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DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #9 FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018

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 (exit 161) to US 17 (exit 164): 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.

I-75 from N. Jones Loop Road (exit 161) to US 17 (exit 164): 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.

I-75/NORTH JONES LOOP ROAD RAMP CLOSURES (EXIT 161)

- During the nighttime/overnight hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, March 4 through Tuesday, March 6 motorists should expect the NORTHBOUND EXIT RAMP CLOSED. To reach North Jones Loop Road from northbound I-75,

motorists may continue north to US 17 (exit 164) and return south on I-75 to exit at North Jones Loop Road (exit 161).

- **During the nighttime/overnight hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8 motorists should expect the NORTHBOUND ENTRANCE RAMP CLOSED. To reach I-75 northbound, motorists may enter I-75 southbound to exit at Tuckers Grade Boulevard (exit 158) to return north on I-75.**

ADDITIONAL CLOSURES

- **Motorists should expect Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive fully CLOSED under I-75 for crews to complete bridgework, safety improvements, and roadway work. This closure is scheduled to remain in place until late spring 2018, weather permitting. The closure applies to all vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.**
 - Motorists on Marion Avenue, west of the interstate may use Marion Avenue to Marlympia Way to reach US 17.
 - Motorists on Riverside Drive, east of the interstate may use Riverside Drive to Regent Road to reach US 17.
- **Motorists should expect one lane closed in each direction on I-75 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday night through Saturday morning.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures on North Jones Loop Road during daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday for crews to complete bridgework.**
- **Motorists should expect I-75 travel lanes from N. Jones Loop Road to south of the bridge over the Peace River shifted to the outside of the roadway.**

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

US 17 from Bermont Road to Pinegrove Circle: Construction project: The project includes signal upgrades at Disston Avenue, milling and resurfacing, and drainage improvements. The project will also install curb and gutter, sidewalk and improve signing and pavement markings. Lane closures may occur during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway. Motorists should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

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.

- **Motorists should expect a new northbound and southbound traffic pattern on US 41.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on Toledo Blade Boulevard.**
- **Expect a new traffic pattern in the northbound lanes.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours on US 41 at the Paulson Drive/Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and Cranberry Boulevard/Cornelius Boulevard intersections.**
- **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 winter 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.

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 contractor is American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to Orchid Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews replace a driveway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

8th Street NE from Golden Gate Boulevard to Randall Boulevard: Construction project: This project constructs a new bridge over the Cypress Canal. Crews will also widen existing lanes, add sidewalk to the west side of the roadway and improve drainage throughout the project area. **Work will occur during daytime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local area residents will have access at all times.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2019. The contractor is Bergeron Land Development, 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 Desoto / Hardee County Line: Construction project: Crews will be installing traffic-loop sensors in small-sections of all four-lanes of US 17 near the intersection with Burnham Street, from Monday, March 5th through Friday, March 9th. Only one-lane will be closed at a time. Crews will also be working on miscellaneous activities adjacent to the roadway.

- **Motorists should expect northbound and southbound single lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Motorists should also watch for workers and equipment working close to the roadway. Please observe the 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/South Desoto Avenue at East Pine Street: Construction project: Crews will replace the mast arm in the southeastern corner of the intersection. Crews will also replace traffic signal heads on the eastbound mast arm. Crews will work during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday, except during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Flaggers will be onsite to assist motorists. Motorists should drive with caution in the construction zone. Project completion is expected spring 2018. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 72 at SW Rodgers Avenue and SW Gator Trail: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on SR 72 as crews continue constructing drainage and a box culvert.

- **SW Gator Trail just south of SR 72 remains closed through late March, and SR 72 traffic shifts slightly north using the westbound lane and shoulder. Motorists access Gator Trail through the detour using SW Rodgers Avenue and Florida Avenue while crews install a new box culvert.**

This project includes adding box culverts, grading ditches, reconstructing roadway shoulders and adding guardrail along the south side of SR 72. Expected completion is Summer 2018. The contractor is Estep Construction, Inc.
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GLADES COUNTY

Moore Haven Elementary Sidewalks: Construction project: Crews installed 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. 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 expected early 2018. 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 is being repaved and the outside shoulders of the road widened. Additional improvements include new drainage, curb and gutter, guardrails, signing and pavement markings.

