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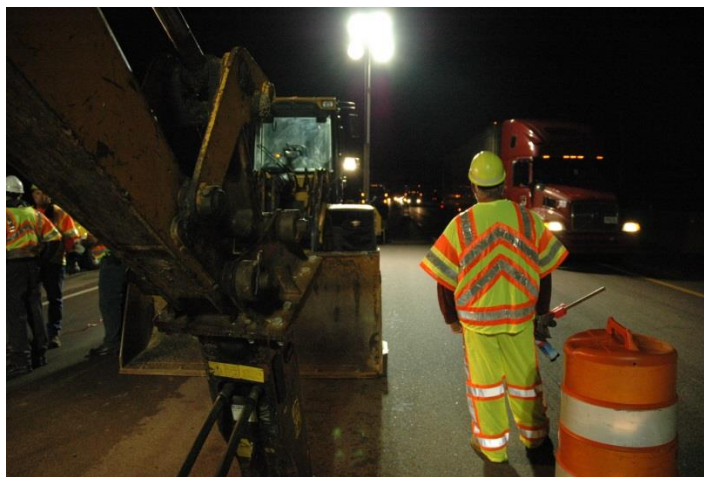
Ohio Turnpike to begin use of night-time work zones to aid day-time traffic flow

BEREA (July 9, 2014) – Anticipated to begin the week of July 14, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) will be staffing night-time work zones with its maintenance workers.

Maintenance operations, such as full and partial depth pavement repairs, joint sealing, and raised pavement marker replacement typically require closing two lanes of traffic. As a result, double-lane closures during day-time travel often cause traffic to back up during heavy traffic periods, especially during the summer.

“The advantage of night-time work zones to the customer is there will be fewer lane restrictions during day-time travel, which means getting to your destination on time,” said Chris Matta, OTIC Maintenance Engineer. “Although customers may be familiar with seeing work zone signage and traffic drums at night, they will notice an increase in night-time activity within work zones.”

Portable message boards will caution customers prior to arriving in the night-time work zones, which will be in use between Toledo and Youngstown (mileposts 64 and 218) between July 14 and Sept. 15, 2014. The scheduled hours of work are from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.



OTIC reminds travelers to observe reduced speed limits in work zones or face doubled fines.



The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.

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