuesday, June 17, SR 32 westbound traffic will access I-275 southbound from the left, not the right as it is currently. Signs will also be in place in this area to alert drivers to the new access.

The Engineer's Office noted that additional changes will continue throughout the month of June and into the summer, and the Office will continue to distribute regular updates to inform people who drive through the area about upcoming work.

“While we recognize that it will take some time for drivers to get used to the changing pattern of traffic on I-275 and SR 32, these changes are absolutely critical to improving safety in and around the Eastgate area,” said Engineer Manger. “The I-275/SR 32 Interchange Improvement project will improve the safety and mobility of those who travel through the area by reducing the number of locations where drivers are asked to merge and weave – where traffic is both decelerating and accelerating.”

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Some work completed; progress continues

Engineer Manger also explained that the interchange improvements are just one phase of work taking place around Eastgate to support better traffic flow through the area. Lane realignments and signal timing improvements have already been completed on Eastgate North Frontage Road. The reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 is ongoing and a modified intersection will provide new access on SR 32, wider lanes and better access for businesses in the area. Improvements will also be made along SR 32 between I-275 and Batavia to reduce traffic signals and improve connectivity between the local road network and SR 32.

“We know there is a lot of construction activity taking place in a concentrated area, and we are sensitive to the temporary delays that may frustrate drivers,” Manger continued. “We ask for your patience, and ask you to be mindful of the changes, plan ahead, and leave a few minutes early to allow for extra time as you drive through work areas.”

Manger also reiterated that each project is happening in an integrated sequence where the construction of one project lays the foundation for the next. He added that while the priority for transportation planners is to improve safety for all who travel through the area, transportation improvements will also provide the infrastructure for continued economic development and investment throughout the county.

Additional information about the work at I-275 and SR 32, as well as the other projects taking place throughout the area can be found on GoClermont.org, as well as on the GoClermont Facebook and Twitter pages.

About the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements. The five-member board is made up of representatives from the Clermont County Engineer’s Office, the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Milford, and Miami and Union Townships.

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