- **Motorists should expect periodic northbound and southbound lane closures on the Moore Haven bridge Monday through Friday from 7:30 p.m. through 5:30 p.m. Follow flagger direction and please observe the posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone.**

Estimated project completion is February 2018. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

SR 78 from The Ortona Cemetery to Wayman Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, while crews reshape the shoulder, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

SR 72 at SW Rodgers Avenue and SW Gator Trail: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews begin placing erosion control devices and signs. This project includes adding box culverts, grading ditches, reconstructing roadway shoulders and adding guardrail along the south side of SR 72. Expected completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Estep Construction, Inc.

HARDEE COUNTY

Chester Avenue from Doc Coil Road to US 17: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews construct new sidewalk and install drainage pipe.

Crews will CLOSE Doc Coil Road at Chester Avenue North and Chester Avenue South at Doc Coil Road, one street at a time, to install pipe beneath the roadway. Pedestrians and motorists should use caution and follow the posted detours around the closure.

This project includes adding or replacing sidewalk on the north side of Doc Coil Road from Chester Avenue to US 17, and on Chester Avenue from Doc Coil Road to Orange Street. Use caution and be prepared to stop. Expected completion is spring 2018. The contractor is CW Roberts Contracting, Inc.

US 17 from Livingston Street to Hardee / Desoto County Line: Construction project: Crews will be placing asphalt along the roadway and turn-lanes for approximately 6.7 miles.

- Motorists should expect northbound and southbound single lane closures from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Motorists should also watch for workers and equipment working close to the roadway. Please observe the 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: Crews will be 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. 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 the roadway. Estimated completion is fall 2018. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida.

- On Monday, March 5th and Tuesday, March 6th, starting at 7 a.m., crews will be implementing a new traffic pattern on US 17. Starting on the south end of the project south of 9th Street SW, crews will shift northbound traffic from old US 17 to the new US 17. Crews will then move to the north end of the project and shift traffic for southbound motorists from old US 17 to new US 17, north of 3rd Street W. The northbound turn-around, 3rd Street and 9th Street are closed. Continual traffic shift adjustments will occur throughout the day. Please pay attention to new signage and pavement markings directing traffic through the work zone. Law Enforcement will be on site to help direct traffic to the appropriate lane on new US 17. After Tuesday, March 6th, all traffic will be into final configuration on the new US 17.

HENDRY COUNTY

US 27 from SR 80 to the Palm Beach County Line: Maintenance contract 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 80 from Belmont Street to Birchwood Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 80 from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane: Maintenance contract 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 80 from East Cowboy Way to Dalton Lane: Maintenance contract 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 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 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 29 from G Road to Sears Road: Maintenance contract 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 the Collier County Line to Church Road: Maintenance contract 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 at the LaBelle Bridge: Maintenance contract 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 (Bridge Street) from south of CR 832 to south of C Road: Construction project: Crews will begin to make improvements along 6.5 miles of SR 29 from south of CR 832 to south of C Road in Hendry County beginning January 16, 2018. The project includes milling and resurfacing, widening turn lanes, drainage improvements, guardrail, signing, and pavement markers.

- **Motorists should expect northbound single lane closures from 7AM to 5PM Monday through Friday beginning south of Keri Road. Follow flagger direction and please observe the posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone.**

The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida. Estimated project completion date is fall of 2018.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

US 98 Westbound just east of Thunder Road Spring Lake: Permit project: Crews will be clearing vegetation and constructing a residential driveway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 27 Northbound just north of S. Sun N Lakes Boulevard in Lake Placid: Permit project: Crews will be constructing an agricultural driveway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 27 Southbound between Golfview Road and Tubbs Road: Maintenance 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.

US 27 Southbound at Shop 16 Road/west Lake Isis Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be installing a traffic signal near Walmart. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 27 Southbound at the intersection of Lakewood Drive: Maintenance 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 eastbound and westbound 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 and nighttime lane closures on SR 66 during construction and expect delays. Please use caution in this area and be aware of crews working close to the roadway.

- Motorists should expect single lane closures and be prepared to follow flagger direction from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.

Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Lawrence Lynch Corporation.

SR 64 at North Olivia Street: Construction project: North Olivia Street is now open to traffic. Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews' place pipe and construct the new right turn lane.

This project includes adding a westbound turn lane onto northbound North Olivia Drive, widening the turnout and adding paved shoulder, striping bike lane between the westbound travel lane and turn lane and extending side drains and modifying drainage ditches. Expected completion is spring 2018. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction, Inc.

SR 17/South Ridgewood Drive at the intersection of Pine Street and Lake Avenue (Avon Park): Construction project: Crews will be installing traffic signals and relocating existing signs. The contractor is Carr Construction, LLC. Estimated completion date is spring of 2018. Motorists should anticipate daytime and nighttime single-lane closures during construction and may need to allow extra travel time in this area. Please watch for workers in the construction zone and use caution.

