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Drivers' Ed Refresher

Paving the Way's mission is to make your travels as safe and congestion free as possible, especially when work zones are on your route. Below are some things you may have learned in a drivers' education class that are worth a review today:

Do not drive over a solid white line. Motorists or cyclists should not change lanes over a solid white line on the roadway unless they must do so to avoid a hazard. Solid white lines are placed on the roadway where lane changes are considered unsafe.

Many crosswalks are unmarked. A crosswalk does not have to be marked; always watch for pedestrians at all intersections as well as marked crosswalks.

Do not block intersections. Ohio law prohibits drivers from entering an intersection before they are certain they can cross it completely and safely. If there is congestion, even when a traffic signal is green, do not drive into an intersection until you know you will have a way to cross it completely and safely.

An unpowered traffic signal should be treated as a four-way stop. Unless a law enforcement officer is directing traffic, any traffic signal that is not lit and not operational must be treated as a four-way stop. Come to a complete stop and yield to any vehicle that reached the intersection before you proceed; yield to the vehicle on the right if uncertain.

Do not follow too closely. Drivers must always have room to stop if the vehicle in front of them stops unexpectedly. Most experts recommend keeping two or more seconds of travel time between cars. That's more than three car lengths at 20 mph and more than a half a football field at highway speeds. This distance should be even greater in a work zone or in bad weather conditions.

2013 Road Projects Overview:

Note: Weather and other factors can change the construction schedules of the projects listed below.

CENTRAL

1. A bikepath will be constructed over S.R. 315, the Olentangy Trail Bike Path and the Olentangy River, including a trail ramp between West Goodale Street and the Olentangy Trail Bikepath. Expect lane restrictions on West Goodale Street between Twin Rivers Drive and the S.R. 315 ramps during off-peak hours. Single lane closures will be in place on S.R. 315 during nighttime hours. (ODOT/Columbus) *July 2013 to November 2013*
2. A new exit ramp will be constructed from westbound I-70 to Mound Street. Expect nighttime lane closures on I-70 and lane restrictions on Mound Street between Washington Avenue and Fourth Street. (ODOT) *July 2013 to November 2014*
3. Expect restrictions at the intersections of South Fourth Street at East Cherry Street and South Fourth Street at East Town Street as crews make sewer improvements. East Town Street is expected to be closed to through traffic through the intersection. (Columbus Public Utilities) *June 2013 to October 2013*
4. Improvements will be made to Neil Avenue between Spring Street and Vine Street including restriping to add lanes. Expect various lane restrictions. (City of Columbus) *June 2013 to October 2013*
5. West Rich Street and West Town Street will be converted to two-way traffic between Belle and Grubb streets. Expect various lane closures. (City of Columbus) *July 2013 to October 2013*
6. The Columbus Crossroads rebuilding of the I-71/I-670 interchange continues. Two lanes of traffic are maintained in each direction. Expect various lane and ramp closures. (ODOT) *June 2011 to September 2013*
7. Twin Rivers Drive will be repaired and resurfaced between Goodale Boulevard and the Main Post Office. Sidewalks will be added to the west side of the road and Share the Road signage and pavement markings will be installed. Northbound traffic will be detoured. (City of Columbus) *August 2013 to November 2013*

NORTHEAST

8. Sidewalks will be added to Joyce Avenue between Denuene Avenue and Agler Road. Two-way traffic will be maintained. (City of Columbus) *May 2013 to September 2013*
9. Expect lane closures on Central College and Hamilton roads. A one-week closure of each road is also planned as crews install a new

