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WARREN COUNTY ANNOUNCES 45-DAY CLOSURE ON WESTERN ROW ROAD NEAR THE I-71 INTERCHANGE
*Closure needed to support improvement work on Columbia Road Project that is advancing
on time and on budget*

MASON, OH (April 13, 2017) – The Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) has announced that a full closure on Western Row Road will be in place from Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through Friday, June 2, 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 will be established and marked by signage throughout the area.

Warren County Engineer Neil Tunison stated that the temporary closure is needed to support improvements that will create better traffic flow and improve safety throughout the area. "The short-term closure on Western Row Road will allow us to make critical roadway improvements to support the relocation of Columbia Road," said Tunison. "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 will also 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 0.25 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/from these residences through the south barricades (toward Socialville-Fosters).

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 at the Western Row Road Interchange, a project that will provide full movement access at the interchange – northbound on- and off-ramps, as well as southbound on- and off-ramps will be built to ease congestion and improve safety at this important access point along the I-71 business corridor.