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DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #49 FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

District One is 12 counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota

Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones.

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial "511" from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state.

If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

I-75 from N. Jones Loop Road to US 17: Construction project: Work continues to widen approximately four miles of the interstate from four to six lanes and widen the bridges over N. Jones Loop Road (exit #161) and Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive/Seminole Gulf Railway. The project also includes roadway safety improvements and bridge work under I-75 on N. Jones Loop Road, US 17, and Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive.

- **Motorists should expect one lane closed in each direction on I-75 during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, December 3 through Saturday, December 9 for crews to mill and resurface the interstate.**
- **Motorists should expect travel lanes from north of N. Jones Loop Road to south of US 17 to shift to the outside of the roadway as milling and resurfacing progresses through the week.**

Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2019. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

US 41 from Cross Street to Cochran Boulevard: Construction project: Crews improve 5.8 miles of US 41. The project includes signal upgrades at various intersections, milling and resurfacing, miscellaneous shoulder widening, bike lanes and improved pedestrian access at multiple intersections. **Motorists should expect multiple lane closures on US 41 throughout the limits of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 pm to 6 am, Sunday through Friday, weather permitting as paving of mainline and crossovers are in progress.** Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway while paving operations are ongoing and use caution. They should remain alert and follow directions provided by traffic control officers and devices while driving in this area. **Temporary restricted access to side streets may also occur.** Project completion is expected fall 2017. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

US 41 from Enterprise Drive to the Sarasota/Charlotte County Line: Construction project: Crews are working to expand US 41 to six lanes from Enterprise Drive to the Sarasota/Charlotte County line. This 3.6-mile project also includes making roadway drainage improvements, installing water and sewer lines, adding bike lanes and sidewalk and replacing signals at Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and S. Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevards. Crews are installing new utilities, building new roadway and drainage. Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.

- **Chamberlain Boulevard median is closed.**
- **Collingswood Boulevard median on US 41 is closed.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on Toledo Blade Boulevard.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on US 41 from Paulson Drive to Salford Boulevard.**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hour.**

Motorists should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in fall 2017. The contractor is Guymann Construction Inc.

COLLIER COUNTY

I-75/Alligator Alley Rest Area (mile marker 63): Construction project: Work is underway to build a new rest area and water treatment plant on the north side of the roadway. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The contractor is West Construction, Inc.

I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 50) to east of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101): Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley. Crews will begin a moving pavement operation at CR 951 (exit #101) and work easterly to the Broward County line. Crews will then work from the Broward County line westerly to just east of CR 951. Guardrail installation will follow behind the pavement operation. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Motorists should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2017. The contractor is the de Moya Group, Inc.

US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to 6th Avenue North: Construction project: Crews will be replacing a drainage structure.

- **Motorists should expect the two outside southbound lanes closed during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours from Wednesday, November 29 through Wednesday, December 13.**

Pedestrians should expect southbound sidewalk closures. Pedestrians should use caution and follow detour signs. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The Contractor is Midwestern Construction.

US 41 from Pine Ridge Road to Sandpine Drive: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, drainage structures and lighting on the east side of US 41. Crews will also resurface the intersection of US 41 and Pelican Bay Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2018. The American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from County Barn Road to Unity Way: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews repair a left turn lane. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Pinecrest Elementary School Sidewalks from West Delaware Avenue to Colorado Avenue:

Construction project: This project will install sidewalk and drainage structures at various locations on South 7th Street, South 4th Street, South 3rd Street and South 2nd Street. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the duration of the project, weather permitting.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The Contractor is L-J Construction Company.

2nd Street South from 6th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the east side of the roadway. **Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

3rd Street North from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue North: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. **Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

DESOTO COUNTY

US 17 from CR 760A to Heard Street and within the City of Arcadia: Construction project: Crews are expanding US 17 to four lanes. The new roadway is nearly complete and open with two lanes of traffic northbound and southbound. Expect daytime, intermittent single lane closures on US 17 for various project completion activities. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limits. Please use caution and plan additional travel time. Expected project completion is in the fall of 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting.

US 17 from Livingston Street to Hardee / Desoto County Line: Construction project: Crews will be milling and resurfacing the roadway and improving drainage to approximately 6.7 miles of roadway. The contractor will also install curb and gutters, guardrails and sidewalks.

