



ROAD WARRIOR

The Blade's Road Warrior advises readers where the biggest driving headaches will be throughout the construction season. He'll tell you locations to avoid and detours to take.

As the season winds down, construction will continue through November on a variety of major construction projects, though few new projects have been added.



DAVID PATCH

1. I-280: All lanes will be open through the Veterans' Glass City Skyway construction zone until Oct. 17. Consider using I-75 to avoid likely delays. Motorists could expect delays of up to 15 minutes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Front Street is restricted to one lane each way at I-280, and left turns are prohibited between Dearborn Avenue and Esther Street, including I-280 ramps.

The ramp from southbound I-280 to eastbound Front is closed until Oct. 24. The Front entrance to northbound I-280 is closed until Oct. 24. Also closed are the northbound exit and southbound entrance at Greenbelt Parkway. Ash and Huron streets are closed at I-280.

2. U.S. 20/23, State Rt. 420: Interchange construction closes one lane each way on Route 420 south of Truman Road. Pemberville Road is closed at U.S. 20/23 for overpass construction. Use Bradner or Lemoyne roads instead.

3. U.S. 24: Resurfacing requires flag zones between Luna Pier and Dunbar roads. Delays are likely. This project has been extended into November.

4. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bridge: Preparatory work associated with draw span replacement requires varying lane closings. Some are only in effect from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except on holidays, but others are full time. Expect delays.

5. I-75: Pavement and bridge rehabilitation restricts southbound I-75 to two lanes between LaPlaisance and Erie roads. All northbound lanes and ramps are open, but unannounced additional lane closings in either direction are possible into next month.

6. Byrne Road: Bridge reconstruction and pavement work restrict traffic to one lane in each direction between Hill Avenue and Airport Highway, and between Heatherdowns Boulevard and Glendale Avenue. Sewer construction closes through traffic on Byrne between Detroit and Stengel avenues.

7. State Rt. 246 (Dorr Street): Resurfacing restricts



traffic to one lane in each direction between Detroit Avenue and Collingwood Boulevard.

8. Laskey Road: Street reconstruction restricts traffic to westbound only between Secor and Talmadge roads. Eastbound traffic is detoured via Alexis Road.

9. Summit Street: Bridge reconstruction restricts traffic to one lane each way at the Ottawa River.

10. Fulton-Lucas Road: Bridge repairs close the road between Airport Highway and Shaffer Road until Oct. 28. Use Scott Road instead.

11. Monroe Street (State Rt. 51): Widening and repaving require nighttime lane closings between Willis Boulevard and Crary Drive. The work zone includes the Secor Road and Sylvania Avenue intersections. Work hours are 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through October 21.

12. I-475/Talmadge Road: The Talmadge bridge is closed for reconstruction until Oct. 14. I-475 ramps remain open, but there is no cross-freeway access. Detour via Secor Road or Corey Road, but expect delays. City officials have closed Woodley Road at I-475 to prevent cut-throughs. Northbound I-475/U.S.23 also will be reduced to one lane tomorrow and Sunday-between the Maumee River and Salisbury Road for crack sealing operations.

13. I-280: Bridge painting that restricts I-280 to one lane in each direction at the Ohio Turnpike has been extended through Oct. 14.

14. State Rt. 65: Resurfacing requires daily flag zones between East Boundary Street in Perrysburg and the southern limits of Rossford. Use I-75 instead.

15. Douglas Road: Sewer construction closes the street to through traffic between Laskey Road and Sylvania Avenue until Nov. 1. Detour via Tremainsville Road and Upton and Sylvania

avenues. Continue south on Upton to reach eastbound I-475.

16. Downtown Toledo: Resurfacing requires varying lane closings and detours on parts of Washington, 11th, and Summit streets. All traffic exiting I-75 at Washington is forced east on Washington at 11th. Summit is affected between Lafayette and Lagrange streets.

17. Cherry and Summit Street Intersection: Brick crosswalk work will create lane restrictions though Oct. 21. Starting today, no left turns will be allowed from southbound Summit or eastbound Cherry at the intersection.

18. Seaman Road: Bridge rehabilitation will close Seaman starting Monday through Oct. 24 between Wheeling Street and Berlin Avenue. Use Starr Avenue instead.