sanitary sewer. (Columbus Public Utilities) *May 2013 to November 2013*

10. I-71 will be resurfaced between I-270 and the Delaware County line. Expect nighttime lane and ramp closures. (ODOT) *October 2013 to May 2014*
11. Improvements will be made to Karl Road between S.R. 161 and Schrock Road. Northbound traffic will be detoured. (City of Columbus) *May 2013 to November 2013*
12. Improvements will be made to Stygler Road between Sandburr Drive and Wendler Road. Stygler Road will be closed and detoured during work. (City of Columbus) *May 2013 to September 2013*
13. Improvements will be made to the intersection of Hudson Street and McGuffey Road. Expect various lane restrictions. (City of Columbus) *April 2013 to Fall 2013*
14. S.R. 16 will be resurfaced for 14 miles from the Franklin County Line to the S.R. 16/37 split at Granville. Expect lane restrictions during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *May 2013 to September 2013*
15. S.R. 605 (High Street) in New Albany will be widened and improved between Main and Chatham streets. Traffic will be maintained. (New Albany) *June 2013 to November 2013*
16. The Elm Street Bridge over Mason Run will be replaced. Elm Street will be closed between Collingwood and Robinwood avenues. Traffic will be detoured to E. Main Street. (ODOT) *July 2013 to November 2013*
17. The intersection of Smothers and Harlem roads will be improved. Expect a two-month closure of the intersection in 2013. (Franklin County Engineer) *June 2013 to May 2014*
18. U.S. 40 (East Main Street) will be resurfaced between immediately east of James Road and immediately west of the I-270 ramps. Expect lane restrictions during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *August 2013 to October 2013*
19. U.S. 62 will be resurfaced from the Franklin County Line to Shipley Road. Expect lane restrictions during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *April 2013 to October 2013*
20. Warner Road will be widened and reconstructed between immediately east

of Ulry Road and Hamilton Road. Expect various lane restrictions. (City of Columbus) *April 2013 to October 2013*

21. Work continues on Joyce Avenue between Kenmore Road and Hudson Street and on Hudson Street between Dresden Street and Parkwood Avenue. Expect various restrictions including an eastbound-only traffic set-up on Hudson Street. (City of Columbus) *Spring 2012 to Fall 2013*

NORTHWEST

22. Bridge rehabilitation will take place on North Broadway under the railroad west of I-71. Two-way traffic will be maintained. (City of Columbus) *August 2013 to June 2014*
23. Expect various closures on Richards Road between North High Street and Indianola Avenue as crews replace sanitary and storm sewers and reconstruct the road. (Columbus Public Utilities) *April 2013 to November 2013*
24. A new roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Brand and Coffman roads in Dublin. Expect various restrictions including a closure of the intersection. (Dublin) *May 2013 to August 2013*
25. A new roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Britton Parkway and All Seasons Drive in Hilliard. Expect a six to eight week closure of the intersection. (Hilliard) *Spring 2013 to Fall 2013*
26. A new roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Hyland-Croy and Brand roads in Dublin. Expect various restrictions including closures. (Dublin) *June 2013 to August 2013*
27. Bridge deck repairs will take place on I-270 between Roberts Road and Cemetery Road. Expect weekend lane closures. (ODOT) *April 2013 to June 2013*
28. Construction will begin on a two-lane express trench on U.S. 23, north of I-270 on the north side. U.S. 23 will be widened from four to six lanes between Lazelle Road and immediately south of I-270. Expect lane closures on U.S. 23, and various lane and ramp closures on U.S. 23 and I-270 during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *July 2013 to October 2015*
29. Dublin Road will be closed between Hertford Lane and Rings Road for the construction of a shared-use path. (Dublin) *June 2013 to mid-August 2013*.
30. Improvements will be made to the intersection of Fisher Road and Hague Avenue. Two-way traffic will be maintained with a possible detour of the east

leg of Fisher Road. (Franklin County Engineer) *July 2013 to July 2014*

31. Improvements will be made to the intersection of S.R. 750 (Powell Road) and S.R. 315. Expect a full closure of the intersection. (ODOT) *August 2013 to June 2015*
32. The I-70/Hilliard-Rome Road interchange will be realigned. Expect various lane closures beginning in October 2013. (ODOT) *May 2013 to October 2014*.
33. The interchange at I-270 and Roberts Road will be reconfigured. Roberts Road will be closed over I-270 for 100 days. Expect night and weekend lane and ramp closures on I-270. (ODOT) *April 2013 to October 2014*
34. The widening and reconstruction of West Third Avenue west of Olentangy River Road continues this year. Expect additional closures of West Third Avenue and Edgell Road. (City of Columbus) *June 2012 to August 2013*
35. Widening and roundabout construction continue on Emerald Parkway between Rings Road and Tuttle Crossing Boulevard. Expect lane and turn restrictions. (City of Columbus) *April 2012 to August 2013*
36. Widening and reconstruction will take place on I-71 between one half mile north of Berkshire Road (Delaware County) and immediately north of Crall Road (Morrow County). Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction with additional lane closures at night. (ODOT) *July 2012 to October 2014*

