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### **DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #18 FOR WEEK OF MAY 1, 2016**

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](http://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 south of Harborview Drive (mile marker 167) to Sumter Boulevard (mile marker 182):** Construction project: This project widens the road from four to six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75.

- **Motorists should expect Raintree Street to be closed temporarily for the next several months at the I-75 overpass. Motorists should follow detour signs**

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 end of 2017. The contractor is Astaldi Construction Corporation.

**I-75 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to North Jones Loop Road (mile marker 161):** Construction project: Crews are adding lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, performing bridge work, making drainage improvements, and adding guardrail, signs and pavement markings from the Lee/Charlotte County line to south of Tuckers Grade (exit #158). Crews are also making drainage improvements from north of Tuckers Grade (exit #158) to south of North Jones Loop Road (exit #161). **Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.** Motorists should also use caution as construction vehicles

and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**US 41 from Enterprise Drive to 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.

- **Como Street is closed at US 41. Motorists should follow detour signs.**
- **Collingswood Boulevard is closed at US 41. Motorists should follow detour signs.**
- **Northbound and southbound traffic is shifted to the outside of the roadway onto temporary pavement.**
- **The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening and access to Chamberlain Boulevard from US 41 will close for this phase of construction for approximately 3 months; motorists should follow the detour signs.**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hour.**

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

**US 41 from Charlotte County line to Morningside Drive:** Construction project: Crews will be widening northbound shoulders and resurfacing the roadway. This project also includes updating signage and pavement markings. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures through the duration of the project.**

- **Southbound traffic now uses the west side of the roadway at the Charlotte/Lee County line. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution.**

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**SR 776/Veterans Boulevard from US 41/Tamiami Trail to Murdock Circle:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect inside eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, for crews to perform maintenance on the median. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

## **COLLIER COUNTY**

**I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 25) 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 from the Broward County line to east of CR 951 in Collier County. 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, with intermittent lane closures. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., through the duration of the project.

- **Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed from mile marker 52 to mile marker 54.**
- **Crews will be installing guardrail along the southbound roadway from mile marker 92 to mile marker 91.**

Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is the de Moya Group, Inc. Estimated completion is summer 2017.

**I-75 from north of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101) to just north of Golden Gate Parkway (mile marker 105):** Construction project: This project widens the road from four to six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. 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 summer 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**US 41 at Pelican Marsh Boulevard:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for crews to make signalization improvements at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**US 41 over the Peace River:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent outside southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for crews to perform maintenance on the bike path and sidewalk. Drivers should use caution and expect delays as crews work in the roadway.

**US 41 from Mosquito Canal to SR 29:** Construction project: Crews are resurfacing US 41 from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes widening the shoulder and replacing the guardrail. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.** Flaggers will be on site to maintain traffic. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

**US 41 from Six L's Farm Road to CR 92/San Marco Road:** Construction project: Crews are constructing a multi-use path on the south side of roadway. **The speed limit will be reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph during the day.** The speed limit will remain at 45 mph during nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures while crews are working. Driver should use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

**US 41 From Pelican Bay Boulevard to Vanderbilt Beach Road:** Construction project: Crews will be installing sidewalk, curb and gutter, bus shelter pads, handrail and drainage, and relocate lighting and signing and pavement markings on US 41. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

**SR 951/Collier Boulevard from Tower Road to Championship Drive:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday, for crews to install concrete poles. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

## **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. Work is underway for two new travel lanes to the east and west of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities, installation of drainage, and new roadway construction. Northbound and southbound US 17 traffic have switched to the new portion of US 17 from south of CR-760A/McCaskill Street to north of CR 760/Welles Avenue. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. In Arcadia, there will be intermittent lane closures on US 17, SR 70 and side streets for sidewalk improvements. SW Hibiscus Dr. is closed, and the detour route is SW Palm Dr. to SE Hillsborough Ave. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limits. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution and plan additional travel time. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting.