19. Detroit Avenue: Water-line construction restricts traffic to southbound only between Schneider Road and Sherwood Avenue until mid to late October. Northbound traffic is detoured via the Anthony Wayne Trail.

OFF THE MAP

I-75: Median barrier repairs require nighttime lane closings between Hancock County Road 99 and Findlay. Minor delays are possible.

U.S. 6/U.S. 20: Traffic is reduced to one lane each way at the western end of the Fremont Bypass, with temporary traffic signals regulating the merge between U.S. 6 and U.S. 20.

State Rt. 2: Rehabilitation of the Edison Bridge over Sandusky Bay restricts traffic to one lane each way full-time. Delays are possible, especially on weekends.

State Rt. 108: Replacement of the Perry Street Bridge in Napoleon requires a six-mile detour, via U.S. 6 and State Rts. 110, until the new bridge opens in late October.

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Finkbeiner supports technology corridor

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Mayoral candidate Carty Finkbeiner said yesterday that if elected he would make a proposed Toledo area research and technology corridor a high priority in his administration.

Mr. Finkbeiner made the announcement during a news conference on the front lawn of University Hall at the University of Toledo, whose president is among the leaders of the corridor initiative.

The proposal is to create a 10-square-mile area encompassing UT and the Medical University of Ohio to spur research and technology-related manufacturing.

Mr. Finkbeiner also focused on proposals for a series of passenger rail lines that would also extend to Bowling Green State University and Owens Community College, and would convey students, researchers, and entrepreneurs. He said he believes about three-quarters of the needed rail line is already in place.

"The mayor's job is to get the muscle — mental, financial, moral — of the financial and civic community behind this initiative," Mr. Finkbeiner said.

"We've been doing a lot of what he is talking about," Mayor Jack Ford said in a telephone interview later. The incumbent candidate said his administration has been working with



UT and MUO in support of the initiative and has also met with U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) and officials of the Toledo Area Metropolitan Council of Governments.

Mayor Ford said the total cost of the corridor package as proposed, including the people mover system, would be about \$60 million. While the city has some community improvement funds it could put on the table to assist, he said the city has spent millions upgrading its information technology system and "we don't have anything to put millions upon millions in over a period of years."

Meanwhile, Mr. Finkbeiner's chief fund-raiser has taken a leave of absence from his paid UT consulting job promoting the technology corridor project.

Pat Nicholson, a former member of Toledo's Regional Growth Partnership and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, was hired in December, 2004, to help raise money for the project and to recruit an executive director. He was being paid an hourly rate up to \$5,000 a month with money from the University of Toledo Foundation.



Finkbeiner

Ford accuses challenger of bias in plan to raze central-city homes

Mayor Jack Ford yesterday called his opponent's plan for demolishing blocks of dilapidated residential and commercial structures "discriminatory."

"Trying to just rip out a neighborhood is impossible financially. I think it's discriminatory. It's morally reprehensible to do that," he said. "There is not enough money to completely tear down all the homes in need of that."

Carty Finkbeiner, Mr. Ford's opponent in the Nov. 8 election, on Wednesday aired his idea for remaking two to three-block segments of neighborhoods with new housing.

Mr. Finkbeiner said he would relocate residents and offer incentives to developers to build new housing stock. He said he had in mind a particular area in the near downtown, but offered no details and did not say whether he would try to use the power of eminent domain.

Mr. Ford held his news confer-

ence at Lawrence and Palmwood avenues in front of a house being built on a vacant lot.

He used the occasion to renew his recent strong support for a point-of-sale ordinance that would require a nonoccupant seller to have a house certified as habitable before it could be sold.

The ordinance is stalled in City Council for lack of a majority.

"I have no idea why folks would fight that," Mr. Ford said yesterday. "It's a clear line of demarcation between Mr. Finkbeiner and myself."

Mr. Finkbeiner has said he opposes the ordinance as ineffective and anti-business.

Mr. Ford said the ordinance would protect people who unwittingly buy houses with structural defects through land contracts. Under land contracts, the seller retains legal title until the house is paid off. Such contracts are often used when the buyer can't get a conventional

Mr. Finkbeiner said Mr. Nicholson stepped aside recently.

