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SOUTHBOUND I-71 TUNNEL & WESTBOUND US 50 RAMP CLOSURE

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

LOCATION: Southbound I-71 tunnel under Lytle Park & the trench portion of westbound Fort Washington Way.

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.

SCHEDULED DATES OF WORK: The Southbound I-71 tunnel under Lytle Park and the westbound US 50 ramp that connects to Fort Washington Way will close Sunday April 16, 2006, at 12:01 A.M. and reopen on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. In case of inclement weather this work will be rescheduled at a later date. Both the Northbound I-71 main line and the Third Street Ramp sections of the tunnel under Lytle Park will remain open during the times that the southbound main line tunnel section is closed.

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN: All Southbound I-71 traffic and westbound US 50 Ramp traffic will be directed off at the Third Street Ramp and traffic destined to continue south on I-71/75 into Kentucky may re-enter I-71/75 at Third and Elm Streets. Northbound destined I-75 traffic will be directed along Third Street to right on Elm Street and then follow Elm Street to left on Ninth Street and then follow Ninth Street to the I-75 northbound on ramp just west of Central Avenue. Westbound US 50 traffic will be directed along Third Street to right on Elm Street to left on Sixth Street and rejoin US 50 at the Central Avenue & Sixth Street intersection.

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

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