## **GLADES COUNTY**

**SR 78 from Canal Boat Ramp to Okeechobee County Line:** Construction project: Crews are re-setting guardrail and paving throughout project limits. Watch for single lane closures with flaggers directing traffic. Work on this project includes resurfacing and resetting guardrail. Expected project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

**SR 78 in the City of Lakeport:** Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 27 from the Highlands County Line to the City of Palmdale:** Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 27 from SR 78/Lakeport Road to 3 miles north of the City of Palmdale:** Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday while crews make asphalt repairs at various locations. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

## **HARDEE COUNTY**

**Doyle Parker Avenue from County Line Road to US 17:** Construction project: The project consists of sidewalk construction, drainage improvements, milling, resurfacing and signing and pavement markings. The contractor is constructing the new sidewalks. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Concrete Products, Inc.

**US 17 from KD Revell Road to REA Road:** Construction Project: Crews are constructing sidewalk on the east side of US 17. Work should take place during the day and will require minimal lane closures. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

## **HENDRY**

**SR 82/Immokalee Road from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line:** Construction project: Crews widen SR 82 to four lanes from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line. This 1.3 mile project improves drainage to manage water running off the roadway and builds new five-foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. **Motorists should expect lane closures through the duration of the project while crews are working and use caution traveling in the work zone.**

- **On Monday, April 25, motorists should expect traffic to shift onto the newly constructed lanes on the north side of the road.**

Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

**SR 80 over Grandma's Grove Creek:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 for crews to perform maintenance work on the bridge, weather permitting. Flaggers will maintain both directions of traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

**SR 80 at Hendry Isles Boulevard:** Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent outside eastbound and westbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Thursday, for crews to landscape. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

### **HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

**US 441 from SE 126<sup>th</sup> Boulevard to Martin County line:** Permit project: Crews are rebuilding an existing driveway. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**US 27 from Golfview Drive to Tubbs Road:** Construction project: Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures while crews load and unload equipment and materials. The channel beneath the bridge that provides access between Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson will remain closed for the remainder of the project while crews dredge the channel. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Douglas Higgins, Inc.

**US 27 Southbound across from Northwood Blvd:** Permit project: Crews are closing the outside southbound lane during the day to construct a deceleration lane. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

**SR 70 from CR 29 to Okeechobee County Line:** Maintenance project: Crews are trimming bushes around guardrails in various locations Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**SR 17 from US 27 to South Lakeview Terrace (Sebring):** Utility permit work: Crews are replacing poles and relocating utilities. Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures, use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 17 from San Remo Ave to Ponce De Leon Pkwy:** Permit project: Crews are finish grading and sodding around a new driveway. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**US 27 Southbound over Josephine Cree (four miles south of SR 66):** Maintenance project: Crews will be making routine repairs on the bridge deck. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch for workers and be prepared to merge.

**SR 70 from the Highlands county line to CR721 South:** Maintenance contract: contractors will be replacing side drainpipes. We expect no lane closures and, motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

**US 27 Southbound at Schumacher Road:** Permit project: Crews are accessing a manhole in the street. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

**SR 66 from Jess Durrance Road to Payne Road:** Maintenance contract: Crews are cleaning ditches. Motorists can expect lane closures Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please use caution while traveling through this area and watch for workers close to the road.

### **LEE COUNTY**

**US 41 from Business 41 to Del Prado Boulevard:** Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing drainage pipes along the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 41 from Littleton Road to Stockton Street:** Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing sidewalk on the south side of the roadway from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Pedestrians should expect intermittent sidewalk closures and use caution as crews work in this area.