"Pat just did that I think within the last few days because he didn't wish anyone to criticize the university for being partisan in this mayor's race," Mr. Finkbeiner said.

He said taking Mr. Nicholson off task for the four weeks remaining before the mayoral election would not cause a significant delay in his work for UT. Mr. Finkbeiner is challenging Mayor Jack Ford in the Nov. 8 balloting. He said the corridor group is on the verge of hiring an executive director.

The location of the news conference caused a minor dust-up. Jeanne Hartig, UT's executive director of communications, asked Mr. Finkbeiner's campaign workers to remove about a half-dozen "Carty Gets Results" signs from the university lawn, but allowed the event to go forward. She said the university should have been notified, given Mr. Johnson's high-profile involvement in the corridor idea.

Toledo City Council passed a resolution endorsing the corridor proposal on Sept. 7, 2004, at Mr. Johnson's request.

Mr. Johnson has said linking the corridor with a "people mover" would increase collaboration and help attract investors, researchers, and manufacturers.

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TODAY'S LOG

Births

Bay Park Community Hospital
Angela and Allen Gregory, Toledo, boy, Wednesday.
Amberlyn Gillis, Toledo, girl, Wednesday.
Brooke Peterson, Fremont, boy, Thursday.

Flower Hospital
Yolanda and Darrell Johnson, Toledo, girl, Monday.
Angela Huffman, Toledo, boy, Monday.

St. Luke's Hospital
Cari and Chip Breidenbach, Maumee, boy, Thursday.

Toledo Hospital
Denise and Terry Potter, Petersburg, Mich., girl, Monday.
Jacqueline King, Toledo, boy, Monday.
Heather Krzyminski, Toledo, girl, Monday.
Lindsey Neumann, Port Clinton, boy, Tuesday.

Amanda and Eric Davis, Toledo, boy, Tuesday.
Penny and Chad Ganchou, Toledo, boy, Tuesday.

Keisha and Michael Clark, Toledo, boy, Tuesday.
Holly Bolton, Toledo, boy, Tuesday.
Heather Prieur, Petersburg, Mich., girl, Tuesday.

Nancy and Travis Davis, Sylvania, girl, Tuesday.
Melissa and Philip Antry, Genoa, boy, Tuesday.

Jessica and Gregory Small, Toledo, boy, Wednesday.
Kimberly and Timothy McQuillen, Toledo, girl, Wednesday.

Mary and Lonnie Zervos, Sylvania, boy, Wednesday.
Kia Crosby, Toledo, girl, Wednesday.

Nicole and Ronald Whitt, Petersburg, Mich., boy, Wednesday.
Nichole Vore, Deerfield, Mich., girl, Wednesday.

Janelle and Ken Hultz, Toledo, boy, Wednesday.
Heather and Benjamin Kolar, Erie, Mich., girl, Wednesday.

Annette and Tim Doenecke, Toledo, boy, Thursday.

Marriage licenses

Lucas County
Oct. 5, 2005
Shane Bayles, 28, estimator, and Laurie Buchner, 25, residential specialist, both of Toledo.

Secrick Gibson, 42, housekeeping, and Taneka McCoy, 27, lab assistant, both of Toledo.

Patrick Dandino, 45, fabricator, and Alicia Schembeck, 35, county employee, both of Toledo.

Jeremy Ballert, 31, project manager, and Melissa Bayer, 27, contract administrator, both of Toledo.

Andrew Gilsdorf, 28, tool and die, and Rebecca Wilson, 26, teacher, both of Holland.

Nathanael Vittek, 20, manufacturer, and Krysta Sorosiak, 19, both of Toledo.

Marvin Ford, 36, and LaTisha Williams, 31, nursing assistant, both of Toledo.

Joseph Haines III, 29, geographic information systems specialist, and Kathryn Timman, 25, loss control administrator,

both of Toledo.
Steven Bauknecht, 41, diemaker, and Kelly Yales, 30, manager, both of Toledo.
Cedrick Smith, 35, real estate appraiser, and Tamron McFarland, 31, therapeutic program worker, both of Toledo.
Brian Buck, 26, construction, and Tahra Hallick, 33, secretary, both of Toledo.
Robert Matzinger, 49, and Gerry Gist, 43, both of Erie, Mich.