SOUTHEAST

37. Sidewalks and brick crosswalks will be added to Livingston Avenue between Ohio and Wilson avenues. Expect various lane closures. (City of Columbus) *July 2013 to November 2013*
38. I-270 will be resurfaced between I-71 and U.S. 23 on the south side. Expect various lane and ramp closures at night. (ODOT) *April 2013 to August 2013*
39. I-270 will be widened between I-71 and U.S. 23 on the south side. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on I-270 with ramp various lane and ramp closures at night. (ODOT) *August 2013 to September 2014*
40. I-70 bridges will be repaired over S.R. 256, Blacklick Creek, and over Palmer Road. Expect various lane restrictions during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *June 2013 to September 2013*

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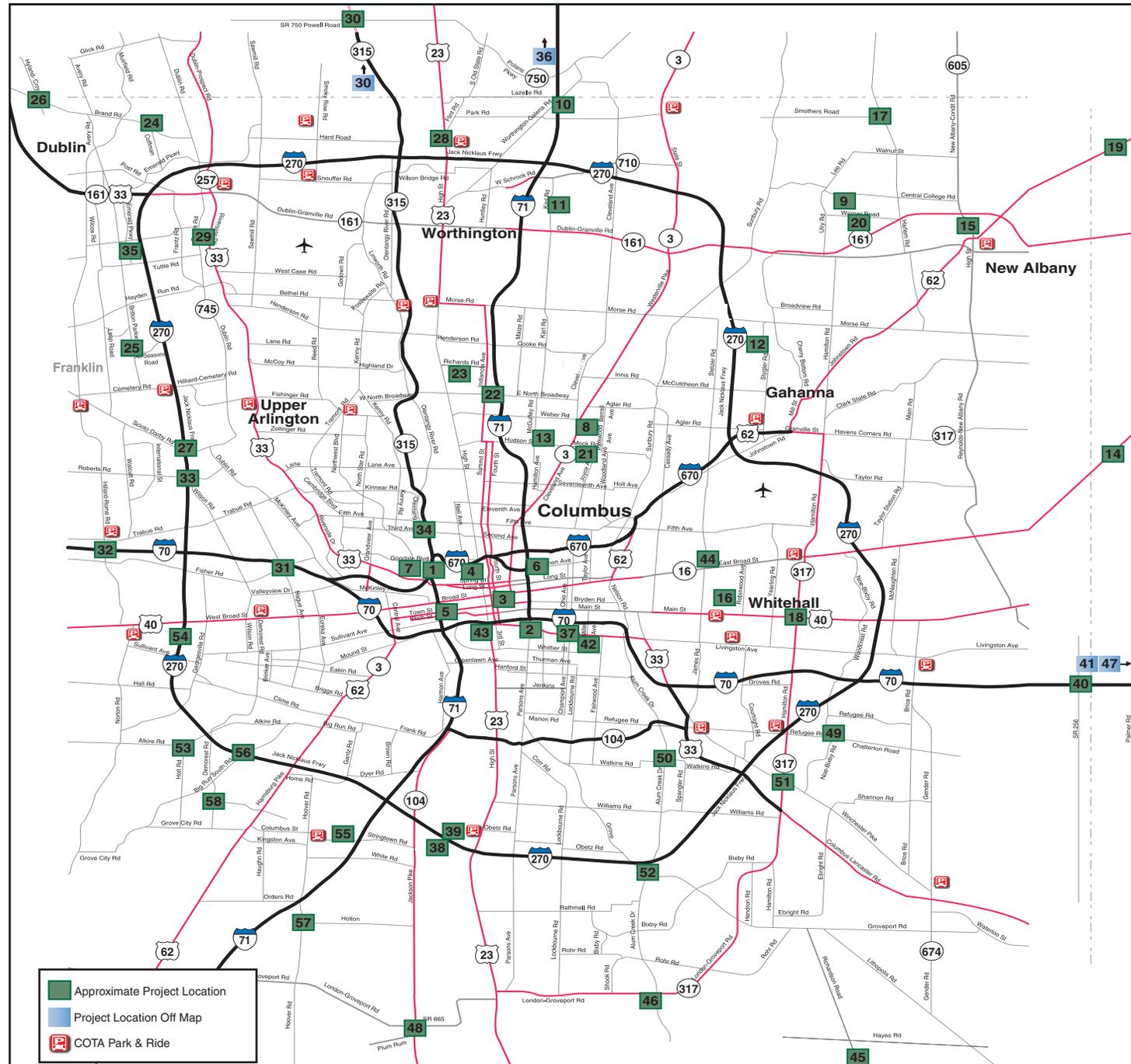
2013 Road Projects Overview:

