

**Kasich visits Toledo, touts state construction projects**

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By David Patch

A three-year, \$260 million widening project on I-75 between Perrysburg and Findlay is a big-money highlight of the Ohio Department of Transportation's statewide construction program this year, but a much smaller reconstruction job in downtown Toledo is much more likely to give area drivers orange-barrel fatigue.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich returned on Wednesday to the central Toledo business where he announced plans 16 months ago to bankroll highway improvements throughout northern Ohio with Ohio Turnpike toll financing to kick off a 2014 construction season heavily dependent on those funds.

"We're starting to be on the move in this state. It's pretty exciting," the governor said during an ODOT news conference at Modern Builders' Supply, Phillips Avenue near I-75, to roll out a statewide program of 936 construction projects with combined contracts estimated at \$2.5 billion — the most in ODOT history for a single year.

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**Gov. Kasich visits Toledo for highway construction season**

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By Tim McNicholas

Gov. John Kasich has kicked off Ohio's largest highway construction season ever with a visit to Toledo. He announced in a news conference to expect a lot of orange barrels and neon vests on Ohio's roads this summer.

"They're going to sit in some traffic," Gov. Kasich said of Ohio drivers. "But when you're sitting there, thank the Lord that there are people working and our roads are getting better."

The Ohio Department of Transportation is planning about 70 road construction projects in northwest Ohio. Plans for Toledo include the widening of Interstate 75 and the reconstruction of the Anthony Wayne Bridge, which was closed in March.

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## **Ohio highway projects total \$2.5 billion for this year**

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TOLEDO: Get ready for plenty of orange barrels across Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Transportation's construction season this year will include more than 900 construction projects totaling \$2.5 billion.

Gov. John Kasich says that the projects will bring jobs to Ohio. He made the comments during a news conference Wednesday to formally kick off the construction season.

Many of the projects are on tap because of Kasich's decision to raise about \$1.5 billion for state highway projects through Ohio Turnpike bonds.

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## **Governor unveils plan to widen I-75 from Perrysburg to Findlay**

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By Ali Hoxie

TOLEDO, OH (Toledo News Now) - Ohio Governor John Kasich presented his plans to widen I-75 on Wednesday.

The plan calls for the highway to be widened from Perrysburg to Findlay at a cost of more than \$250 million. Kasich says the eventual goal is to make the roadway three lanes wide in each direction from Toledo to Dayton.

"What we are going to see because we are able to widen I-75 is you are going to see even more trucks, which means more traffic, and by being able to expand those lanes you have, it's safer, it's faster, and it is business friendly," said Governor Kasich.

A big project starting soon will be the replacement of three miles of pavement on I-75 from Dorr Street to Central Avenue. That project will cost \$28 million.

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**Kasich in Toledo to announce record-setting roadwork season**

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By Sarah Ottney

During a trip to Toledo Ohio Gov. John Kasich quipped that, although he knows they can be frustrating to motorists, he “can’t wait” to see all the orange road construction barrels since their annual appearance means local workers on the job.

Kasich was at Modern Builders Supply on Phillips Avenue on April 9 for an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) news conference to officially kick off a record-setting construction season. ODOT has 936 projects planned for Ohio’s roadways, amounting to an estimated \$2.5 billion in contracts, the most in state history, Kasich said.

“People are going to see a lot of orange barrels. They are going to sit in some traffic. But when you’re sitting there, you know, thank the lord that there are people working, that our roads are getting better, that Ohio’s will be more prosperous as a result of it,” Kasich said.

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