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WARREN COUNTY ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF CLOSURE ON WESTERN ROW ROAD
Western Row Road near the I-71 Interchange will be closed for one additional week

MASON, OH (May 17, 2017) – The Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) has announced that the full closure currently in place on Western Row Road will be extended for one week through Friday, June 9, 2017, weather permitting.

The location of the closure is from just east of the northbound I-71 exit ramp between Columbia Road and where the road takes a 90-degree bend (near the Duke Energy substation). A detour route that uses Columbia Road to Socialville-Fosters Road to Western Row Road remains in place and is marked by signage throughout the area.

Inclement weather over the course of the closure period, as well as an adjustment to the roadway construction work that will provide for improved safety and better traffic flow along Western Row Road and Columbia Road has necessitated the extension of the closure period.

Warren County Engineer Neil Tunison stated that the project remains on schedule and work on the relocation of Columbia Road is expected to be completed in September of this year. "We do the best we can to anticipate variables that will affect our schedule, but also remain flexible during the course of our projects to ensure our work meets the highest standards of engineering and safety," said Tunison. "We continue to be pleased with the progress our work crews are making and hope that the recent stretch of warm and dry weather will continue so that our work can proceed on schedule."

"This project will improve travel on Western Row Road by building a new alignment on Columbia Road from north of Catalina Drive to Western Row Road," Tunison continued. "The existing portion of Columbia Road is also being realigned and will tie into the newly-constructed portion of the roadway. There also will be improvements to Western Row Road from the bridge (near Northgate Drive) to the I-71 overpass, including widening and improving the alignment on this section of the road."

During construction, Western Row Road will remain open to local access only, for properties located within the project area. Specifically, Western Row Road will remain open to a quarter of a mile east of Columbia Road to address 3033/2995, and to Northgate Drive 1.0 mile north of Socialville-Fosters Road. Local traffic will be maintained within the closed portion of the Western Row Road to addresses 2946, 2988, and 2994 Western Row Road with access open to and from these residences through the south barricades (toward Socialville-Fosters).

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Engineer Tunison also noted that this work is part of an integrated regional program to improve safety, ease congestion and expand access to business and recreation destinations throughout the area. The Ohio Department of Transportation will begin making improvements at the I-71 & Western Row Road Interchange this spring. Work will include construction of a full movement interchange that will provide on- and off-ramps for both north and southbound traffic on I-71.

More info about this work can be found at ImagineWesternRow.com, and on Facebook and Twitter at <https://www.facebook.com/imaginewesternrow/> and <https://twitter.com/WesternRow71>.

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About the Warren County Transportation Improvement District

The Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) is working closely with its partners to upgrade the infrastructure of local roads to support increased travel to a growing number of industry-leading businesses and world-class tourism destinations. Together with other local, state and federal transportation agencies, the TID has invested more than \$65 million in infrastructure improvements, including work at the I-71 and Western Row Road Interchange, a project that will provide full movement access at the interchange. When completed, northbound on- and off-ramps, as well as southbound on- and off-ramps will ease congestion and improve safety at this important access point along the I-71 business corridor. Visit www.imaginewesternrow.com for more information.