## Inbound West Shoreway's W. 45<sup>th</sup> St. exit to temporarily close for sewer project

Drivers traveling eastbound on Cleveland Memorial Shoreway must use W. 73 or W. 25 exits beginning June 3.

**Cleveland (May 31, 2019)** – Starting June 3 at 7 p.m., the W. 45<sup>th</sup> St. ramp for the West Shoreway will close for approximately five months. Drivers along the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway accessing Detroit Ave. and other neighboring streets should use either the W. 73<sup>rd</sup> St. or W. 25<sup>th</sup> St. exit ramps.

The ramp is expected to remain closed for 150 days.



This ramp will temporarily close so the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District can continue construction of the <u>Westerly Storage Tunnel</u>. This project began in May 2018 and is the first tunnel on Cleveland's west side. This \$135 million project will capture 300 million gallons of combined sewage annually, preventing flows from entering the Cuyahoga River. The two-mile long tunnel runs beneath Tremont, Ohio City and Detroit-Shoreway neighborhoods.

This project includes construction near the intersection of Tillman Ave., W. 45<sup>th</sup> St. and the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway. When construction is complete, this site will allow maintenance crews to access the Westerly Storage Tunnel.

This project is part of Project Clean Lake, the Sewer District's \$3 billion, 25-year program to control the amount of raw sewage discharged into area waterways, including the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie, during heavy rain. Project Clean Lake will reduce combined sewer overflow (CSO) from 4.5 billion gallons to 500 million gallons by 2036.

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