- Motorists should anticipate intermittent single-lane closures from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the intersections of Main Street and N. Lake Avenue in

Avon Park and at South Ridgewood Drive and N. Pine Street in Sebring while crews work in these areas.

SR 17 from Central Avenue to North Museum Avenue: Construction project: Watch for possible lane closures on SR 17 from Central Avenue to North Museum Avenue to make asphalt repairs at night/overnight. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

This project includes milling and resurfacing, curb and gutter, and sidewalks. Expected completion is spring 2018. The contractor is Blacktip Services, Inc.

LEE COUNTY

I-75 over Corkscrew Road (exit 123): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the two outside northbound lanes closed during nighttime/overnight from 9 p.m. Thursday, March 8 to 5 a.m. Friday, March 9 while crews perform maintenance on the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

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 Monroe Avenue to Passaic Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 to 1 a.m. Thursday, March 7 while crews install a monitoring well, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

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.** 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 Alico Road to Daniels Parkway: Construction project: Crews begin improvements of approximately 4 miles of US 41. The project includes signal upgrades at various intersections, milling and resurfacing, miscellaneous shoulder widening, and improved pedestrian and bus access at multiple locations. Motorists should be aware of trucks entering and exiting the roadway. Estimated project completion is spring 2019. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard from US 41 to Forum Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect eastbound and westbound traffic delays during nighttime/overnight hours as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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 867/McGregor Boulevard from Colonial Boulevard to Gladiolus Drive: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound traffic delays during nighttime/overnight hours as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard from Gladiolus Drive to Estero Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound traffic delays during nighttime/overnight hours as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 865/6 Mile Cypress Parkway from US 41 to Metro Parkway: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound traffic delays during nighttime/overnight hours as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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.**

- **Meadow Road at Gunnery Road is PERMANENTLY closed.**
- **A temporary traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Ray Avenue South and Griffin Drive. Motorists should use caution while driving in this area.**

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/Palm Beach Boulevard from Seaboard Street to Fairview Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside eastbound and westbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday for crews to landscape the median, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from US 41 to Main Street: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect eastbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday for crews to operate a crane near the roadway. Motorists should use caution and expect delays while travelling in the area.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Seaboard Street to I-75: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday, while crews apply pavement markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays as crews work in the roadway.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from ¼ mile west of the Burnt Store Road intersection: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage improvements along the roadway. **Lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Wright Construction Group.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Cultural Park Boulevard to Andalusia Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage improvements along the roadway. **Lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Wright Construction Group.

SR 31/Arcadia Road from SR 80 to the Wilson Pigott Bridge: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound traffic delays during nighttime/overnight hours as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway, 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 nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865 and SR 867): Maintenance contract project: Crews are removing and replacing pavement markings on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during 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 spring 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. Construction on the new rest area building will start the week of February 19, 2018. Expected completion of both rest areas is fall 2019. David Nelson Construction Company is the contractor.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway (Exit 213) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Sarasota/Manatee (Bradenton): Construction project:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 8 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

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 Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 8 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is installing final friction course, weather permitting. Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement.

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 early 2018. 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 (Exit 229) 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 (Exit 220): Construction project: Crews are currently widening northbound and southbound I-75 and performing ramp, drainage, utility, and bridge work.

- Motorists are advised that double lane closures on SR 64 westbound and eastbound will occur in the overnight hours between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. from Sunday, February 25, through Friday, March 2, 2018.
- Motorists should expect traffic to shift on the southbound exit ramp during the nighttime/overnight hours on Sunday, February 25. The ramp will remain open during this shift.
- Motorists are advised that one lane closure in each direction on I-75 between will occur in the overnight hours between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Motorists are reminded that I-75 northbound exit (Exit 220A) is 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.

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 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.

US 301 at SR 70: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, widening turn lanes, improving drainage, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. while crews are working. Coastal Bridge Company is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 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 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 Friday, March 9. Use caution and expect possible delays.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441 from south of NE 131st Lane to south of NE 224th Street: Construction project: Crews will begin to make improvements along 5.8 miles of US 441 from south of NE 131st Lane to south of NE 224th Street in Okeechobee County. The project includes milling and resurfacing, adding a southbound left turn lane, drainage improvements, signing and pavement markers and signalization on State Road 15 from NE 131st Lane northerly to south of NE 224th Street. The contractor is Ranger Construction. Estimated completion date is fall of 2018. Motorists should anticipate daytime and nighttime single-lane closures and follow flagger direction. Expect delays and use caution— watch for workers in the construction zone.

