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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.

Heading to the Ohio Turnpike from Toledo this morning? Don't use I-280 for a while after rush hour. The southbound I-280 entrance to the turnpike will be closed from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for paving.

ODOT suggests taking State Rt. 795 to the turnpike entrance at I-75, but that's a waste of time if you have come from Toledo, so just take I-75 in the first place. Another option would be to continue south on State Rt. 420 and turn around at either Libbey Road or State Rt. 162; the latter is probably the better idea because trucks often line up at Libbey to get to the truck stops there.

During the weekend, navigating freeways in North Toledo will again be challenging as ODOT continues a bridge-deck patching program. Starting at 7 p.m. today, northbound I-75 will be reduced to one lane between I-280 and the Ottawa River, while southbound I-75 will be one lane at Stickney Avenue. The northbound lane closings are expected to end by 6 p.m. Sunday while the southbound work at Stickney will continue until 6 a.m. Monday.

But the travelers in for the worst delays are those trying to reach southbound I-75 from I-280: that ramp will be closed, so they'll be detoured north through the single-lane zone northbound, then sent back south through the southbound work area. Avoid all of this and use Front and Miami streets to get to I-75 and, if you're going to West Toledo, I-475 this weekend.

The transportation department also has revised the schedule for deck sealing on the Veterans' Glass City Skyway. Motorists should expect

two of three lanes to be closed early next week while the center lane is sealed with liquid resin. This is likely to cause significant backups, especially during the afternoon rush hour.

1. I-280: Two of three lanes closed each way across Veterans' Glass City Skyway, 9 a.m. until nightfall, Monday through Wednesday.

2. State Rt. 2 (Airport Highway): Scattered daytime lane closings, Byrne to Reynolds.

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. Some side streets closed.

6. I-75: Traffic reduced to one lane at several North Toledo locations this weekend. Single-lane closings between I-280 in Toledo and I-275 in Michigan.

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

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/State Rt. 65: Daytime flag zones, Louisiana to West Boundary. Side streets may be closed.

13. State Rt. 582: Flag zones between State Rts. 25 and 64, Tuesday through Friday.

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 Mechanic and Farnsworth in Waterville.

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. U.S. 20 (Louisiana Avenue): Closed at CSX railroad in Perrysburg through today.

OFF THE MAP

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. In Ohio, one of two lanes closed each way, Upper Sandusky to Carey.

U.S. 224: Closed east of Ottoville, Ohio, for 10 days, starting Nov. 1.

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

State Rt. 281: Closed at U.S. 24. Detour via U.S. 24 and State Rts. 66, 15, and 18.