Darryl Brown, 37, student, and Danyale Hill, 30, home health aide, both of Toledo.
Thomas Atwood, 25, librarian, and Jane Mills, 43, music instructor, both of Toledo.

Jeffrey Bronner, 38, supervisor, and Angie Yockey, 32, manager, both of Toledo.
Christopher Szykowski, 26, insulator, and Erin Boyd, 21, both of Toledo.

Mark Shuster, 24, graduate assistant, and Brittany Mazurek, 25, branch manager, both of Toledo.

Traffic injuries

Wednesday
11:10 a.m. — Monroe and West Bancroft. SUV of Michael Brown, 26, of Truman, and van of Marvel Olistad, 36, of Lagoona, Currie, who was treated at Toledo Hospital.

1:55 p.m. — 2300 block of Nebraska. Autos of Raphael Collins, 19, of Cleveland, and Mary Hodge, 53, of Nebraska, whose passenger, Mildred Gillham, 84, of Nebraska, was treated at Toledo Hospital.

4:37 p.m. — Jackman and Brim. Auto of Susan Frania, 24, of Huntsburg, Ohio, who was treated at Toledo Hospital, and pickup truck of Sean Decator, 18, of Stonegate, Temperance, who was treated at Flower Hospital.

11:43 p.m. — I-75 northbound and South Erie. Auto of Gregory Gwozdz, 36, of Brown, Oregon, and motorcycle of William DuVal, 44, of North Erie, who was admitted in serious condition to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center.

Fire alarms

Wednesday
1:35 a.m. — 2445 Monroe, commercial fire alarm.

1:54 a.m. — 5545 Secor, commercial fire alarm.

4:01 a.m. — 1520 Creekwood, residential fire alarm.

4:17 a.m. — 1141 Greenhill, structure fire.

8:32 a.m. — 3200 Glendale, commercial fire alarm.

1:27 p.m. — 2260 Whitney, auto fire.

1:52 p.m. — 4016 North Detroit, structure fire.

3:02 p.m. — 5405 Telegraph, auto fire.

3:43 p.m. — Elm and East Streicher, wire down.

6:39 p.m. — 2352 Airport, auto fire.

7:38 p.m. — 1803 Berkshire, outdoor fire.

8:17 p.m. — 2630 Tremainsville, auto fire.

8:30 p.m. — 3610 North Erie, structure fire.

9:23 p.m. — 2555 Glendale, commercial fire alarm.

Lake ships

CSX dock

Due today

Canadian Transport from Nanticoke, Ont., load coal.

HOMELESS AWARENESS



THE BLADE/JETTA FRASER

Coats hang along Clinton Street on the Defiance College campus to represent homeless people as part of the 'Night Without a Home.' The annual overnight event, sponsored by

the PATH Center, Sanctuary, and Friendship House, is designed to teach others about the homeless and offers people the opportunity to sleep in a tent city set up on the campus.

Search continues for Toledo Shipyard partner

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority has not yet found a replacement to operate at the Toledo Shipyard, but officials report there is plenty of interest.

Manitowoc Marine Group announced last month that it will pull anchor by the end of October. The Wisconsin-based group has been operating a ship building and repair yard at 2345 Front St. since 1992.

With public funds already

committed to modernize the facility, port authority officials have confidence the shipyard won't remain empty long.

More than \$3 million in federal funds, \$1.5 million from Toledo and \$1 million from Lucas County, is available to update the facility, although officials have decided to sign a partner before investing the money.

"There are a number of local firms, a number of regional

firms, and a couple of coastal firms that have contacted us," James Hartung, president of the port authority, said.

County Commissioner Pete Gerken said officials hope to attract a company that would become more involved in the community.

He added that those involved in rejuvenating the shipyard — including the city, county, and port authority — agreed

a company should be chosen before the money is spent.

"We need to do our due diligence and make sure someone is ready to come in," he said.

Mr. Hartung said that once a pool of interested parties is created, then the port authority, which leases the land, will put out a request for proposals. Ideally, he said, the chosen operator will become involved in the design of the facility.