**US 41 from Batista Farms Road to Elwood Road:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect outside southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**US 41 from Santa Elena Drive to Hickory Drive:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect outside southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**US 41/Cleveland Avenue at Pondella Road:** Maintenance project: Crews will be cleaning drainage pipes along the roadway during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 41 at CR 865/Gladiolus Drive:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent outside southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., weekdays, for crews to construct a pedestrian signal. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**SR 884/Colonial Boulevard at I-75:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and intermittent eastbound lane closures from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. for crews to make improvements to the intersection. Work includes modifications to the westbound and southbound dual left turn lanes and I-75 entrance ramps. Crews will also make modifications to the island between the eastbound/southbound and westbound/southbound entrance ramps. The job installs new signal mast arms for westbound and southbound dual left turn lanes. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**SR 867/McGregor Boulevard at A&W Bulb Road:** Construction project: This intersection improvement project installs a new traffic signal at the intersection of SR 867/McGregor Boulevard and A&W Bulb Road. Work includes a new traffic signal, median modifications and resurfacing. The improvements also add sidewalks, signs and pavement markings.

- **Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project.**

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is early summer 2016. The Contractor is Wright Construction Group.

**SR 867/McGregor Boulevard at Georgetown:** Maintenance project: Crews will be cleaning drainage pipes along the roadway during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 867/McGregor Boulevard at Kimberly Lane:** Maintenance project: Crews will be cleaning drainage pipes along the roadway during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard from Pine Ridge Road to SR 867/McGregor Boulevard:** Maintenance project: Crews will be cleaning drainage pipes along the roadway during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 739/Evans Avenue at Thompson Street:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p. m. to 6 a.m. for crews to make signalization improvements at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard at Fowler Street:** Construction project: This intersection improvement project upgrades traffic signals, sidewalks and signage and pavement markings. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., through the duration of the project. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is early summer 2016. The Contractor is Wright Construction Group.

**SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Evans Avenue to Ortiz Avenue:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, for crews to replace mulch in the median. Drivers should expect delays and use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 78/Pine Island Road at Hibiscus Drive:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., weekdays, for crews to construct a turn lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**Santa Barbara Boulevard at SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street:** Construction project: motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., weekdays, for crews to install new signing and pavement markings at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**State Roadways (SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 865, SR 867, SR 884 and US 41):** Maintenance contract project: Crews are restriping lanes. 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**

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

### **Detour – I-75 Southbound Off-Ramp/Exit 213 CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:**

**Sunday, April 24 and Monday April 25. Details below:**

The contractor anticipates a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install permanent drainage pipe. Motorists traveling southbound on I-75 wishing to exit at University Parkway/Exit 213 are directed to continue south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel east and enter northbound I-75, travel north and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Temporary intermittent single lane closures are in place at night/overnight on the I-75 southbound on-ramp Sunday, April 24 through Thursday night, April 28 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on the I-75 northbound off-ramp Monday, April 25 through Thursday night, April 28 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, April 24 through Friday night, April 29 from 8

p.m. to 6 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.**

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, April 24 through Friday night, April 29 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, reconstructing the I-75 mainline, lighting and signalization, and constructing MSE walls. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

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

**I-75 Bridge over CSX Railroad Crossing:** Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, installing new signing, and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2016.

**US 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road:** Construction project: Crews are widening the roadway to a four-lane divided highway; constructing sidewalk; installing highway lighting; constructing medians, and improving drainage. Crews are working Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A daytime northbound turn lane closure may be in place along US 301 south of CR 675 (Rutland Road). Shifts of the through lane traffic may be in place to accommodate work near to the road. However, all northbound and southbound through lanes will remain open. Diversions of driveways may be in place adjacent to the work and shoulder closures will be set up throughout the project for delivery and hauling of materials and various work operations along the project corridor. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2016.

**US 301 at Haben Boulevard:** Construction project: Crews are making median modifications, resurfacing the roadway and installing new traffic signals. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Expected completion is fall 2016. AJAX Paving is the contractor.

