



Lane(s) Closed



Flag Zone



Ramp Closed



Reduced Speed



Detour



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

Major work on Toledo-area freeways has come to a close for the season, most notably on I-75 near the Maumee River, where the DiSalle Bridge project halted for the winter last week.

A few minor maintenance projects continue during off-peak hours, and those will be scheduled so as to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving holiday travel later this week.

AAA expects 38.4 million Americans to travel more than 50 miles from home during the long weekend, a 1.4 percent increase over last year.

An ever-greater percentage of Thanksgiving travelers is driving rather than flying, which the auto club attributes to reduced airline capacity, stricter security proceedings, and ever-growing surcharges and fees. Eighty-six percent are now expected to make their entire holiday trip by highway, whereas just 6 percent will fly. AAA says the rest will go

by bus, train, or water, or a combination of modes. A recent increase in fuel prices is not expected to influence how most people travel, because late-purchase airline tickets are usually expensive.

With construction projects generally finished, or close to finished for the season, this will be the last Road Warrior column of the year. I'll be back in the spring when the orange barrels start sprouting up again.



1. State Rt. 65 (Craig Memorial Bridge):

Closed until December for remodeling and construction of new approaches. Use the Veterans' Glass City Skyway or Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge instead. All I-280 ramps at Front Street are open.



2. I-75: Single-lane traffic

between Berdan and Stickney tonight and tomorrow night, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., for lighting maintenance. All lanes have reopened across and near the DiSalle Bridge, where construction will resume in the spring.



3. U.S. 24: All traffic

is now shifted to the eastbound side between Dutch and Fallen Timbers while the east end of the new U.S. 24 expressway is built.



4. I-475/Salisbury Road:

Nighttime lane closings on I-475 at Salisbury for interchange reconstruction work and major widening. Salisbury/Dussel

Drive reduced to one lane each way.



5. I-475: Eastbound right lane closed at Auburn, which is closed for bridge replacement.



6. U.S. 20/23: Occasional flag zones on U.S. 20 between Woodville and State Rt. 420.



7. State Rt. 2: Turn lane construction at Teachout and Yondota roads requires occasional daytime flag zones through Wednesday.



8. I-280: The northbound entrance from Front will be closed today from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Northbound lane closings, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,



on Tuesday and Wednesday, across the Veterans' Glass City Skyway.



9. Collingwood Boulevard:

Northbound lanes are closed between Delaware and Islington until Wednesday. Use Cherry or Detroit instead.



10. State Rt. 199:

Closed weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., for drainage work between Sugar Ridge and Devils Hole roads. Detour via State Rt. 582, U.S. 23, and State Rt. 105. Road will reopen at noon Wednesday for holiday travel.

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