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DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #1 FOR WEEK OF January 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 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

Southbound I-75 Weigh Station (mile marker 160) in Punta Gorda: Construction project: Work is underway to rebuild the southbound weigh station on the west side of the roadway. Once work is completed; crews will begin to rebuild the northbound weigh station on the east side of the roadway. Motorists should not expect lane closures on I-75. Estimated completion is summer 2017. The contractor is R.M. Williams Construction, Inc.

I-75 from south of Harborview Road (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 lane closures on I-75 during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.**
- **Motorists should expect periodic travel lane shifts throughout the duration of construction.**
- **Motorists should expect the inside northbound lane on the bridge over the Peace River to be closed through the duration of the project.**

- **Motorists should expect work on the I-75 southbound ramp to Kings Highway.**

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.

US 41 from Cross Street to Cochran Boulevard: Construction project: Crews improve 5.8 miles of US 41. The project includes signal upgrades at various intersections, milling and resurfacing, miscellaneous shoulder widening, bike lanes and improved pedestrian access at multiple intersections. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on US 41 during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday, weather permitting. Intermittent lane closures may occur on side streets.**

- At **US 41/Parmely Street**, crews will add a new through/left-turn lane on Parmely Street to accommodate more vehicles turning left onto US 41/Tamiami Trail from Parmely Street.
- At **US 41/Olean Boulevard**, crews will add a new northbound right-turn lane on Olean Boulevard to accommodate more vehicles turning right onto US 41/Tamiami Trail from Olean Boulevard.
- At **US 41/Harborview Road** crews will add a new westbound through lane on Harborview Road to accommodate more vehicles heading west toward Edgewater Drive.

Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway while crews install construction signage and silt fence. Please use caution and plan extra travel time while driving in this area. Project completion is expected fall 2017. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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.

- **Collingswood Boulevard is closed on the north side and south side of US 41.**
- **Collingswood Boulevard median at US 41 is closed.**

- **Chamberlain Boulevard median is closed.**
- **Chamberlain Boulevard is closed on the north side and south side of US 41.**
- **Stratford Drive is closed on the south side of US 41.**
- **Sherbourne Street is closed on the north side of US 41.**
- **Longley Drive is closed on the north and south side of US 41.**
- **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.

SR 776/El Jobean Road over the Myakka River: Construction project: Crews perform maintenance on the SR 776/McCall Road Bridge over the Myakka River. Marine traffic should expect construction barges and activity in the area. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting.**

- **Motorists should expect shoulder closures during daytime hours and should use extreme caution as construction vehicles enter and exit the roadway.**

Boaters should use caution. Pedestrians should use **extreme** caution and stay behind the construction safety fence and out of the work zone. Estimated project completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Inland Construction & Equipment, 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 design/build contractor is West Construction, Inc.

I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 50) to east of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101): Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley. Crews will begin a moving pavement operation at CR 951 (exit #101) and work easterly to the Broward County line. Crews will then work from the Broward County line westerly to just east of CR 951. Guardrail installation will follow behind the pavement operation. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Variable message signs will be in place to

alert drivers that work is underway. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., through the duration of the project.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures along the outside northbound lane from mile marker 85 to mile marker 90.**

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 the toll plaza (mile marker 100) to the Faka Union Canal (mile marker 91):

Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 18 miles (9 miles in each direction) of 10-foot fencing along I-75/Alligator Alley. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is Gomez & Son Fence Corporation. Estimated completion is summer 2017.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Heritage Trail to Santa Barbara Boulevard: Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, adding curb and gutter, and installing light poles. Crews will also add a pedestrian crosswalk and upgrade the signal at County Barn Road. **Motorists should expect intermittent 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 while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2017. The contractor is Preferred Materials, 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. 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 from north of CR 760/Welles Avenue to south of Fletcher Street. Northbound and southbound US 17 travel lanes have shifted to the new eastern roadway from south of Fletcher Street to north of Hibiscus Drive. **In Arcadia – northbound and southbound US 17 travel lanes are shifting to the new western roadway from Hibiscus Drive to Palmetto Street.** SW Palm Drive is closed and the detour route is SW Hibiscus Drive to SE Hillsborough Avenue. Intermittent daytime single-lane flagging operation on MLK Jr. Street. 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 US 27 to Chobee Loop: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping during daytime hours, Tuesday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78 from the Ortona Cemetery to Citrus Center Canal: Maintenance project: Crews will be performing shoulder maintenance during daytime hours, Tuesday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 just south of the Moore Haven Bridge: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing guardrail in the median during daytime hours, Tuesday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HARDEE COUNTY

US 17 from the Hardee/Desoto County Line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634)

Construction Project: Crews are 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. Daytime lane closures are expected for utility relocations and material deliveries. 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.