- **Motorists should expect single lanes of both the northbound and southbound lanes of US 17 to be closed Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to include: complete paving of crossovers and street connections; storm recovery work from December 4, 2017 through December 8, 2017.**

Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida. Estimated completion is spring 2018.

GLADES COUNTY

Moore Haven Elementary Sidewalks: Construction project: Crews will install sidewalks to the north side of Avenue J from 5th Street to 1st Street and the south side of Avenue K from 6th Street to 1st Street.

- **Crews will begin constructing sidewalks underneath the bridge east of 1st Street.**

During construction, we ask motorists and pedestrians to use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway. Motorists should expect periodic lane closures as part of the construction process. Estimated project completion is end of year 2017. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

US 27 from Old 27 to 5th Street: Construction Project: The northbound and southbound access lanes to the bridge on US 27 from Old 27 to 5th Street in Moore Haven will be repaved and the outside shoulders of the road will be widened. Additional improvements include installing drainage, curb and gutter, guardrails, signing and pavement markings.

- **Motorists should watch for crews and equipment working close to the road from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday as crews continue to work on sidewalk and ADA improvements.**
- **Crews are continuing work installing drainage pipes underneath the bridge.**

Estimated project completion is end of year 2017. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

US 27 at South Central Florida Express (SCFE) Railroad Crossing: Construction project: Crews install guardrail, crash cushions, and new flashing beacons at the railroad crossing. Work also includes moving the existing stop bar for southbound lanes to the north to aid with sight distance to gate lights. Motorists should expect daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flaggers will be onsite to assist drivers. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Expected completion is early 2018, weather permitting. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

SR 80 from the Lee County Line to US 27: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing signs near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 78 from US 27 to the Okeechobee County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing signs near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

US 27 from SR 78 in Ortona to SR 78 in Lakeport: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

HARDEE COUNTY

US 17 from Livingston Street to Hardee / Desoto County Line: Construction project: Crews will be milling and resurfacing the roadway and improving drainage to approximately 6.7 miles of roadway. The contractor will also install curb and gutters, guardrails and sidewalks.

- **Motorists should expect single lanes of both the northbound and southbound lanes of US 17 to be closed Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to include: paving of crossovers and turnout areas.**

Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida. Estimated completion is spring 2018.

US 17 from the Hardee/Desoto County Line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634): Construction Project: Following recovery from storm impacts, crews will be resuming work widening US 17 from two lanes to four lanes, adding a grassed median and building new two-lane bridges over Charlie Creek and Charlie Creek Overflow.

- **On Thursday, December 7, crews will be implementing a new traffic pattern. Crews will be shifting northbound and southbound traffic with short intermittent flagging operations. Motorists should follow the new traffic pattern to travel through the work zone.**

The contractor will also install new roadside drainage swales and storm water ponds to manage water running off the roadway. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Drivers should expect daytime lane closures and flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone in a single lane. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is summer 2018.

US 17 from south of West 9th Street to north of West 3rd Street: Construction Project: Crews are constructing a new four-lane concrete roadway using the old railroad corridor along Oak Street to realign this 1-mile segment. The contractor is installing curb and gutter, 7-foot bike lanes, sidewalks, and a 52-foot raised median to separate the northbound and southbound lanes of traffic. The project also includes installing a new underground drainage system and two storm water ponds to manage water running off of the roadway.

- **Motorists should follow the new traffic pattern on eastbound and westbound SR 66 and northbound and southbound US 17. Watch for signs and use the posted detour route utilizing the new SR 66 to travel around the work zone.**
- **Motorists should expect periodic lane closures on US 17 in both directions for construction operations as crews work from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, December 4th, 2017 through Saturday, December 9th, 2017.**

- Crews will be improving curbs and setting light pole bases from Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 through Saturday, December 9th, 2017 project wide.
- Oak Street, 3rd Street East, 4th Street East, 5th Street East and 7th Street East are closed.

Please pay attention to new signage and pavement markings directing traffic through the work zone. Estimated completion is fall 2018. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida.