- Crews will not be working on the roadway Thursday, March 1 through Monday, March 5 due to the Okeechobee Arts and Music Festival.
- Motorists should expect single lane closures near the intersection of Potter Road on North Parrot Avenue (US 441) beginning on Tuesday, March 6th from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. while crews install drainage pipe on Potter Road. Temporary traffic signals will be in place on both southbound and northbound lanes. Flaggers will help guide motorists through the construction area. Potter Road will be closed. Please follow detour signs and follow flagger directions.
- The side streets and driveway along Potter Road will serve as the detour to NW 30th Terrace, then north to SR 68, and then east towards North Parrot Avenue (US 441).

US 98/US 441, SR 78 and the access road to Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail: Construction project: Crews will begin to make improvements at various locations along US 98/US 441, State Road 78 and the access road to the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in Okeechobee. Work will include sidewalk construction, shoulder widening, base work, drainage improvements, curb & gutter, guardrail removal, signing and pavement marking, signalization and lighting. The contractor is American Lighting & Signalization.

Estimated completion date is spring of 2018. Please watch for workers in the construction zone and use caution.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road: Construction project: Crews are completing final items, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Drivers should expect intermittent lane shifts along SR 70. 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 winter 2018. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

SR 70 at NE 128th Avenue and SR 70 at the west entrance to the Agric Civic Center and US 441 and 144th Avenue: Special permit: Motorists should expect delays from single lane closures while law enforcement will be moving traffic into a single lane from two lanes eastbound on SR 70 at NE 128th Avenue and on SR 70 at the west entrance to the Agric Civic Center on Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival. Lane closures will again be in place for Monday, March 5 for the departure of participants from 6 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. Law Enforcement will also be controlling intersections as they determine appropriate based on traffic activity at US 441 and 144th Avenue, SR 70 at the Agri Civic Center, SR 710 at the Agri Civic Center driveway and SR 70 and NE 128th Avenue. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

POLK COUNTY

Cow Camp Road Bridge in Lake Kissimmee State Park: Construction project: The old wooden bridge remains open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic during construction of the new bridge. Visitors are reminded to stay to the far side of the bridge away from construction when crossing. Motorized vehicles are prohibited. Use caution. This project includes building a new bridge over the Rosalie/Zipprer Canal. The contractor is Denson Construction, Inc. Expected completion is summer 2018.

South Buena Vista Drive from south of West Echo Street to Cummings Avenue in Lake Alfred: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews continue to lay pipe. Pedestrians using the trail should follow posted detours.

Cummings Road remains CLOSED this week while crews continue placing pipe. Follow the posted detour using Pennsylvania Avenue and Pierce Street.

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.

North and South Frontage roads east of Harden Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime lane closures on North and South Frontage roads, and single left turn lane closure on Harden Boulevard under the Polk Parkway as crews connect a new driveway to South Frontage Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 98 from SR 570 (Polk Parkway) to Brooks Street: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for intermittent lane closures and trucks entering and leaving the roadway while crews video pipe and make drainage repairs through Friday, March 16. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 92 from Old Dixie Highway to SR 570 (Polk Parkway): Maintenance contracts project: Watch for intermittent lane closures and trucks entering and leaving the roadway while crews line pipe and make drainage repairs through Friday, March 16. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 through Polk County: Construction project: Crews are working on the shoulder of the road. Use caution and watch for workers close to the roadway.

This project includes designing and installing an adaptive signal control system along US 27 in Polk County. The contractor will install detection and control equipment, fiber optic cable to connect the traffic signal controllers and a lease line to connect to the Polk County Traffic Management Center (TMC) for remote monitoring and operation of the system. The contractor is Highway Safety Devices, Inc. Expected completion is fall 2018.

US 27 at NW Access Road: Maintenance permit project: Use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. Be prepared to merge. 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.

US17/92 / SR 600 at South Boulevard in Davenport: Construction project: Crews will construct intersection safety improvements, including realigning the intersection, adding new turn lane from southbound US 17/92, and resurfacing. This week, crews will be working on the roadway base throughout the intersection and milling and resurfacing the intersection.

- The intersection will be closed during construction and a DETOUR will be in effect during the closure. Motorists on US 17/92 wanting to head eastbound on South Boulevard should turn onto Cypress Street West, approximately 0.1 mile north, turn right on Manatee Avenue, then left onto South Boulevard. Motorists on South Boulevard wanting to head north or southbound on US 17/92, should turn right onto Manatee Avenue, then turn left onto Cypress Street West, then onto US 17/92.
- Motorists are urged to use the detour route or to find an alternate route, exercise caution through the construction zone, and to allow additional travel time.