SR 636 at SR 64: Construction project: Crews are widening SR 636 from SR 64 to Ed Wells Road to accommodate a new left and right turn lane. The FDOT contractor will build a new section of road to realign the SR 64 connection to SR 636. SR 636 is closed at SR 64 just east of Ed Wells Road to allow for intersection improvements. During construction, the contractor will detour traffic 24 hours a day using SR 64 and US 17. Watch for lighted message boards and signs directing traffic around the work zone. Detour routes are in place for motorists to travel around the work zone. The contractor is Lane Construction. Expected completion is summer 2017.

HENDRY COUNTY

US 27 from Woodward Road to Air Glades Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while crews construct a turn lane, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from Lewis Boulevard to CR 720: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, while crews repair guardrail, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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

SR 80 from Phillips Road to Huggets Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound 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. Monday through Friday, while crews pave the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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

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

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

SR 29 from Case Road to Wilson Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound 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. Monday through Friday, while crews construct a turn lane, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

US 27 from Old SR 8 to 900 feet north of Vision Street in Lake Placid: Landscaping Project: Crews are installing irrigation and landscaping. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway. Watch for lane closures and prepare to merge.

US 27 From South of Tauber Street to South Highlands Avenue: Construction Project: Crews are extending and widening the northbound right turn lane on to Highlands Avenue in front of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 98 (Lorida): Maintenance contract: Crews are repairing drainage structures. No lane closers are expected, Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 at Sebring Parkway: Construction Project: Crews are extending the northbound right turn lane and bicycle keyhole. Nighttime paving will take place in early January 2017.

Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway. Expected completion January 2017.

US 27 at Lake Clay Drive in Lake Placid: Permit Project: Crews are adding new access to Publix. Construction crews are extending the southbound right turn lane and extending both the northbound and southbound left turn lanes. The full median opening is being modified to a directional opening. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway. Watch for lane closures and prepare to merge.

US 27 at Alan Jay Toyota: Permit Project: Crews will be removing the old driveway. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 66 at Sparta Road: FDOT maintenance crews are grading ditches. No lane closures are expected. Work will take place Tuesday – Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please use caution while traveling through this area and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 17 (Lakeview Drive) between Us 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard: Construction Project: Crews are reconstructing the road and repairing damaged sidewalk. One lane has been closed on Lakeview Drive (SR 17) between US 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard to reconstruct the roadway. Traffic has been shifted to the newly paved southbound lane but will continue to flow northbound. Southbound traffic is being detoured 24 hour a day over the next few months using US 27, South Highlands Avenue and Kenilworth Boulevard. Nighttime paving may take place early January 2017. Motorists should use caution while traveling through this area. FDOT and the contactor will maintain access to homes and businesses during construction. Detour routes are in place for motorists to travel around the work zone. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

LEE COUNTY

US 41 from Dana Drive to Pine Drive: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing sidewalk on the west side of the roadway during daytime hours Monday through Friday, 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 lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, 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 Caloosahatchee Bridge: Construction project: Crews perform maintenance on the US 41 bridge over the Caloosahatchee River. Marine traffic should expect construction barges and activity in the area. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Boaters should use caution. Pedestrians should use

extreme caution and stay behind the construction safety fence and out of the work zone. Estimated project completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Inland Construction & Equipment, Inc.

US 41 from Cedar Creek Drive to South Bay Drive: Maintenance project: Crews will be performing shoulder maintenance and installing sod during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Sanibel Boulevard to Emerson Square Boulevard: Maintenance project: Crews will be performing shoulder maintenance and installing sod during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard from SR 739/Metro Parkway to Veronica Shoemaker Boulevard: Construction project: This project builds a multi-use path and improves pedestrian access at bus stops on the north side of the roadway. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is spring of 2017. The contractor is Rogar Management & Consulting of Florida, LLC.