HENDRY COUNTY

SR 82 from the Collier County Line to the Lee County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing signs near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 80 from the Lee County Line to Double J. Acres: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be constructing a median opening and right turn lane. Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

SR 80 from Dalton Lane to CR 833: Construction project: Crews will widen approximately 11 miles of roadway from two to four lanes and add new turning lanes. Additional work includes repaving the current lanes of SR 80 and constructing ten new bridges. Three of the bridges will require full demolition and removal of the existing bridges in order to construct the new ones. Work also includes drainage improvements, adding curb and gutter, and installing LED lighting. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2020. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida.

SR 80 from Double J. Acres Road to CR 78A: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Dalton Lane to Indian Hills Drive: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be relocating utilities near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Cowboy Way to US 27: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from SR 80 to the Glades County line: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be installing underground utilities near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from Church Road to CR 830: Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday while crews clean ditches, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from F Road to G Road: Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday while crews repair driveways near the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

SR 25 (US27) From Tomoka Blvd. to S. Lakeview Road: Construction Project: Crews will be removing concrete and installing ditch blocks and other drainage modifications along this one-mile segment of US 27. As part of this project, crews will install guardrail, add paved shoulders and sod, make drainage improvements and relocate highway lighting. Motorists should expect intermittent single-lane closures during construction operations from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Watch for crews working in the roadway. Estimated project completion is End of Year 2017. The contractor is C-squared Certified General Contractor.

SR 25 (US 27) Southbound between Golfview Rd. and Tubbs Rd: Permit Project: Crews will reconstruct the driveway/connection at the old Mexican Restaurant location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 25 (US 27) Southbound at the intersection of Lakewood Drive: Permit Project: Crews will reconstruct the driveway/connection at the old Wendy's/new Popeye's location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 66 from Highlands/Hardee County line to west of US 27/US 98: Construction Project: Crews are repaving approximately 9 miles of roadway on both the northbound and southbound lanes of SR 66 from the Highlands/Hardee County Line to US 27. Additional improvements include the addition of a right turn lane on to Skipper Road, widening the right turn lanes on to South George Boulevard, Sparta Road, and Woodland Creek Trail, installing drainage, curb and gutter, guardrail, pavement markings, and signage. Anticipate daytime lane closures on SR 66 during construction and expect delays.

- **Motorists should expect single lane closures and be prepared to follow flagger direction.**

Please use caution in this area and be aware of crews working close to the roadway. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Lawrence Lynch Corporation.

Rucks Dairy Road Bridge: Construction Project: Crews will build a new two lane bridge to replace the current one lane bridge. Construction of the new bridge will be next to the current bridge. Additional improvements will include resurfacing a portion of the road approaching the new bridge, drainage enhancements, new guardrails and updated signage.

- **Motorists should expect a traffic signalization system to be in place directing traffic through the work zone. Expect delays and watch for crews working in the roadway.**

The Contractor is Leware Construction Company of Florida. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone. Expected project completion is spring 2018.

LEE COUNTY

US 41 from Jonathans Bay Drive to Emerson Square Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures and sidewalk closures during nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday while crews repair sidewalk, weather permitting. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Playa Del Sol Boulevard to Business 41: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Marsh Landing Boulevard to Fountain Lakes Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from just south of Pelican Colony Boulevard to San Carlos Boulevard: Construction project: This project installs light poles on both sides of the roadway. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent outside lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project, weather permitting. Pedestrians should expect intermittent northbound and southbound sidewalk closures. Pedestrians should use caution and follow detour signs.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution traveling in the work

zone. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The contractor is Valiant Power South.

US 41 from San Souci Drive to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage improvements along the east and west side of US 41. The majority of the work will be done during daytime hours. Lane closures may occur during daytime and nighttime hours, Monday through Saturday. **Local area residents will have access at all times.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

SR 867/McGregor Boulevard from Colonial Boulevard to College Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound lane closures as crews landscape near the roadway during daytime hours, between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone during lane closures. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 739/Fowler Street from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard to Edison Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 739/Business 41 over the Caloosahatchee River: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, December 5 through Thursday, December 7 while crews perform maintenance on the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