**US 301 between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 51<sup>st</sup> Street East:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing north and southbound left turn lanes and constructing a new intersection at US 301 and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motorists should pay close attention to lane shifts expected to last through Friday, May 20. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**US 41 from I-275 to the Hillsborough County Line and at Piney Point Road and Dock Street (Port Manatee):** Construction project: Crews are reconstructing portions of the roadway with concrete; removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway; installing a new traffic signal at the I-275 westbound off-ramp to US 41; improving drainage; constructing sidewalks; installing guardrail, highway lighting and landscaping, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Crews are working on clearing and grubbing, embankment, excavation, drainage and signalization. Construction activities are going on both during the day and at night. Motorists should use caution while travelling through construction zones and be mindful that the speed limit is now 50 MPH. Air Products expects to take delivery of several large equipment components arriving at Port Manatee on April 21, 2016. The moves from the Port to Air Products will take place on April 21 & April 22 and there will be intermittent traffic stoppages for Northbound and Southbound travel during the moves. Motorist should plan for additional travel time on these dates. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Estimated completion is late 2016. The contractor is Pepper Contracting Services, Inc.

**US 41 from 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West to 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West:** Construction project: Crews are constructing sidewalk; improving drainage; installing lighting, and placing new signs and pavements markings. Expect daytime southbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from 60<sup>th</sup> Street West to SR 70/53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures within 600 feet of signalized intersections from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. FDOT allows daytime lane closures not within 600 feet of signalized intersections between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Highway Safety Devices is the contractor. Expected completion is late spring 2016.

## **OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**

**US 441 from SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 28<sup>th</sup> Street:** Maintenance contract project: Crews are repairing storm drains. Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures and be prepared to merge.

**US 441 from NE 224<sup>th</sup> St. (Orange Ave) North to the County Line:** Maintenance project: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder.

**US 441 from NW 11<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street:** Permit project: Crews are installing underground utilities. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 70 from NE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to NE 34<sup>th</sup>: Avenue:** Maintenance project: Crews are spraying herbicide on the sidewalks on both the north and south side of SR 70 during the day. Use caution while traveling through this area.

**SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road:** Construction project: Workers are installing drainage and grading embankment, dressing shoulders and placing sod, forming and pouring sidewalk, and building subgrade and base for the new roadway, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday, weather permitting.

- Expect lane closures on SR 70 at NE 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Berman Road for pipe work and paving operations.
- NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Terrace at SR 70 remains closed while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour.
- NE 46<sup>th</sup> Terrace at SR 70 is closed while crews install pipe across the roadway. Follow the posted detour.
- NE 55<sup>th</sup> Terrace is closed, while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour at NE 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- NE 64<sup>th</sup> Drive is closed while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour.

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

**SR 70 east of Okeechobee/NE 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Okeechobee:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 70 west of US 27:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for workers close to the road while they work from the shoulders cleaning ditches. Use caution driving in these areas.

**County Road 68 / NW 160<sup>th</sup> Street from US 98 to US 441:** Construction project: Crews are placing construction signage and installing erosion control barriers. The project consists of milling and resurfacing, constructing paved shoulders, adding guardrail and drainage improvements. Motorists should use caution and watch for workers near the road. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation.

## POLK COUNTY

**I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale):** Construction project: Crews are excavating existing slopes along eastbound I-4 and adjacent to SR 559, constructing the Material Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall, and driving piles for the new bridge. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts and temporary intermittent lane closures, changes in traffic patterns, and flaggers directing traffic as needed on SR 559.

Speeding fines double when workers are present. Project improvements include constructing a new bridge on SR 559 over I-4, expanding SR 559 from two lanes to four lanes from north of CR 559A to the westbound entrance ramp to I-4, shifting the eastbound lanes of I-4 to the south, installing lighting on SR 559, resurfacing the existing roadway, and improving drainage. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Cone and Graham.

**US 98 at Autumnwood Drive:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, May 2, through Friday, May 13, along the outside southbound lane while crews build a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**US 98 and Fort Fraser Trail at Banana Creek in Lakeland:** Construction project: Watch for intermittent northbound lane closures on US 98 near Banana Creek from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday as crews take delivery of materials. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

The Fort Fraser Trail remains closed at the Banana Creek Bridge through fall 2016. The remainder of the trail, including the Fort Fraser Connector Trail, remains open. Work on this project includes replacing the deteriorated wooden bridge structure and pilings with a new steel reinforced concrete bridge. Brothers' Construction, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting; expected completion is fall 2016.

