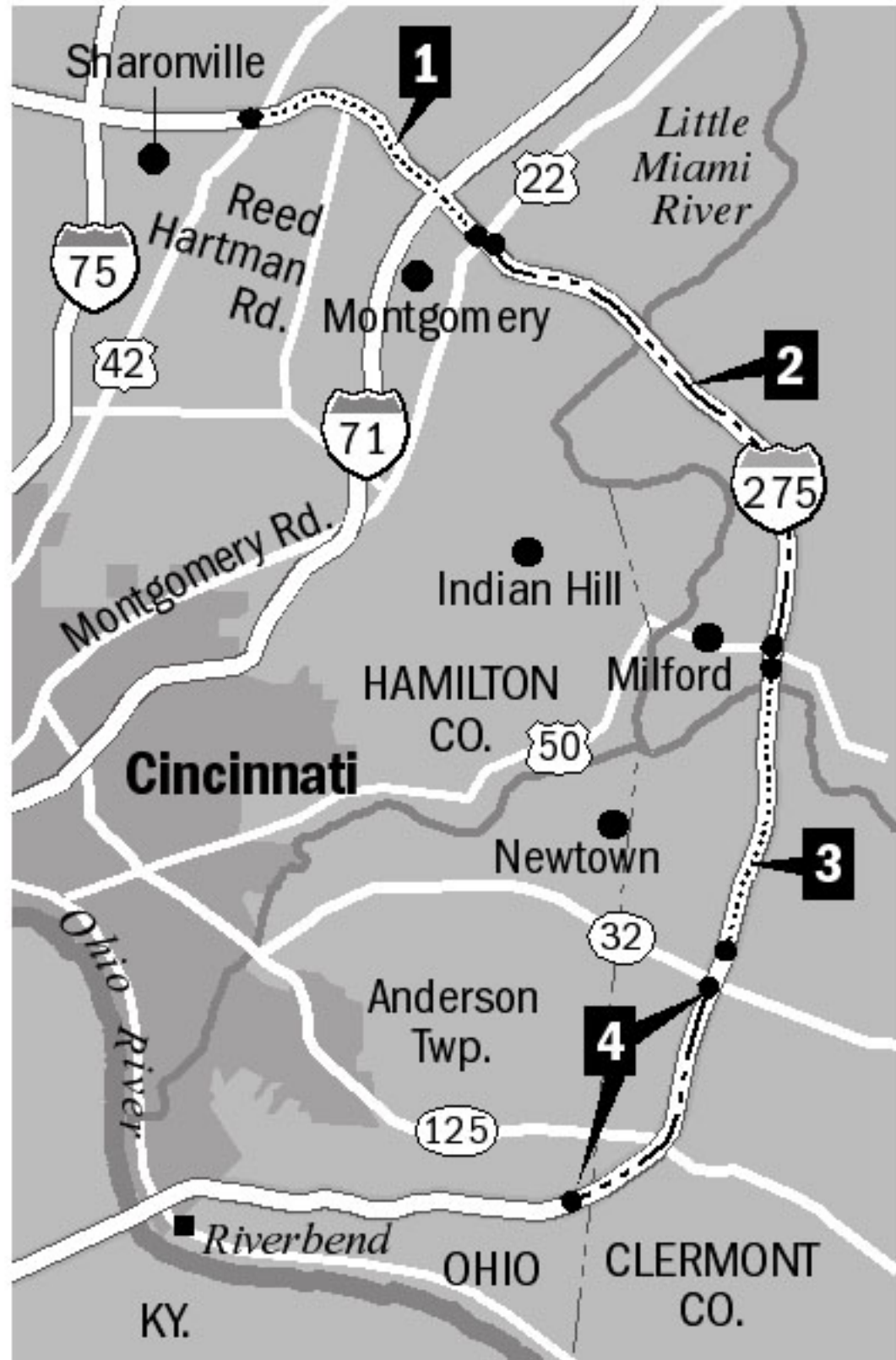


I-275 work winding down

Two years of "orange barrel hell" along 20 miles of Interstate 275 are coming to an end. The road-widening project cost more than \$110 million. One section is completed and open; the others will be finished by December.



1 From U.S. 42 to Montgomery Road (includes widening of Reed Hartman Highway from the interchange south to Cornell Park Drive).

Projects: Work continues to add lanes in both directions; replacement of the Kemper Road bridge over Reed Hartman will begin in August.

Cost: \$33.5 million

Completion: December

2 From Montgomery Road to U.S. 50.

Projects: Replace pavement, deck and beams on bridges over Little Miami River; rehabilitate eight overpasses; build a 12-foot shoulder in the median; upgrade drainage system.

Cost: \$29.5 million.

Completed: November 2003

3 U.S. 50 to Ohio 32

Projects: Add a third lane in both directions; improve drainage

Cost: \$18.8 million

Completion: December

4 Ohio 32 to just south of Ohio 125 exit.

Project: Add a third lane in both directions.

Cost: \$27.5 million

Completion: December