SR 739/Business 41 over the Caloosahatchee River: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, January 3 through Thursday, January 5 while crews perform maintenance work on the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Prospect Avenue to Fairview Avenue: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing sidewalk during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Fairfax Avenue to Flamingo Avenue: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing sidewalk during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Adams Avenue to Fairview Avenue: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing sidewalk during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard at River Hall Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the inside eastbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday while crews construct a turn lane, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78/Pine Island Road/Bayshore Road from US 41 to Hart/New Post Road: Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, bike lanes and signal upgrades at various intersections. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project. Intermittent lane closures may occur on side streets.** Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is fall 2017. The contractor is AJAX Industries of Florida, Inc.

SR 78 at Coon Road: Construction project: Crews will be replacing the signal mast arm at the southeast corner of the intersection. Motorist should expect lane closures during nighttime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Santa Barbara Boulevard to Chiquita Boulevard: Maintenance project: Crews will be striping the roadway during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Leeland Heights Boulevard from Georgia Road to Richmond Avenue: Construction project: This project includes sidewalk installation and drainage improvements to the north side of the roadway. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Local area residents will have access at all times. Intermittent lane closures may occur on side streets.**

- **Motorists should expect McKinley Avenue closed on the north side of Leeland Heights Boulevard.**

Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is spring of 2017. The contractor is Wright Construction Group, Inc.

MANATEE COUNTY

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

Construction activities are suspended Sunday, January 1, 2017 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year holiday. Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Tuesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 7 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m. Watch for lane shifts and temporary single and double lane closures on the I-75 on and off-ramps between 8 p.m. and 7 a.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 Tuesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 7 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. Watch for shifts in traffic.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Errie Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, driving piles at the I-75/University Parkway, reconstructing the median on University Parkway, constructing the new I-75 northbound bridge, constructing MSE walls and installing noise wall panels. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway. 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 at the I-275 and Moccasin Wallow Road Interchanges: Construction

project: Crews are installing new high-mast lighting. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Highway Safety Devices, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2017.

SR 70 from 301 Boulevard to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway and making signal upgrades. Expect daytime and/or nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. Expected completion is late summer 2017. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

SR 70/53rd Avenue from east of Pope Road to Wolf Slough: Maintenance permits project: Crews are making drainage repairs. The eastbound outside lane will remain closed through the end of January while crews are working.

SR 64 from 60th Street West to 57th Street West: Maintenance permits project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect daytime westbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Wednesday, January 4th through Friday, January 6th. Use caution and expect possible delays.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 98 at Trusty Street: Maintenance Project: Crews will be cleaning ditches. Daytime lane closures are expected Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please use caution while traveling through this area.

US 441 from NE 304th Street to the Osceola county line: Permit project: Crews are installing underground utilities. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 441 from SW 8th Street to SW 28th 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 224th 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 98 and SR 78 from Martin County to Glades County: Ongoing Permit project: Utility Crews are replacing utility poles. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 98 approximately three miles north of the airport: Driveway Permit project: Construction workers are installing a driveway and driveway culvert. Watch for workers close to the road. Watch for periodic northbound lane closures and be prepared to stop.

SR 78 over Kissimmee River, 4.7 miles west of US 441: Bridge maintenance: Crews will be performing routine bridge inspection. Inspection will require intermittent lane closures during daylight hours. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone in a single lane. Motorists should use caution and watch for crews near the roadway.

SR 70 from SE 16th Avenue to SE 31st Terrace: Construction project: Crews are installing guardrail, milling and resurfacing the roadway. Nighttime lane closures are expected. Expected project completion is winter 2016. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

SR 70 West from SW 24th Avenue to NW 38th Terrace: Construction project. Crews are pouring concrete sidewalks and constructing a pedestrian bridge across a creek. Expected project completion is late 2016. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

SR 70 from NE 13th Avenue east to NE 34th: 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: Crews are clearing and grubbing, excavating retention ponds, placing embankment, drainage and subgrade on the eastbound roadway, forming superstructure at Mosquito Creek and substructure at L63 Canal, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, weather permitting.

- NE 64th Avenue is closed while crews build the roadway. Follow posted detour.
- Expect periodic lane closures along SR 70 and at Berman Road. Follow flagger directions.

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 34th Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48th Avenue: 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 160th Street from US 98 to US 441: Construction project: The project consists of milling and resurfacing, constructing paved shoulders, adding guardrail and drainage improvements. Crews are milling and resurfacing the roadway. Expect one lane traffic and short delays. 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: Construction activities are suspended Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day.

Detour – Eastbound I-4 Off-Ramp CLOSED at the I-4/SR 559 Interchange, Exit 44:

Tuesday, January 3: The contractor anticipates a temporary detour route at the I-4/SR 559 interchange at night/overnight Tuesday, January 3 between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. while crews place the final layer of asphalt on the ramp.