SR 82 from Lee Boulevard/Colonial Boulevard to Shawnee Road: Construction project: Crews will be widening SR 82 to six lanes from east of Lee Boulevard to Shawnee Road. **Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures on SR 82 throughout the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 pm to 6 am, Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Additional work includes construction of a median separating three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, 6.5-foot inside paved shoulders, bike lanes, a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side and a 10-foot shared-use path on the south side. The project will also add a grass median and LED lighting throughout this segment. The project also includes constructing Florida's first Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the intersection of SR 82 at Daniels Parkway/Gunnery Road. The CFI will ease traffic congestion at the intersection and include multiple signals to reduce turning delays. The expected completion date is end of summer of 2019. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 80/Second Street from Fowler Street to Park Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while

crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 80/First Street from US 41 to Monroe Street: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime/overnight hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Freemont Street to Lexington Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from Monday through Friday as crews conduct storm drain maintenance, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Fowler Street to the Hendry County Line: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Seaboard Street from Second Street to SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78 from Del Prado Boulevard to Chiquita Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from Sunday, November 12 through Tuesday, November 21 while crews repair asphalt, weather permitting. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution when crews work near the roadway.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Chiquita Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 31 from the Wilson Pigott Bridge to the Lee/Charlotte County Line: Construction project: This project will resurface the roadway and replace drainage to manage water run-off. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours.** Flaggers will be onsite to maintain traffic in both directions. Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway. Please use caution and plan extra travel time while driving in this area. Estimated completion is end of 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

Hanson Street from SR 739/Fowler Street to Old Metro Parkway: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Evans Avenue from Hanson Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865 and SR 867): Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

MANATEE COUNTY

Ellenton Gillette Road at 69th Street East: Construction project: Crews are constructing new left-turn lanes on Ellenton Gillette Road and 69th Street E; improving drainage; constructing sidewalk; signal upgrades, and new signing. Expect daytime lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and flagging operations when crews begin construction of the turn-lanes. Expected completion is early 2018. Coastal Bridge Company is the contractor.

I-275 at the Sunshine Skyway Rest Areas in Manatee and Pinellas counties: Construction Project: Improvements include constructing new rest areas and new parking lots with LED lighting, seawall repairs and extending the seawall at the Manatee County rest area to accommodate a new picnic pavilion. The Pinellas County Skyway Rest Area is closed for renovations. During this time, motorists will be directed to the Manatee County Skyway Rest Area. The closure is expected to last until fall 2018. The fishing piers will remain open during the closure. A short duration, nighttime lane closure is expected on I-275 northbound for sign adjustments. Expected completion is fall 2019. David Nelson Construction Company is the contractor.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction Project:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market Street Sunday, December 3 through Thursday, December 7 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is late

2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>.

I-75 from Moccasin Wallow Road to the Hillsborough County Line: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing I-75, making drainage improvements, installing guardrail, and adding new signage and pavement markings. The pavement along Moccasin Wallow Road at the I-75 interchange is also being reconstructed. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2018.

I-75 at SR 64/Manatee Avenue Interchange: Construction project: Crews are currently excavating for ponds, widening northbound and southbound I-75, performing bridge work, and constructing the southbound I-75 barrier wall.

- On Thursday, December 7, crews will be performing bridge work overnight. Lanes will be closed; therefore drivers are urged to exercise caution.
- On Sunday, November 19, crews shifted traffic to a temporary ramp for I-75 southbound. Drivers are urged to use caution during the new ramp traffic pattern.
- Motorists should expect the I-75 northbound exit (Exit 220A) CLOSED until late Summer 2018 for crews to reconstruct the ramp, weather permitting. Motorists must use Exit 220B to reach eastbound or westbound SR 64/Manatee Avenue.
- Motorists should expect southbound I-75 lanes shifted to the temporary lanes constructed toward the median.

This project reconstructs the interchange, widens interchange ramps and SR 64, and installs sidewalks and bicycle lanes on SR 64. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is late 2019. The contractor is Prince Contracting LLC.

US 301 from Erie/Old Tampa Road to Moccasin Wallow Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on a force main. No lane closures are expected but motorists should be aware of crews working along the roadway through Friday, December 8. Use caution while in the area.