**US 98 Peace River Trail in Ft. Meade:** Construction project: Crews are constructing the trail and timber bridges through Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area between US 98 and Mt. Pisgah Road. Project improvements include constructing a compacted coquina shell path, two pedestrian bridges, a short path leading to the river on the south end of the trail and a pull-off area at Mt. Pisgah Road. Central Concrete Products, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016.

**US 98 from US 17 to Peace River in Fort Meade:** Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews complete final items. Use caution and be prepared to stop. The improvements under this contract consist of adding highway lighting, and signing and refurbishing pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

**US 92/George Jenkins Boulevard from Churchill Avenue to Sloan Avenue in Lakeland:**  
Construction Project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures while crews work on signals, and place signs and erosion control devices.

This project includes milling and paving, repair sidewalks and ADA detectable warning surfaces on sidewalk curb ramps, replace various curb and gutter, repair drainage structures and replace guardrail at Winston Creek. The expected completion date is fall 2016. The contractor for this project is Hubbard Construction Corporation.

**US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont):** Construction Project:

**Detour: US 27 Southbound Off-Ramp CLOSED to Eastbound US 192**

**Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25. Details below:**

The US 27 southbound off-ramp is closed to traffic wishing to travel east on US 192 while crews complete paving operations. Detour signs direct southbound traffic on US 27 to continue south on US 27, make a U-turn at Polo Park Boulevard, travel north on US 27, and exit to eastbound US 192. This detour is in effect at night/overnight between the hours of 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25, and will not occur simultaneously with the detour below.

**Detour: US 192 Westbound Off-Ramp CLOSED to Southbound US 27**

**Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25. Details below:**

The US 192 westbound off-ramp is closed to traffic wishing to travel south on US 27 while crews complete paving operations. Detour signs direct westbound traffic on US 192 to travel north on US 27, make a U-turn at Cagan Crossings Boulevard, and travel south on US 27. This detour is in effect at night/overnight between the hours of 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25, and will not occur simultaneously with the detour above.

Paving crews will work at night/overnight from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday night, April 24 through Thursday night, April 28 on northbound and southbound US 27. Crews continue remedial concrete work, work in the median, and construction of a retaining wall. **Watch for uneven pavement and traffic shifts throughout the project corridor.**

Improvements on this project include expanding US 27 and the bridge at US 192 from four lanes to six lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, adding paved bike lanes, building curb and gutter with drainage swales, constructing sidewalk, installing new concrete pole traffic signals at the intersections of US 27/California Boulevard and US 27/Student Drive, and installing sound barrier walls. Prince is the contractor on this project. Expected project completion is summer 2016.

**US 17 from Bartow Road to Bear Creek Apartments:** Construction Project: Crews are working on the signals at the intersection of Georgia Street. Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paving begins, Tuesday night, April 26. This project includes milling and paving, closing some unused driveways, pouring concrete bus pads, adding/repairing sidewalk, replacing traffic signal poles at Georgia Street, and upgrading equipment and adding lighted street signs at signalized intersections, installing pedestrian crossing signals and drainage improvements. The expected completion date is fall 2016. The contractor for this project is Preferred Materials, Inc.

**US 17 at the railroad crossing between Carlton Road and CR 640:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles in the railroad right of way along the southbound lanes through Friday, April 29. Use caution and watch for equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**US 17 from 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE in Fort Meade:** Construction project: Watch for possible intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews complete final items. Please use caution, be prepared to merge and watch for workers close to the road. The improvements under this contract consist of replacing and adding some new highway lighting, and signing and repairing sidewalk in various locations. The expected completion date is the summer of 2016. The contractor for this project is Traffic Control Devices, Inc.