Motorists traveling east on I-4 wishing to exit at SR 559, Exit 44 are directed to continue east on I-4, exit at CR 557/Lake Alfred, Exit 48, travel north on CR 557, enter westbound I-4, continue west on I-4, and exit at SR 559, Exit 44. Law enforcement will be present. Expect delays.

Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts and temporary intermittent lane closures, changes in traffic patterns, and flaggers directing traffic during daytime and nighttime hours, as needed, on SR 559. Crews continue with installation of the prevention wall fencing and paving. Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.

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.

I-4 from the east end of the Polk Parkway to Osceola County line: Construction project: Crews are installing a new Fog/Low Visibility Detection System on Interstate 4 from the east end of the Polk Parkway to the Osceola County line. Watch for intermittent shoulder closures and trucks entering and leaving the highway as crews place signs, erosion control devices, and continue installing bases. Speeding fines double when workers are present.

Improvements under this contract include installing wind, precipitation, visibility and atmospheric sensors, thermal infrared cameras, flashing beacon signs and replacing the amber dynamic message signs with full-color dynamic message signs. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Transcore ITS.

I-4 at the Polk Parkway (SR 570): Maintenance permit project: Watch for eastbound and westbound nighttime/overnight lane closures from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Tuesday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 4 for lighting maintenance. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 98 from Markham Road to Pasco County Line: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for intermittent sidewalk and shoulder closures with trucks entering and leaving the highway, from 7 a.m. to dusk, Monday through Thursdays, as crews repair pipes, mitered end sections and driveways. The contractor is LAS Contracting. Expected completion is early 2017.

US 98 from Crystal Lake Drive to Main Street: Maintenance contract project: Crews are trimming trees over US 98 and along the sidewalk through the first week of January 2017. Use caution and watch for periodic southbound daytime lane closures.

US 98 near Old Stokes Road: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic, as crews finish final items. Use caution and be prepared to stop. This project includes installing a cross drain and ditch block near Old Stokes Road, and grading and installing ditches. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2017.

US 92 (Magnolia Avenue) from Walnut Street to Oak Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for westbound lane closures during the day while crews install curb and gutter. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 92 (SR 600) east of Southampton Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for eastbound shoulder closures as crews from SWS clean up an oil spill. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 92 (SR 600) from Reynolds Road to Schalamar Creek Entrance: Construction project: Traffic on US 92 reduces to one lane in each direction and shifts onto the existing westbound lanes, from Reynolds Road to Schalamar Creek Drive. The temporary lanes will not accommodate wide loads, so wide load haulers should seek alternate routes.

The changes are necessary while crews remove and replace the eastbound lanes of the bridges through early 2017. Miscellaneous bridge and roadway construction over the new box culvert continues. Observe the reduced 45 mph speed limit, use caution and watch for trucks entering and leaving the work zone.

Improvements on this project consist of milling and paving, base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, guardrail, sidewalks, signing & pavement markings and replacing the existing US 92 bridges over the Lake Parker Drainage Canal and Saddle Creek. The expected completion date is summer 2017. The contractor is Commercial Industrial Corporation.

US 92 from Walker Road (east of Recker Highway) to Jersey Road: Construction project: Motorists should expect daytime lane closures, Wednesday, January 4 through Friday, January 6 while the contractor pours new sidewalks and ramps and constructs drainage structures. This project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, signal pole and equipment upgrades, lighting, guardrail, and joint repairs on the bridge. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2017. Preferred Materials is the contractor.

US 92 from Winter Haven Airport entrance to 21st Street NW: Watch for nighttime/overnight eastbound lane closures as crews construct a new entrance to the airport and work on the signal at Lynchburg Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 at Four Corners/Bella Citta Boulevard: Construction project: Work continues to install a new traffic signal at the intersection. The project also includes striping and crosswalks. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime and nighttime hours. Estimated completion is late early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 27 (south of US 17/92) Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while they build a right turn lane, gravity wall and sidewalk. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17/92 at CR 54 South and North of (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Watch for trucks entering and leaving the road

while crews install a new gas line for Florida Southeast Connection. Use caution. For more information, visit: <http://www.floridasoutheastconnection.com/>

US 17/92 from Lake Alfred Road to Davis Avenue: Construction project: Watch for intermittent single-lane closures on US 17/92 while crews build the bridge during the day. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Improvements under this contract include construction of the Lake Alfred Trail pedestrian bridge connecting the Chain of Lakes Trail with the Lake Alfred-Polk City Connector Trail, lighting, drainage improvements and signing and pavement markings. Expected completion is spring 2017. The contractor is Leware Construction Company of Florida.

