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

Stay away from I-75 in North Toledo this weekend if you can!

Traffic will be narrowed to a single lane north of I-280 in both directions for repaving from 7 p.m. today until 6 a.m. Monday, and the Ohio Department of Transportation yesterday warned motorists to expect major delays.

Northbound, the work zone will be only between I-280 and Ottawa River Road, but southbound construction will start at the state line.

The best alternate routes are Telegraph Road (U.S. 24) or Dixie Highway (M-125) into Monroe County. Similar lane closings may affect I-75 across the border — MDOT and ODOT are coordinating repair projects to occur simultaneously — so if you're headed to Metro Airport, you may want to stay on Telegraph all the way to I-275.

U.S. 23 is a poor alternative, because it still has construction north of Dundee. That work was supposed to have ended in September but fell hopelessly behind schedule when state inspectors found problems with the contractor's construction materials and rejected them.

Kari Arend, an MDOT spokesman, said yesterday that current phases of the U.S. 23 work will continue into mid-November, and some construction may not be finished until next year.

Maumee police, meanwhile, yesterday urged motorists to avoid the intersection of U.S. 24 and Monclova Road because of construction there. Monclova is reduced to one lane at U.S. 24 and is completely closed at Jerome Road for intersection improvements.

And in Oak Harbor, State Rt. 163 is closed this weekend for the annual Apple Butter Festival. Use State Rt. 2 instead.



1. I-280: One of three lanes closed each way across Veterans' Glass City Skyway.



2. State Rt. 2 (Airport Highway): Daytime lane closings, Byrne to Reynolds. Southbound Byrne, one lane closed at Airport. Construction vehicles may also cause delays. Wenz closed at Airport.



3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge: One lane each way throughout 2007.



4. Oregon Road: One lane each way, Caple to Walbridge, may be further reduced by flag zones. Use Buck to reach Owens Community College.



5. State Rt. 120 (Cherry Street): One lane each way, Franklin to Central and Scott to Page.



6. I-75: Nighttime two-lane closings and single-lane daytime closings, I-280 to LaPlaisance.



7. U.S. 20/23: Varying flag zones between Woodville and State Rt. 420, mostly at the Woodville end.



8. Lagrange Street: Closed to southbound traffic between Sylvania and Erin. Detour via Detroit, Phillips, and Manhattan.



9. Ohio Turnpike: Shoulders closed and 50 mph limit, I-280 to the Maumee River. Off-peak lane closings possible.



10. M-125: Daytime lane closings between I-75 Connector and Albain.



11. Glendale Avenue: One eastbound lane and center turn lane closed west of Byrne.



12. U.S. 20 (Reynolds Road): Varying daytime lane closings, Hill to Angola.



13. Main Street: Closed to southbound traffic at Monroe. Detour via Harroun.



14. Holland-Sylvania Road: Closed to northbound traffic, Hill to Dorr. Detour posted via Reynolds. McCord is another option.



15. U.S. 24: Varying lane closings at South, Mechanic, and Farnsworth in Waterville into mid-October.



16. State Rt. 2 (Airport Highway): Nighttime lane closings, I-475 to U.S. 20 (Reynolds).



17. State Rt. 25: Variable lane closings, South Boundary to Roachton.



18. I-280: Southbound exit and entrance at Curtice closed until Dec. 2. Use Woodville ramps instead.



19. State Rt. 25: Closed at CSX railroad in Perrysburg for five days, starting Monday. Local detour to be posted.



20. State Rt. 582: Closed at CSX railroad north of Pemberville for 11 days, starting Monday. Detour via State Rts. 199 and 105 and U.S. 23.

OFF THE MAP



I-75: One of two lanes closed each way in Bluffton.



U.S. 23: One of two lanes closed each way, Dundee to Milan, Mich. One southbound lane to close between Dundee and Ida West Road starting Monday. In Ohio, one of two lanes closed each way, Upper Sandusky to Carey.



U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road): Lanes closed between M-50 and M-125 north of Monroe.



U.S. 224: Closed to through traffic between State Rt. 12 and U.S. 23 through Thursday. Detour via Routes 12 and 23.



State Rt. 2: Lane and ramp closings between Port Clinton and Sandusky.