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41. **I-70 bridge will be replaced at Canal Road.** Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times. (ODOT) *April 2013 to August 2014*
42. **Improvements will be made to the intersection of Livingston Avenue and Lockbourne Road.** Expect various lane restrictions. (City of Columbus) *April 2013 to Fall 2013*
43. **Liberty Street will be closed to through traffic between Short and South Front streets as crews work on the OARS Deep Sewer Tunnel.** (Columbus Public Utilities) *March 2013 to August 2013*
44. **Restrictions continue on South James near East Broad Street** as crews install new storm sewers. Expect lane closures and short delays when crews are present. Work will also take place on some local streets in the area. (Columbus Public Utilities) *2012 to December 2013*
45. **Richardson Road will close over Little Walnut Creek for bridge deck replacement.** (Franklin County Engineer) *April 2013 to August 2013*
46. **Rickenbacker Parkway will be widened and reconstructed between Second Street and S.R. 317 (London-Groveport Road).** A shared-use path is also included in this project. (Columbus Regional Airport Authority) *June 2013 to December 2014*
47. **S.R. 158 bridges at I-70 will be replaced and the interchange will be improved.** Expect lane restrictions during off-peak hours and ramp closures. (ODOT) *May 2012 to October 2013*
48. **The bridge deck will be replaced on S.R. 665 over Plum Run (east of S.R. 104).** There will be a 30-day closure during the summer. Traffic will be detoured from S.R. 104 to S.R. 762 to U.S. 23 and vice versa. (ODOT) *August 2013 to November 2013*
49. **The intersection of Refugee Road/Chatterton Road at Noe Bixby Road will be improved.** Expect lane and turn restrictions. (Franklin County Engineer) *May 2013 to July 2014*
50. **Widening continues on Alum Creek Drive between Williams and Refugee roads.** One lane of traffic is maintained in each direction. (City of Columbus) *July 2012 to Fall 2014*
51. **S.R. 317 will be resurfaced between immediately south of Groveport Road and Winchester Pike and lanes will be added to intersection at Saltzgeber Road.** Expect lane restrictions during off-peak hours with various flagging operations. (ODOT) *April 2013 to October 2013*
52. **The intersection of Alum Creek Drive and Groveport Road will be rebuilt and improved.** Roundabouts will be constructed on Groveport Road immediately east and west of Alum Creek Drive. Groveport Road will close and detour either side of Alum Creek Drive. (Franklin County) *Winter 2012 to Fall 2013*

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Watch for Orange!

Orange is the standard color for work zone activity on roadways. Whenever you see orange, remember the following important tips for safely navigating a work zone:

Minimize Distractions. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands off your cell phone and any other distractions. Remember, state of Ohio and city of Columbus have laws prohibiting texting while driving.

Watch Your Speed. Speeding is the number one cause of work-zone accidents; traffic fines are doubled in an active work zone.

Expect the Unexpected. Watch carefully for signs, workers and equipment. Work-zones can change from day to day.

Share the Road Safely. Drive courteously and watch carefully for cyclists and pedestrians. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you.

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SOUTHWEST

53. **Improvements will be made to the intersection of Alkire and Holt roads.** Expect various lane restrictions. (City of Columbus) *April 2013 to Fall 2013*
54. **Reconstruction and improvements continue on I-270 between U.S. 62 and Roberts Road.** Expect various lane closures, with ramp closures during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *July 2011 to July 2014*
55. **Stringtown Road continues to be reconstructed between McDowell and Hoover roads in Grove City.** One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction, with various short-term closures at intersections. (Grove City) *Spring 2012 to August 2013*
56. **The bridge deck will be replaced on Big Run South Road over I-270.** Big Run South Road will be closed between immediately east of Demorest Road and immediately south of Alkire Road for approximately 60 days. Expect restrictions on I-270 during off-peak hours. (ODOT) *October 2013 to June 2014*
57. **The intersection of Hoover and Holton roads in Grove City will be widened and improved.** Watch for lane restrictions and for Holton Road to be reduced to westbound only at the intersection this summer. (Grove City) *April 2013 to November 2013*
58. **The intersection of Southwest Boulevard and Demorest Road in Grove City will be widened and improved.** Watch for lane restrictions; traffic will be maintained. (Grove City) *April 2013 to November 2013*

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Sharing the Ride Reduces Congestion: Carpooling or using COTA reduces the number of cars on the road, which reduces congestion for everyone.

Sharing the Ride Reduces Stress: Your commute is less stressful when someone else does the driving. Read the paper, plan your day, listen to music or just sit back and relax and let the driver do the work.

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