US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. 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).

SR 700 (N Lake Parker Avenue) from US 98 to US 92 (E Memorial Boulevard): Maintenance contract project: Watch for workers close to the road and occasional lane closures as crews repair broken sidewalks and driveway entrances, remove trip hazards and upgrade sidewalk ramps to ADA standards. Pedestrians should detour to the closest crosswalk to get around temporary sidewalk closures. Central Concrete Products is the contractor.

SR 559 from SR 33 to SR 655 (Recker Highway): Maintenance contract project: Crews are trimming trees along the eastbound and westbound right-of-way through the first week of January 2017. Watch for intermittent lane closures.

SR 546 (Memorial Boulevard) from Interstate 4 to Brunnell Parkway: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime shoulder closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for utility work and westbound concrete pavement reconstruction. Workers continue placing concrete pavement between Wabash Avenue and Crutchfield Road, Monday through Saturday, for the new westbound roadway.

Concrete crews will also work at night from 12 midnight to 7 a.m. between Wabash Avenue and the I4 ramps in the closed area. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

City of Lakeland crews continue removing and replacing waterlines from Chestnut Avenue to Wabash Avenue along the eastbound shoulder. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

Crews will TEMPORARILY CLOSE Crutchfield Road, between SR 546 (West Memorial Blvd.) and Swindell Road, starting at Tuesday, January 3 and keeping it closed through Sunday, January 29, to reconstruct the roadway.

Local traffic will access Crutchfield Road with one way traffic entering from Memorial Blvd. and heading northbound only. Southbound Crutchfield Road will be closed and a

detour will be provided from Swindell Road. Motorists should follow posted detour signs using West Memorial Boulevard and north Crutchfield Road to detour around the closure.

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

SR 544 (Lucerne Park Road) from Ave T to US 27: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are trimming trees along the eastbound and westbound right-of-way through the first week of January 2017. Watch for intermittent lane closures.

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 540 (Winter Lake Road) from US 98 to US 17: Maintenance contract project: Crews are trimming trees along the eastbound and westbound right-of-way through the first week of January 2017. Watch for intermittent lane closures.

SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Blvd.) from Overlook Drive to US 27: Maintenance contract project: Crews are trimming trees along the eastbound and westbound right-of-way through the first week of January 2017. Watch for intermittent lane closures.

SR 60 from Diesel Road to Kid Ellis Road: Maintenance Contracts project: Crews are repairing broken sidewalk and driveways from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for eastbound lane closures with trucks entering and leaving the roadway. Be prepared to merge. Evan's Contracting Services is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2017.

SR 60 near Boy Scout Road east of Lake Wales: Maintenance permit project: Watch for trucks entering and leaving the road while crews install a new gas line for Florida Southeast Connection. Use caution. For more information on this project, visit: <http://www.floridasoutheastconnection.com/>

SR 60 from CR 630 to Osceola County line: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic, Monday through Friday, as crews place sod and replace mailboxes. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures with temporary signals controlling traffic from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday while crews pave the final layer of asphalt.

Use caution, add extra time in your schedule to reach your destination, and be prepared to stop. Motorists should also be cautious of dump trucks entering and leaving the construction zone.

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 Sough 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 (North Florida Avenue) from Main Street to US 92 (Memorial Boulevard):

Maintenance contracts project: Watch for northbound or southbound daytime sidewalk closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., as crews from Sieg and Sons, Inc. grind tree stumps through the end of February. Pedestrians will be detoured to sidewalk on the opposite side of the roadway.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from East Hibiscus Drive to West Oak Drive: Maintenance permit project: Watch for a temporary road closure up to 5 minutes at a time at night/overnight after 8 p.m., Tuesday, January 3 through early morning Wednesday, January 4, while crews from Brighthouse/Spectrum run cable over the road. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) at W Christina Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews will modify and extend the existing northbound right turn lane and southbound left turn lane onto West Christina Boulevard. Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures and turn lane closures on SR 37 as crews complete this work. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 33 from Haynes Circle to Withlacoochee Bridge: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews continue paving the final layer of asphalt and complete work on driveways. Use caution and be prepared to stop. Work on this project includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, adjusting the cross slope for improved drainage in various locations, adding rumble striping, and replacing guardrail. The expected completion date is early 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

SR 17 at SR 544/CR 544: Construction project: Crews are placing signs and erosion control devices. Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews install new signal poles. This project includes milling and paving, widening and striping the lanes and turn lanes on CR 544, removing the right-turn slip lane on northbound SR 17 and restriping the lanes for right turn and through traffic, replacing signal poles and upgrading signal equipment, adding lighted street signs, providing pedestrian crosswalks and signals, adding ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps, installing curb and gutter and improving drainage. The contractor is American Lighting and Signalization. Expected completion is spring 2017.