US 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road: Construction project: Crews are installing new landscaping, irrigation and welcome signs. Superior Landscaping & Lawn Services is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

SR 789/Gulf Drive from SR 64/Manatee Avenue to SR 684/Cortez Road: Maintenance permit project: Manatee County is installing new force mains and water mains. For additional information about the project, please visit the project website at www.amipipereplacement.com.

SR 789/Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach: Construction project: Crews are installing a sidewalk along SR 789/Gulf Drive from just south of 13th Street South to the North Coquina Beach Boat Ramp. This week, crews will be working on final punch list items and site cleanup. Watch for daytime lane closures and be alert for flaggers. The lane closures are necessary during the daytime hours to comply with sea turtle nesting lighting restrictions. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

SR 684 from 92nd Lane to 82nd Street West: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on a force main. Expect intermittent east and westbound lane closures through Friday, December 8. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 684/Cortez Road at 119th Street West in Cortez: Construction project: Crews will construct interim intersection safety improvements, including median, pedestrian signal, and lane striping work. This week, crews will be working on the median, sign installation, final punch list items, and site clean up. Motorists should expect lane closures during the daytime or nighttime hours; therefore, drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

SR 684 from 92nd Lane West to 82nd Street West: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing a force main. Expect westbound right lane closures through Saturday, December 16. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 from 301 Boulevard to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway and making signal upgrades. Construction operations are still underway including asphalt paving, signal work, roadway striping, installation of permanent signing, and concrete curb and sidewalk construction. Expect nighttime signal work at various intersections and new sign locations. Resurfacing towards the east end of the project from Braden River to Tara Boulevard continues Sunday through Thursday nights. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

SR 70 from Lorraine Road to Post Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are widening the roadway to accommodate a new development. Expect intermittent daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday, January 15. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 at US 41: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, installing traffic separators, installing new signing and pavement markings, and performing signal work. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Expected completion is early 2018. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441 From SR 78 to SE 30th Terrace: This is a construction project that consists of milling and resurfacing, base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, guardrail, Taylor Creek Draw Bridge modifications, signing and pavement marking and signalization. Crews are constructing the guardrail at Taylor Creek Draw Bridge with lane closures using temporary signals, weather permitting.

- **Crews are paving starting at Taylor Creek Bridge on the westbound side. Expect daytime lane closures.**

Watch for crews and equipment working in the construction zone. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution. Lynch Paving is the Contractor and project should be completed by end of year 2017.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road: SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road: Construction project: Crews are completing paving operations, installing final drainage, grading and dressing shoulders for final sod and seed, and installing hand rail on the bridges, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Drivers should expect intermittent lane shifts along SR 70.

- **NE 34th Avenue remains closed while crews construct the median and intersection. Follow posted detours.**

During this project, crews will expand the roadway to four lanes, improve drainage, construct concrete bridges, pour curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and install guardrail, permanent signs and pavement markings. Watch for crews and equipment working in the construction zone. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution. Estimated completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

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I-4 at SR 559 Landscaping: Maintenance project: Watch for workers close to the road and trucks entering and exiting the highway as crews take delivery and install materials. Use caution. This project includes installing landscaping and a new irrigation system at the I-4 interchange with SR 559. For more information visit www.swflroads.com/i4/at559.pdf. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Frankie Valdez Company, Inc.

US 92 from SR 570 (Polk Parkway) in Auburndale to Combee Road: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for shoulder closures with workers close to the road and trucks entering and exiting the roadway as crews clean ditches along both the eastbound and westbound lanes. The contractor is F.W.A.K. Inc. Expected completion is Friday, December 15.

US 27 at NW Access Road: Maintenance permit project: No planned lane closures this week, however, motorists should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. This project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, adding turn lanes and a new traffic signal on US 27 at NW Access Road, approximately 0.5 miles north of Interstate 4.

US 27 at the intersection with Main St. / Crump Road: Construction project: Expect intermittent daytime lane closures while crews grade ditches, sod and install conductors. Use caution and be prepared to merge. This project includes new lighting installation along the roadway. Weather permitting; expected completion is fall 2017. Traffic Control Devices is the contractor.