**US 17/92 south of Parker Road South in Davenport:** Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside southbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays through Friday, April 29, for work on Duke Energy lines. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**US 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport:** Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent lane closures both northbound and southbound on US 17/92 and Ronald Reagan Parkway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 24, through Saturday, April 30, while crews complete final roadwork. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

**US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport:** Crews are working off the roadway this week without lane closures. This project includes adding turn lanes and shoulders on US 17/92 at the extension of Ernie Caldwell Boulevard, approximately two miles south of CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway). Contractor plans no lane closures this week.

**SR 572 (Drane Field Road) from Waring Road to Airport Perimeter East:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays, while crews mill and resurface Drane Field Road. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

**SR 563 (Harden Boulevard) at South Parkway Frontage Road:** Construction Project: Crews are installing new traffic signal equipment. Watch for northbound and eastbound lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Project completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

**SR 60 Roadway and Rail Road Crossing Improvement Projects from west of Diesel Road to east of CR 555; SR 37 from SE 3rd Street to SR 60; West of Nichols Road to east of Prairie Industrial Parkway in Bartow/Mulberry:** Construction project: Expect intermittent lane closures on SR 60, both eastbound and westbound for striping, drainage and final items. Observe posted speed limits, be prepared to merge and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

Improvements on this project include; constructing new approach slabs for railroad crossings on SR 60 at Nichols Road, Phosphate Boulevard, Mosaic Crossing, and Skew Crossing, resurfacing the existing roadway, improving the roadway drainage, and improving SR 60 signalization. Expected project completion is summer 2016, weather permitting. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation.

**SR 60 from 11th Street to Myrtle Avenue in Lake Wales:** Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. along SR 60, as crews place final striping and cleanup along SR 60 in Lake Wales. The project will improve traffic flow, and includes turn lane and/or median modifications at 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Hunt Brothers Road, Buck Moore Road, Highland Drive, and Myrtle Avenue. Expected completion is April 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

**SR 60 from CR 630 to Osceola County line:** Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with flaggers directing traffic as crews unload materials and equipment at Ice Cream Slough, and place signs and erosion control devices throughout the project. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

Work on this project includes resurfacing the roadway, widening roadway entrances at Grape Hammock Road and River Ranch Boulevard for right turning vehicles, replacing the roadway bridge at Ice Cream Slough with a box culvert, replacing guardrail, retrofitting bridge railings, improving roadway drainage. The expected completion date is spring 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**SR 37 at CR 640 south of Mulberry:** Construction project: Crews continue excavating and installing lighting conduit and light pole bases along the shoulders of the road during the daytime and removing and replacing roadway striping at night. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures with flaggers directing traffic. Use caution and be prepared to stop. The improvements under this contract consist of highway lighting, signalization and signing and pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

**SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City:**

Construction project: Nighttime work will require lane closures with temporary signals controlling traffic from each direction for the next couple of weeks. Four temporary signals will allow one direction of traffic to access the roundabout at night while crews work on the traffic separators and curbs, sodding, and pavement markings.

One signal will shine green, while the remaining three shine red, allowing motorists from one direction at a time to drive through the roundabout. Motorists should anticipate longer wait times and expect delays during the evening and overnight.

Temporary signals flash yellow during the day, allowing full use of the roundabout from all directions until early evening when crews return to complete work on the project. Please remember the following during this construction phase:

- Four temporary traffic signals control traffic during the nighttime/overnight, so be prepared to stop and remain stopped for longer periods.
- Do not turn right on red from any direction; move only on a green signal.
- Stop bars, signals and signs indicating where to stop are located as far back as 300 feet before the intersection to allow traffic to pass. **Do not pull past the stop bar on red.**

Work on this project includes roundabout construction, new asphalt and concrete pavement, resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, gravity walls and handrails, lighting, signing, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp.

**SARASOTA COUNTY**

**Sarasota County Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase IV:** Sarasota County has contracted with Traffic Control Devices, Inc. (TCD), to upgrade the traffic signal controllers and equipment for 52 intersections throughout Sarasota County, City of Sarasota and the City of North Port. The improvements will consist of installing, integrating and testing the ATMS field elements, including traffic controllers and cabinets, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, and fiber optic communications cable and transmission equipment along the roadways. As part of this project, 10 intersections will receive full Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades to meet current standards. Construction began on March 4, 2015 and should be complete by the spring 2016. The infrastructure of this project is now complete.

