

Stroop Road in Kettering to Close this Week for Bridge Repair

In 2016, the City of Kettering completed a repaving project on the portion of Stroop Road between Shroyer Road and Dorothy Lane. During the project, work exposed existing deterioration in the beams of the bridge on Stroop Road, approximately 1,600 feet east of Woodman Drive, and in several areas the milling further compromised the integrity of the bridge.

Though the bridge is within the City of Kettering, the Montgomery County Engineer owns the bridge. For the past year temporary safety measures have been in place to reduce traffic load on the bridge pending replacement. These measures include reducing traffic to one lane in each direction along Stroop Road, and a 15 ton maximum weight restriction for vehicles traveling over the bridge.

The City of Kettering and the Montgomery County Engineer are partnering to replace the deteriorating bridge on East Stroop Road over the Little Beaver Creek, between Robertann Drive and Pobst Drive. Construction is expected to begin this week and will continue through the end of the year.

The replacement of this bridge will require a complete closure of the section of Stroop Road between Robertann Drive and Pobst Drive. Stroop Road will be closed to through traffic in both directions between Woodman Drive and Glenheath/Braddock. The good news is that once the bridge is replaced Stroop Road will return to two lanes of traffic in each direction.

City and county officials are asking motorists to be alert for the start of construction and necessary traffic control measures. The established detour will use Dorothy Lane and Woodman Drive and drivers who frequently use this section of Stroop Road are being asked to plan alternate routes.

Many popular destinations lie in the vicinity of the Stroop Road closure. City officials assure that access to Rosewood Arts Centre, Indian Riffle Park, the Kettering schools located on Glengarry Drive and the Kettering Recreation Complex will be maintained during the bridge replacement project. Visitors to these locations should plan to use Dorothy Lane to reach Stroop Road east of the road closure. Motorists driving east on Stroop Road from Wilmington Pike or Woodman Drive will encounter the complete closure of the roadway and will not be able to access entryways to these destinations without using the recommended detour.

The main detour for through traffic along Stroop Road will be along Woodman Drive and East Dorothy Lane. This detour will be in place from the first day of construction this week through the end of the year. Attached are maps showing the project area and the detour route for through traffic.

The Kettering Police Department is aware of this project and will be monitoring neighborhoods surrounding the road closure and detour for traffic impact. We encourage anyone with traffic concerns as a result of this project to please contact the Police Department directly so that we can do our best to address any neighborhood impacts.

The City of Kettering and the Montgomery County Engineer appreciate your patience as this project is completed. The City of Kettering will provide project progress updates and completion timeline updates on a weekly basis on the "Road Construction Updates" button at www.ketteringoh.org. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, feel free to contact the Kettering City Manager's Office at 296-2412.