

Local News

Lyons Rd. construction to improve pedestrian access near the Dayton Mall

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MIAMI TWP, Ohio (WDTN) - MIAMI TWP, Ohio (WDTN) - SR-741 and Lyons Road is a relatively busy intersection in Miami Township. Austin Landing is a few miles away and the Dayton Mall just down the street. There are also a few apartment complexes in the area. That combination pushed Miami Township and Montgomery County to start a construction project to improve pedestrian access.

The 1.8 million dollar project kicked off Monday as part of the Dayton Mall area master improvement plan.

This bridge over I-75 and the roadway that connects to it will see some major changes in the coming months.

Lyons road will at times be narrowed down to one lane in each direction as crews build asphalt and concrete walkways to better accommodate foot traffic.

"The idea behind it is to make pedestrian access safer, easier and more enjoyable. On any given day on this stretch of Lyons road you will see someone walking or riding their bike," said Jill Drury, the Communication Coordinator for Miami Township.

There are two large apartment complexes off Lyons Road and several more around the corner on Byers Road.

"Traffic moves at a pretty hefty pace through here. We have a lot of businesses. A lot of restaurants. This access plan is to make it safer for them. There is going to be added sidewalks, there's going to be more buffers from the traffic," said Drury.

Lyons will also be resurfaced.

Both drivers and walkers can expect road blocks. However, the plan is to minimize traffic delays.

"This area continues to grow. We keep getting new businesses. It's important that people have easy access to it," said Drury.

Construction could wrap up in June.