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Each week, *The Blade's Road Warrior* highlights the major construction projects in Toledo and the surrounding area, noting where delays are worst and suggesting alternate routes.

Want to avoid the mayhem in the I-75 construction zone between Findlay and Perrysburg? State Rt. 25 is an obvious alternative north of Cygnet, but in response to a reader's query, I recommended State Rt. 235 as a suitable bypass for the entire work area if you're traveling to Lima or points farther south.

Route 235 takes off from State Rt. 65 in northwest Wood County and runs almost arrow-straight through the farmlands of western Wood and Hancock counties. Its shoulders are narrow, but it has little traffic and doesn't run through any big towns on its course from the Maumee River to Mount Cory, Ohio.

The only way you're likely to get significantly delayed on Route 235 is if you get stopped by a train in either Hoytville or McComb. The other problem spot on the route is the slope-repair project on State Rts. 64/65 just south of the Waterville Bridge, where traffic backs up during rush hour to get through the single-lane zone and its traffic signals.

I've gotten several inquiries about when Manley Road will reopen at the I-475 bridge construction site near the Ohio Turnpike. The latest Ohio Department of Transportation estimate is mid-August.

**1. I-75:** Reconstruction and widening from I-475 to I-280 closes all ramps at Jeep-Willys and all ramps at Phillips except the southbound entrance. Eastbound I-475 entrance from ProMedica also closed. Detour to nearby interchanges. Lane restrictions on Phillips and Lagrange at I-75 for bridge work. Nighttime lane closings on I-75 through the zone. Completion mid-2018.

**2. I-75:** Two of four lanes closed, downtown Toledo to I-475, for reconstruction until mid-2016. Detroit entrances closed in both directions, as are the northbound entrance at Collingwood and exit at Bancroft. Very congested during rush hours, especially southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon. Oakwood closed at I-75 for bridge work.

**3. I-75:** No shoulders and 60-mph speed limit for widening project from I-475 in Perrysburg to Hancock County Road 99 north of Findlay. All northbound traffic exiting at I-475 or U.S. 20 must use right lane north of Roachton Road. Off-peak single-lane zones possible.

**4. I-475/U.S. 23:** Traffic shifts and shoulder closings for bridge widening, Angola to the Ohio Turnpike. Westbound State Rt. 2 ramp to northbound I-475 closed; use southbound entrance and reverse direction at Dussel, or make U-turn on Route 2 and use eastbound ramp to northbound freeway.

**5. I-475/U.S. 23:** Off-peak lane closings from the I-475/U.S. 23 split to Dorr for construction at two interchanges in Sylvania Township.

**6. Anthony Wayne Bridge, Miami Street:** Bridge closed for renovation until November. Use DiSalle or Martin Luther King, Jr. bridges instead.

**7. U.S. 24 (Detroit):** Southbound lane closed, Sherwood to Copland, for roadway repair. Detour via Anthony Wayne Trail. Some residential streets closed at Detroit.

**8. McCord Road:** Closed at the Norfolk Southern railroad north of Hall for underpass construction. Detour posted via Airport, Holland-Sylvania, and Angola. Use Holloway to Front and Clark or Clarion for local access in Holland.

**9. I-475:** Eastbound right lane closed between Corey and Secor during midday, overnight, and Saturday (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) hours for noise-wall construction.

**10. Cherry Street:** Lane closings possible, Arcadia to Manhattan, for completion of roundabout at Manhattan. Collingwood remains closed at Cherry pending completion of traffic signals.

**11. Ohio Turnpike:** Varying lane closings, U.S. 20 to I-75, for pavement repairs and bridge work at Key Street. Key is closed; detour via Cass.

**12. State Rt. 25 (Anthony Wayne Trail):** Left lane closed both ways between City Park and the Toledo Zoo for reconstruction. Varying single and double lane closings between Glendale and the Toledo-Maumee line for pavement repairs through Friday if not longer.

**13. I-280/State Rt. 420:** Intermittent lane closings, Libbey to north of the Ohio Turnpike, for widening.

**14. State Rts. 64, 65:** Temporary traffic signal governs single-lane traffic between Reitz and the Waterville bridge for slope repair. Route 65 closed between Weston and Benschoter roads, also for slope repair; detour via State Rt. 235 and U.S. 6. Flag zones on Route 65 between Five Point and River View for culvert replacement.

**15. State Rt. 64:** Closed for roundabout construction at Finzel. Detour via State Rt. 295 and U.S. 24.

#### OFF THE MAP

**Ohio Turnpike:** Lane closings between the Fremont and Bellevue interchanges for reconstruction.

**I-75 (Ohio):** Reduced speed limits and off-peak lane closings through Lima for reconstruction. Both northbound ramps at State Rt. 65 are closed.

**I-75 (Mich.):** One of three lanes closed each way between Monroe and I-275 for freeway reconstruction. Northbound traffic crosses over to the southbound side through the zone.

**U.S. 6:** Lanes closed between State Rt. 25 and Dunbridge Road for pavement and bridge construction. Ramps from southbound I-75 to eastbound U.S. 6 and from northbound I-75 to westbound U.S. 6 are closed.

**U.S. 12:** Varying flag zones between U.S. 127 and M-50 in northern Lenawee County for resurfacing until mid-August.

**U.S. 23/30:** Lane and ramp closings near Upper Sandusky for bridge repairs and resurfacing.

**U.S. 224/State Rt. 12:** Closed between Factory and Jefferson streets in Findlay for railroad work until Wednesday. Detour via I-75, Hancock County Roads 99 and 212, and Bright Road.

**State Rt. 2:** Intermittent lane closings between the Catawba Island interchange and the Edison Bridge for bridge work.

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