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**OLD SR 74 WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN EASTGATE BOULEVARD AND GLENESTE WITHAMSVILLE ROAD BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 7 THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, WEATHER PERMITTING**

*Local officials ask drivers to allow extra time for travel through the SR 32 Corridor*

BATAVIA, Ohio (July 28, 2023) – The Clermont County Engineer’s Office today announced that a temporary road closure will be put into place on Old SR 74 between Eastgate Boulevard and Gleneste-Withamsville Road from Monday, Aug. 7 through Friday, Dec. 8, weather permitting.

The approximately one-mile closure is needed so the following improvements can take place:

- **The bridge that carries Old SR 74 traffic just east of Rumpke Road will be replaced.** Bridge replacement is needed to provide safe travel over the structure that was originally built in 1926.
- **The landslide on the northern hillside of Old SR 74 just west of Rumpke Road will be repaired.** The length of the repair is approximately 200 feet and is needed to provide safety on the roadway and stability on the hillside.
- **A new left turn lane will be added for eastbound Old SR 74 traffic turning left onto Rumpke Road.** The new turn lane will ease congestion for traffic traveling throughout this section of Old SR 74.
- **A new left turn lane into the commercial development west of Rumpke Road will be added.** The new turn lane will improve access to important business destinations in the area.
- **Additional infrastructure improvements will be built,** including the replacement of a critical water main, installation of underground storm pipes to improve drainage, and new curbs.

A detour route using Eastgate Boulevard, Eastgate North Drive, Gleneste-Withamsville Road, and Old SR 74 will be put into place and marked with signage.

**Transportation improvements driven by economic investments**

“Clermont County has seen tremendous growth and change over the last several decades,” said Clermont County Engineer Jeremy Evans. “Together with our partners at ODOT, we are making important changes that will improve safety and ease congestion to destinations throughout the county.”

“While this work is taking place, we recognize that multiple locations throughout the SR 32 Corridor are undergoing changes that will impact daily travel patterns. We ask drivers to allow extra time for travel through the corridor and to remember that these impacts are only temporary,” said Evans.

Evans added that options to support better travel along the detour route are being evaluated, and that traffic signals throughout the area are being monitored and will be adjusted as drivers adjust to new traffic patterns.

### **SR 32 Corridor Improvements: Planned, Purposeful, Phased Progress**

The closure by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on Old SR 74 between Elick Lane and Dogwood Drive that supports the improvement work at the new SR 32 & Bach Buxton Road Interchange remains in place through mid-October, weather permitting.

“Although it may seem there are orange barrels lining the path of many routes in our area, those orange barrels really do represent progress toward our goal of safer travel and better connectivity in Clermont County,” said Evans. “The timing of many of our projects are connected to the sources of funding we receive for each project,” he continued. “In many instances, we face the reality of losing funding for a given project if the funds are not used within a certain time frame.”

The work on SR 32 will eliminate the existing signals at Gleneste-Withamsville Road, Elick Lane, and Old SR 74, and replace these access points with a partial interchange at Gleneste-Withamsville Road and a new interchange just east of Elick Lane.

These improvements, which include an added through lane on SR 32 in each direction, will allow traffic to move from I-275 to Batavia without a traffic signal.

More information about this work being managed by ODOT can be found on [ODOT’s website](#).

### ***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, Clermont County, Miami and Union townships, and private industry.*

*The CCTID is actively managing more than a dozen roadway improvements that will increase safety, support better traffic flow, and provide the infrastructure for continued economic development throughout the county. More information about the CCTID and its project work can be found online at [GoClermont.org](#).*

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