

Cable barriers being added on I-275

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BOONE COUNTY - Crews will begin installing median cable barriers Monday on a 12-mile stretch of Interstate 275 in Boone County, beginning west of the I-71/I-75/I-275 interchange and continuing to the Carroll Cropper Bridge that leads to Indiana.

Median cables are a form of guardrail, designed to prevent crossover collisions on divided highways.

"We are looking forward to the installation of median cable barriers in the Northern Kentucky area" said Rob Hans, Chief District Engineer for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6. "They have been a proven safety feature in other sections of Kentucky, as well as other states, and we welcome this enhancement to I-275."

RMD Holdings, doing business as Nationwide of New Haven, Mich., was awarded the low-bid contract of \$1.3 million for the project.

Kentucky first installed median cables in September 2006. The state now has 106.2 miles of cables on sections of interstates and other major routes in seven counties - Barren, Bullitt, Fayette, Hardin, Hart, Jefferson and Oldham.

In addition to the Boone County project, the transportation cabinet is installing nearly 25 miles of cables on Interstate 75 in Whitley and Laurel counties.

The median cables in Boone County will consist of milling a section of the median, pouring a concrete strip (similar to a sidewalk), installing posts and stringing the cable.

The work will be done on the eastbound side of the highway. Motorists might encounter a lane

closure during the project. Nationwide has 100 working days to complete it.

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