SR 546 (Memorial Boulevard) from Interstate 4 to Brunnell Parkway: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane/shoulder closures while crews continue working in the median and along the outside edge of eastbound Memorial Boulevard from Interstate 4 to Brunnell Parkway. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews seal concrete pavement joints and place pavement markings on east and westbound Memorial Boulevard from Interstate 4 to Wabash Avenue. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

This project includes reconstructing the concrete roadway, drainage improvements and guardrail work between Interstate 4 and Wabash Avenue, and adding a bike path/trail on the south side of SR 546 from Chestnut Road East to Brunnell Parkway. The expected completion date is spring 2018. The contractor is GLF Construction Corporation.

SR 544/Havendale Boulevard at Charlotte Road/42nd Street in Winter Haven: Construction project: Crews are upgrading pedestrian signals, crossing ramps, and cross walks at the intersection. This week, crews are working on final items and clean up. Watch for nighttime lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. while driveways may be closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.; therefore, motorists are urged to use caution and be prepared to merge. Expect periodic sidewalk closures at the intersection and follow posted detours. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard) from US 92 to Charlotte Road: Maintenance permit project: Watch for lane closures at night/overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews trim trees in the median. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 542 from 1st Street to Buckeye Loop Road: Frontier Communications utility permit project: Expect periodic lane closures while crews load and unload equipment, and workers close to the road, as crews relocate and install new communication facilities on the north and south side of the roadway. Expected completion is spring 2018.

SR 542 (Havendale Boulevard) from US 92 to Charlotte Road: Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are trimming trees in the median. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) from US 17 to West Lake Ina Drive: Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures as crews trim trees in the median. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from Diesel Road to Hillsborough County line: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures, Monday, December 4, through Friday, December 8, as crews continue widening turn lanes from Creekside Drive to Turner Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

For safety due to sight restrictions, motorists on Espo Drive may only be allowed to make right turns onto SR 60, and must U-Turn in order to travel in the opposite direction when crews are working in the area.

This project includes resurfacing, drainage improvements, guardrail installation and median modifications. The Lane Construction Corporation is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2018.

SR 60 from Doherty Drive to Silvio Road: Maintenance permit project: Watch for eastbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as crews install two driveways, Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 15.

SR 37 from Oppitz Lane to Scottsdale Loop: Maintenance permit project: Watch for southbound right turn lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. as crews cut out two driveways and replace curb and sidewalk. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 37 from CR 640 to CR 630: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. while crews take cores of the roadway. Watch for flaggers directing traffic.

Work on this project includes full-depth reclamation by grinding out the old roadway into the base, adding a cement mix to make a new roadway base, placing a new asphalt layer on top of the recycled base, reconstructing shoulders and modifying the signal at CR 640 (Pinecrest Road). Ajax Paving is the contractor. Estimated completion is early 2019.

SR 37 from SR 60 to North of Virginia Street: Construction project: Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., both north and southbound, and pedestrian detours as crews replace concrete gutter, sidewalk and driveways. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Watch for daytime lane closures from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. near North 5th Street as crews begin installing new traffic signal equipment. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Work on this project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, signal pole and equipment upgrades, sidewalk installation and repair, curb and gutter changes

and driveway modifications. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation. Expected completion is summer 2018.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) near Cresap Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures at night/overnight, Thursday, December 7, while crews cap a water service. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) at Carter Road and Sheppard Road/Shimmering Drive: Maintenance permits project: Watch for shoulder closures and trucks/equipment entering and leaving the highway as crews continue installing new pipe. Use caution.

SR 37 at Poppell Drive south of SR 570 (Polk Parkway): Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight northbound lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the corner of Poppell Drive while crews replace the curb and driveways. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Construction is expected to be completed by Wednesday, December 20.

South Buena Vista Drive from south of West Echo Street to Cummings Avenue in Lake Alfred: Buena Vista Drive remains closed to through traffic from Frank Avenue to Echo Street while crews install pipe beneath the roadway. Local traffic has access from either side of the closure up to the trench. Expect South Buena Vista Drive to remain closed through Friday, December 22. The extended closure is necessary as crews dewater the work area. Use caution and follow posted detour signs.

Pedestrians should follow the designated pedestrian detour around the work area.

