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LCEO kicks off 2024 construction season

Warm weather has returned to northwest Ohio and with it, road construction season. The Lucas County Engineer's Office has 15 projects totaling over \$14 million in funding from federal, state and local sources, ranging from road resurfacing and roundabouts to bridge repair and pedestrian safety improvements.

"Our office is pleased to begin our 2024 construction season and in a big way," Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski said. "This year is an active one with four new roundabout intersection improvements, the completion of the US-20A and Interstate 475 interchange and many other roadway and drainage improvements."

The first of those four new roundabouts this year starts at Garden Road and Albon Road in Springfield Township, Monday. Work will take around 45 days and be completed by Geddis Paving and Excavating, Inc. of Toledo. This will result in a significantly lower risk of crashes at the intersection that cause death and serious injury while providing improved traffic flow and commute times coming and going between Springfield and Monclova Township.

The other roundabouts, starting later this summer, include Hill Avenue and Centennial Road in Springfield Township, Salisbury Road and Holloway Road in collaboration with our local partner, Monclova Township, and Bancroft Street and McCord Road in Springfield Township, the last of which also includes road widening work.

Other projects include nearly 18 miles of resurfacing work, construction of a sidewalk path outside Springfield Meadows shopping mall on Airport Highway in partnership with Springfield Township, which will create a safer path to connect pedestrians from the mall across the I-475 interchange to Holland Sylvania Road, a bridge replacement and two bridge repairs. All 2024 projects can be found in detail on our website under the "Road Work" tab.

Work zone safety and the safety of our workers is our top priority. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, there were 4,101 work zone-related crashes in Ohio last year, including eight fatal

crashes, and 100 serious injury crashes.

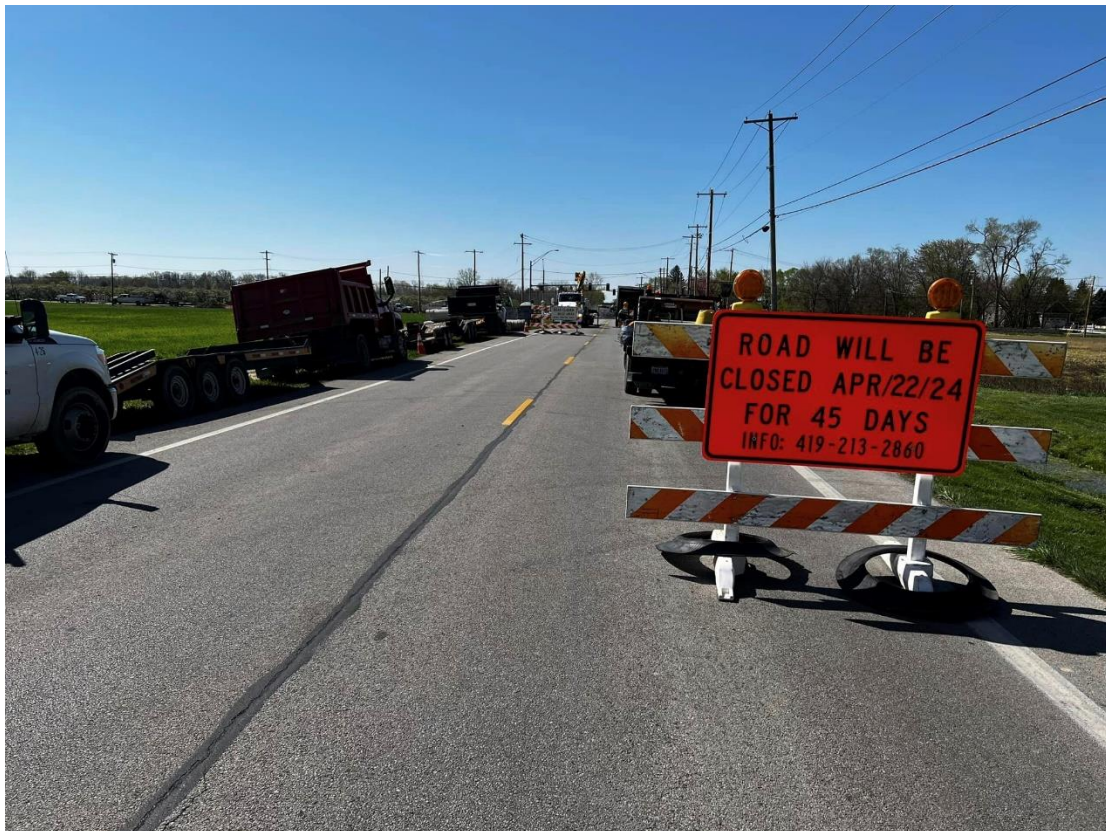
“Each year, crews work on our roadways to make them safer and last longer,” Pniewski added. “We ask the public to please slow down and provide plenty of space for our workers so that they can return home to their families each and every day.

“Being patient now results in better, longer lasting roads we can all use.”

Plan ahead and know your route ahead of time, be aware of any work zones and avoid if possible. **Pay attention** to your surroundings (signs, workers) and avoid distractions (using your phone, eating, drinking, etc.). **Slow down** when approaching a work zone and give workers plenty of space.

Ohio’s Move Over law requires drivers to move over a lane for vehicles with flashing lights. If drivers cannot safely move over, they are required to slow down. Ohio’s new distracted driving law, which makes texting and using your phone while driving a primary offense, took effect last year and has helped lead to a reduction in distracted driving crashes and use of phones while driving, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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1 Looking south on Albon Road, construction began Monday on the new roundabout improvement at Garden and Albon Road in Springfield Township. (Lucas County Engineer's Office)



2 Road crews began milling the roadway at Garden and Albon Road Monday to begin the construction of a new roundabout improvement. (Lucas County Engineer's Office)



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4 Looking south on Albon Road toward Garden Road, the traffic signals and poles will be removed and the utility poles relocated as part of the roundabout improvement project. The project is expected to take 45 days. (Lucas County Engineer's Office)