**I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road:** Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are building cable barrier, installing drainage, and placing embankment and lime rock in the median, and installing drainage and lighting on the outside shoulders Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday April 25 to Saturday April 30, for paving operations. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is fall 2016. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.

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

**Detour – I-75 Southbound Off-Ramp/Exit 213 CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:**

**Sunday, April 24 and Monday April 25. Details below:**

The contractor anticipates a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install permanent drainage pipe. Motorists traveling southbound on I-75 wishing to exit at University Parkway/Exit 213 are directed to continue south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel east and enter northbound I-75, travel north and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Temporary intermittent single lane closures are in place at night/overnight on the I-75 southbound on-ramp Sunday, April 24 through Thursday night, April 28 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on the I-75 northbound off-ramp Monday, April 25 through Thursday night, April 28 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, April 24 through Friday night, April 29 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.**

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, April 24 through Friday night, April 29 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, reconstructing the I-75 mainline, lighting and signalization, and constructing MSE walls. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

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

**US 41 at SR 789:** Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk located along the west side of 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 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 be mindful of the construction signs in place and use caution while traveling through the project area. **Ridgewood Avenue at US 41/Venice By-Pass** is re-opened and the detour discontinued at this time. The contractor will implement the detour again in the next few weeks so be alert for message boards and detour signage at that time. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

**SR 789 at the Coon Key Bridge/Little Ringling Bridge:** Construction project: Crews are replacing portions of the westbound bridge deck. During construction, one westbound lane will remain closed while crews are working and the sidewalk closed to pedestrians and cyclists. The eastbound lanes will remain open as will the sidewalk. Manhattan Road and Bridge is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2016.

**SR 776 from Keyway Place to US 41:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cleaning storm water pipes. Expect nighttime/overnight east and westbound lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-May 2016. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 776 from Fredann Street to Alameda Grande:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing new concrete poles using a crane. Expect nighttime/overnight southbound outside lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, May 1 through Saturday, May 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive:** Construction project: The traffic currently shifts to the north and low profile barrier wall and traffic control devices are installed from US 41/Tamiami Trail to east of Sawyer Road. This shift allows the contractor to close two eastbound lanes to remove the asphalt and replace storm drainage on the south side of the roadway. There are two lanes of traffic both east

and west and a center turn lane in most areas. Sidewalk is closed behind the barrier wall and pedestrians can use the north sidewalk. Motorists should plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

Stay alert for other intermittent lane closures and use caution while driving through the project. Plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

**UPCOMING DETOUR ADVISORY: Crews will close Brookside Drive at Bee Ridge Road beginning Sunday evening, May 1, 2016, weather permitting. Expect Brookside Drive to remain closed for 5 to 10 days to facilitate pipe installation operations. Motorists may use Arnold Street to Briggs Avenue to and from Bee Ridge Road. Please pay special attention to directional signs in place to direct motorists through the detour areas.**

The project consists of significant drainage improvements, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, reconstructing sidewalk, and installing new signalization in some areas. The project also includes construction of eleven (11) pedestrian refuge islands on Bee Ridge Road between Dunn Drive and US 41. Expected completion of the \$17 million project is summer of 2017.

**SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge:** Construction project: Crews are making repairs to the bridge including concrete repairs throughout the bridge, seawall repairs, Tender/Control House improvements, painting, and repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of the bridge. Motorists should use caution while driving through the work zone and plan additional travel time. Daytime single lane closures begin next week while crews paint portions of the bridge and railing. Expect single lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in either the westbound or the eastbound direction. Motorist should also expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. extended bridge openings of up to 15 minutes may occur during this time. Expected completion is spring 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

**SR 72 at Gateway:** Construction project: Crews are installing new mast arms and signals. Expected completion is fall 2016. AJAX Paving is the contractor.

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