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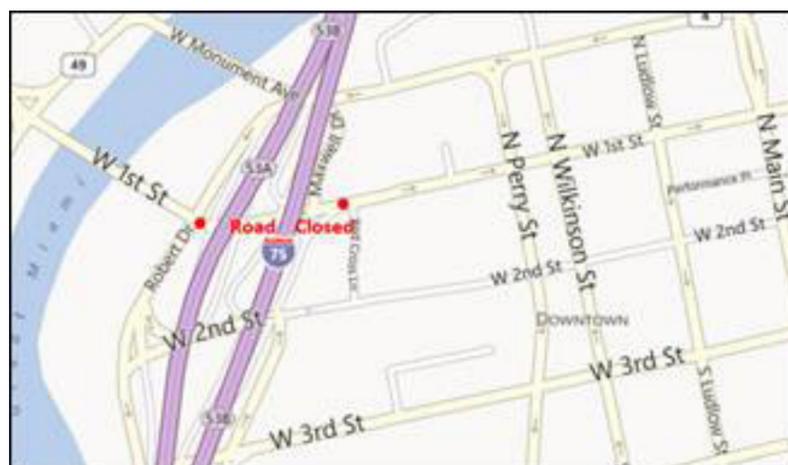
on the I-75 Modernization Project

UPDATE: Portion of First Street under I-75 to Close by End of February

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, **First Street will be closed between Robert Drive and Red Cross Lane by the end of February.** This closure is part of construction on the final phase of the I-75 Modernization Project, which will reconfigure the highway through downtown. **This portion of First Street will remain closed for the duration of the project,** scheduled to run through fall 2017.

The official detour during this closure is:

- Traveling east on Salem Avenue/First Street, turn right onto Robert Drive and continue to Third Street
- Turn left onto Third Street, continue to Wilkinson Street
- Turn left onto Wilkinson Street:
 - ▶ To access First Street between I-75 and Wilkinson Street, turn left onto Second Street and right onto Red Cross Lane.
 - or
 - ▶ To travel east on First Street, continue to First Street and turn right.



In addition to this portion of First Street, all southbound and northbound I-75 ramps through downtown currently are closed as part of the I-75 project. **The following ramps will remain open throughout construction and serve as primary detours to access downtown:**

- Jefferson Street off U.S. 35
- Main Street off I-75
- Edwin C. Moses Boulevard off I-75

[Click here](#) for a detour map to access the downtown and Oregon District areas, as well as the Salem Avenue corridor, from I-75. **Note that the interchange from U.S. 35 West to I-75 North will remain closed for the reconstruction of a bridge.**

[Click here](#) to request email updates on the I-75 project from the DDP.

The DDP will update you on I-75 construction as we receive more details from ODOT on the final phase of the I-75 Modernization Project, which will reconfigure the highway through downtown.

This project will improve safety, decrease congestion, and remove left-hand entrances and exits while creating one primary ramp to access downtown. The project also will create three continuous lanes in both directions from Third to Main streets and upgrade pavement conditions. The \$126 million project is expected to be completed in fall 2017.

For more information, visit www.I75commuting.com
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