Crews Lake Drive from Lakeland Highlands Road to Beal Lane: Construction project: Watch for periodic daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic, Tuesday, January 3 through Friday January 6, while crews install construction signs and erosion control devices during the day. This project includes resurfacing, adding two-foot paved

shoulders, and edge striping. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation. Expected completion is summer 2017.

Saddle Creek Road from Tower Manor Drive to Old Dixie Highway and Old Dixie Highway from Glenn Road to Berkley Road: Construction project: Expect daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic, Tuesday, January 3 through Thursday January 6, while crews install construction signs and erosion control devices during the day. This project includes new sidewalk, ramps and drainage improvements. The contractor is Russell Engineering, Inc. Expected completion is spring 2017.

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I-75 from Sumter Boulevard to River Road: Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are completing final items, Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Wednesday January 4 to Saturday January 7, 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 early 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.

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

Construction activities are suspended Sunday, January 1, 2017 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year holiday. Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Tuesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 7 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m. Watch for lane shifts and temporary single and double lane closures on the I-75 on and off-ramps between 8 p.m. and 7 a.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 Tuesday, January 3 through Saturday, January 7 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. Watch for shifts in traffic.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Errie Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, driving piles at the I-75/University Parkway, reconstructing the median on University Parkway, constructing the new I-75 northbound bridge, constructing MSE walls and installing noise wall panels. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway. 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 at Laurel Road: Construction project: Crews are installing new landscaping and the I-75 and Laurel Road interchange. No lane closures are expected. Superior Landscaping & Lawn Services, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

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.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Motorists on north and southbound US 41 between Venice Avenue and Bird Bay Drive should be prepared for a shift in the travel lanes. Use caution while traveling through the work zone.

Motorists should be mindful of the construction signs in place and traffic control officers and use caution while traveling through the project area. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 41 over Myakkahatchee Creek: Construction project: Crews are constructing new pedestrian overpasses over Myakkahatchee Creek; improving drainage; installing guardrail, and constructing new sidewalk. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Cone & Graham, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

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. Preferred Materials, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

SR 789 at New Pass Bridge: Construction project: Crews are updating the Bridge Tender house, electrical components, and the gates. Expect nighttime/overnight sidewalk closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Quinn Construction is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive: Construction project: The traffic currently shifts to the north from US 41/Tamiami Trail to west of Beneva Road. The south sidewalk remains closed behind the barrier wall & is part of the construction zone at this time. Pedestrians must use the north sidewalk from US 41/Tamiami Trail to Beneva Road.

Traffic then shifts to the south from Beneva Road east to McIntosh Road as crews begin storm drainage work in selected areas on the north side of the roadway. The north sidewalk is closed in this location and pedestrians will be directed to the new sidewalk on the south side of Bee Ridge Road.

Stay alert for intermittent lane closures during nighttime operations as well as slow moving construction vehicles throughout the project. Motorists should plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

Side Street Advisories: Crews continue removal, repair and installation of storms drains along Bee Ridge on the south side of the road as well as water main work for the city of Sarasota which may require intermittent side street closures. Crews are preparing the roadbed for paving on the south side of the roadway and may close School Avenue, Midland, Groveland Avenue, Worcester or Dearborn Avenue for a few days, one at a time, as they progress. Crews continue to work on the north side of Bee Ridge to install storm drainage and may close Radnor Place, Asbury or Belmont, one at a time. Motorists should pay special attention throughout this project and follow the detour signage in place to access streets to and from Bee Ridge Road.

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 late summer of 2017.

SR 72 at Proctor Road: Maintenance permits project: Crews are constructing a turn lane and driveway. Expect daytime intermittent lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through early January. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72 east of I-75 to Myakka Valley Ranches: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cleaning the roadside ditches along this corridor. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72 between Sawyer Road and Mirror Lake Road: Maintenance permits project: Crews are replacing power poles. The eastbound outside lane will be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 13. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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