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NORTHBOUND I-71 LYTLE TUNNEL CLOSURE

The following work has been scheduled to be performed in the street right-of-way affecting normal traffic pattern.

LOCATION: Northbound I-71 at the Lytle Tunnel.

TYPES OF WORK & PERFORMED BY: Each spring and fall, maintenance is required within the three tunnels under Lytle Park and this work is conducted over three separate weekends. This maintenance work requires three closures, one for each tunnel under Lytle Park on Northbound and Southbound I-71 and one for the section of the tunnel that is the Third Street Ramp. The work in each tunnel under Lytle Park includes the washing of walls, street cleaning, street light outage repairs, and other general work by the Traffic and Road Operations Division. This work is being conducted on the interstate highway system under contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

SCHEDULED DATES OF WORK: The Northbound Lytle Tunnel will close Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 12:01 A.M. and reopen on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. In case of inclement weather this work will be rescheduled at a later date. Both the Southbound I-71 main line and the Third Street Ramp sections of the tunnel under Lytle Park will remain open during the times that the Northbound main line tunnel section is closed.

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN: All Northbound I-71 traffic will be directed off at the Second Street Exit, to north on Main Street and follow Main Street to east on Fifth Street, to re-enter Northbound I-71 at Columbia Parkway, Fifth and Pike Streets.

The Traffic and Road Operations Division will install the necessary traffic control. Motorists are urged to reduce their speed to 35 MPH as they approach the work area.

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