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Western Hills Viaduct Upper Deck Street Rehab Work Begins

As part of the City of Cincinnati's ongoing infrastructure maintenance, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will soon begin street rehabilitation work on the upper deck of the Western Hills Viaduct. The City's contractor, the Great Lakes Construction Company, will perform the following work: replacing expansion joints, performing concrete repairs on the bridge deck and walks, and replacing the existing asphalt.

Construction on this project will occur in three phases. Phase 1 – The north lanes on the upper deck will be closed except portions at the west end; the north ramp from the lower deck will be closed for a portion of this phase. Phase 2 – The center lanes on the upper deck near the west plaza will be closed. Phase 3 – The south lanes on the upper deck will be closed. Detours will be posted as necessary and the following traffic restrictions apply:

- Upper Deck – One 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction at all times. The upper deck will be closed to pedestrian traffic during construction in the south lanes.
- Lower deck – All lanes will be open between 6:00 and 9:00 AM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and during non-working hours. During work hours, one 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction at all times.
- The north ramp from the lower deck to Queen City Avenue will be closed on some date TBD for 30 days.
- The ramp from southbound I-75 to the lower deck will be closed on some date TBD for four separate weekends.
- The ramp from northbound I-75 to the upper deck will be closed at some date TBD for 120 days.
- Spring Grove Avenue – All lanes will be open from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and during all non-working hours. One 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction during working hours.
- Northbound Harrison Avenue (ramp from State Avenue to Viaduct) will be closed on some date TBD for up to 120 days.
- Southbound Harrison Avenue (ramp from Viaduct to State Avenue) will have an 11-foot lane open at all times.
- All lanes on State Avenue will remain open at all times.
- The center ramp from the lower deck to Harrison Avenue will remain open at all times.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering was awarded \$1,100,600 by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for this project. The OPWC provides grants and loans for local governments to build and maintain their infrastructure through the State Capital Improvement (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement (LTIP) programs. Roads, bridges, culverts, water supply, wastewater systems, storm water collection and solid waste facilities are eligible for assistance. Local governments apply for funding through one of the nineteen District Public Works Integrating Committees in Ohio.

Drivers are encouraged to reduce their speed and use caution when approaching the construction area.

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