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 early 2018.

SR 659 (North Combee Road) at Lakeland Hills Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for eastbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-March while crews add a new driveway and regrade the ditch.

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 60 from Diesel Road to Hillsborough County Line: Construction project: Watch for daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures as crews continue paving right turn lanes from Creekside Drive to Pine Grove Drive, and continue pipe work and pouring curb throughout the project. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

- Crews will temporarily CLOSE the median openings near the entrances to Sizemore and Del Monte on Monday, March 5. Expect the crossovers to remain closed through mid-April.
- Pine Grove Road and Luel Street median crossovers remain closed temporarily through late March 2018.

Follow posted detours to U-turn at the next available median opening on SR 60.

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 at 80 Foot Road (Bartow): Maintenance contracts project: Watch for intermittent eastbound lane closures while crews line pipe and make drainage repairs through Friday, March 16. Be prepared to merge. Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on 80-foot Road at SR 60, and trucks entering and leaving the roadway. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 60 at Alturas Road: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews remove existing driveways along the eastbound lanes. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from US 27 to East Bay Boulevard (Lake Wales): Maintenance contracts project: Watch for intermittent lane closures and trucks entering and exiting the roadway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews cut shoulders in the median through mid-March, 2018. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 37 from SR 60 to CR 640 (Pinecrest Road): Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cutting trees along the roadway. Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to stop.

SR 37 from CR 640 (Pinecrest Road) to CR 630: Construction project: Expect daytime and nighttime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic while crews begin shoulder work and continue the reclamation process and paving in the southbound lanes. Add extra time in your schedule, be prepared to stop and expect delays.

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 CR 630 to SR 674: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cutting trees along the roadway. Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to stop.

SR 37 from SR 60 to North of Virginia Street: Construction project: Expect periodic daytime lane closures, both north and southbound, and pedestrian detours as crews continue grading, pouring new concrete sidewalk, and constructing driveways.

Crews will **CLOSE** West Badcock Boulevard, Thursday, March 8 through Thursday, March 15 to replace underground drainage. As part of this work, expect a southbound outside lane closure on SR 37 (North Church Avenue) from 9 a.m. Friday, March 9 through 6 a.m., Monday March 12.

Watch for periodic daytime lane closures as crews continue construction of the new traffic signal and lighting at the intersection of SR 37 (North Church Avenue) and 5th Street. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

At the north end of the project, pedestrians should use the temporary pedestrian path constructed as a detour while the sidewalk in this area is replaced.

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) at Carter Road and Shepherd 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.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Laurel Road at the Legacy Trail Crossing: Construction project: Crews are constructing a pedestrian bridge along the Legacy Trail over Laurel Road. Please be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction zone. Trail traffic on the south side of Laurel Road has shifted to a temporary paved trail. The original crosswalk at the Legacy Trail is no longer active - please follow detour signs to the Mission Valley Boulevard crosswalk to the east to cross Laurel Road. The sidewalk on the south side of Laurel Road has been closed. Please follow detour signs provided. Denson Construction, Inc. is the contractor for the bridge. Expected completion is fall 2018.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway (Exit 213) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Sarasota/Manatee (Bradenton): Construction project:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 8 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

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 Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 8 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is installing final friction course, weather permitting. Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement.

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 early 2018. 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 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 spring 2018.

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 nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. when crews are resurfacing the roadway. Expect periodic driveway closures along the northbound lanes while crews are installing drainage systems. 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 work within the right-of-way, 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.
- Installation of temporary traffic signals at 10th and 14th Street.
- Centennial Park Boat Ramp driveway and pedestrian path on 10th Street will be closed. Motorists can access the boat ramp via the US 41 entrance. Northbound left turn lane from US 41 into the boat ramp is available.
- Installation of dewatering systems on the west side of 10th Street. Dewatering pumps will be running 24/7.
- Traffic shift of northbound and southbound lanes in effect. Access will be limited to right turn in/out for 11th, 12th and 13th Street. Traveling southbound and northbound direction left turns are not permitted at 14th Street.
- Temporary detour route in effect. Use Coconut Avenue as alternate route to access 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Street. Motorists are advised to follow the posted detour route and seek an alternate route while traveling in this area.
- **Speed limit is reduced to 30 mph. Speeding fines are doubled in the construction area when workers are present.**

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, March 9. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72/Clark Road: 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 work on final punch-list items. 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 early 2018.

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