Project improvements include installing additional pipe and drainage structures, reconstructing pavement, path and sidewalk, and replacing pavement markings. The contractor is Cathcart Construction Company – Florida, LLC. Expected completion is spring 2018.

South Frontage Road east of Harden Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime lane closures through Friday, December 8 as crews connect a new driveway to the roadway, Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Laurel Road at the Legacy Trail Crossing: Construction project: Crews will be constructing a pedestrian bridge along the Legacy Trail over Laurel Road. Trail traffic on the south side of Laurel Road has shifted to a temporary paved trail. Please continue to use the Mission Valley Boulevard detour to cross Laurel Road. Denson Construction, Inc. is the contractor for the bridge. Expected completion is Fall 2018. **Utility Project:** Utility contractors are relocating underground utilities in advance of construction of a new Legacy Trail overpass. Traffic on Laurel Road is down to a single lane in each direction. Westbound traffic has been shifted into the closed eastbound lane. Trail traffic is being detoured to the East to the light at Mission Valley Boulevard. Please be aware of

construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction zone. Spectrum Underground is the contractor for the utility relocation. Expected completion is before Christmas 2017.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction Project:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market Street Sunday, December 3 through Thursday, December 7 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is late 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>.

US 41 from SR 789 to Ritz Carlton Drive and sidewalk located along the north side of SR 789 from Sunset Drive to US 41: Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk will remain closed until construction of the development located at the corner of US 41 and SR 789 is complete. Pedestrians should follow the established detour.

US 41/Venice By-Pass from Gulf Coast Boulevard to Bird Bay Drive: Construction project: Crews continue installing utility and storm drain systems and constructing temporary pavement. Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. throughout the project limits while crews are working. Motorists should also be aware of upcoming nighttime/overnight traffic shifts. Motorists should be mindful of the construction signs in place and traffic control officers and use caution while traveling through the project area. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 41 from Browning Street to 11th Street: US 41 from Browning Street to 11th Street: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway; installing new drainage; installing highway lighting, curb and gutter; constructing new sidewalk, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on US 41; US 301; Fruitville Road, and Orange Avenue while crews are working. Crews are constructing a new right turn-lane from northbound US 41 to Fruitville Road. Once constructed, the existing right turn-lane will be closed to traffic. Crews will then construct a pedestrian island and improve drainage. Nighttime/overnight northbound outside lane closures are also expected from 9 p.m. each night to 6 a.m. each morning while crews are working. Preferred Materials, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

US 41 from Salford Boulevard to Sumter Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are widening US 41 from Salford Boulevard to Sumter Boulevard to a six-lane highway; resurfacing the roadway; improving drainage; constructing sidewalk, and installing highway lighting. Expect daytime lane closures for roadway widening area adjacent to the medians. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. when crews are resurfacing the roadway. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2019.

US 41 Roundabouts at 10th Street and 14th Street, Sarasota: Construction Project: Crews continue mobilizing construction equipment, installing construction Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) signs, clearing within the right-of-way, installing silt fence for erosion control, and working in the medians and driveways.

- Construction activities will take place during daytime and nighttime hours.
- Temporary single lane closures may occur between 9th Street and 15th Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and night/overnight between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Centennial Park Boat Ramp driveways on US 41 will be closed. Motorists can access the boat ramp via the 10th Street entrance.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of reconstructing the signalized intersections and replacing them with roundabouts, enhancing connectivity, circulation and safety. US 41 will be widened between the two intersections and will include bike lanes as well as dedicated turn lanes, a 10-foot sidewalk along the west side, and a 6-foot sidewalk along the east side. Other improvements include raised islands for pedestrian refuge at the intersections of US 41 at 10th Street and 14th Street, pedestrian signals, LED street lights, landscaping, and City of Sarasota utility and underground drainage structure replacements. Expected completion is spring 2020. The contractor is IBT Construction LLC.

US 41 from Hospital Road to River Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing new turn-lanes, driveway connections, and working in the medians. Expect intermittent north and southbound daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, December 29. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72/Clark Road in Sarasota County: Construction project: Crews will install guardrail and associated drainage improvements along stormwater pond just west of Proctor Road on the north side of SR 72. This week, crews will be mobilizing for the project. Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. on SR 72. Flaggers will be present. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

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