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**DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #41
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2015**

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

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

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

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

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

I-75 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to North Jones Loop Road (exit #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. Traffic shifts to the outside of the roadway through the majority 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 early 2017. 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.

- **From 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., expect nighttime/overnight lane closures for northbound and southbound traffic on US 41**
- **The northbound right turn lane on Toledo Blade Blvd. from Hibbert Avenue to US 41 is closed for approximately one month**
- **Northbound and southbound traffic is shifted to the outside onto temporary pavement**
- **The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening will close for this phase of construction; motorists should follow the detour signs**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hours**

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 and northbound traffic will now use northbound travel lanes. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic shifts to the eastside of the roadway.**

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

SR 776 (El Jobean Road) from Willow Bend Drive to Collingsworth Boulevard: Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), improving drainage for water running off the roadway, installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 3.8-mile project includes building drainage improvements to manage water running off the roadway, updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections of Toledo Blade Boulevard and Flamingo Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is fall of 2015. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 31 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74/Bermont Road: Construction project: Work is underway to resurface this roadway. This 12-mile project includes repairing existing drainage facilities and improvements to signage and pavement markings throughout the project. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is early 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

COLLIER COUNTY

Gulf Shore Boulevard from 18th Avenue South to 12th Avenue South: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, curb and gutter, signing and pavement marking along Gulf Shore Boulevard, including 18th Avenue South to Gordon Drive. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is expected in early 2016. The Contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

I-75 from north of CR 951 to just north of Golden Gate Parkway: Construction project: This project adds six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 Mosquito Canal to SR 29: Construction project: Crews begin a resurfacing project this week from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes shoulder widening and guardrail replacements. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **The four-lane section of US 41 (SR 90) at Port of the Islands is now reduced down to one travel lane in each direction. All median crossings and turn lanes in this section are still accessible.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures between SR 29 and Port of the Islands to take place during daytime hours at various bridge locations for new Thrie-Beam installations.**

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 at Gordon River Bridge -- Pedestrian Underpass Improvements: Construction project: Crews will be replacing sidewalk, adding decorative hand railing, pedestrian lighting, and a drainage gutter for the pedestrian underpass. Bridge joints will be replaced and additional underpass signage will be added to the surrounding area. Minimal impact to vehicular traffic is expected. Due to the work being performed the underpass will be closed for the safety of the pedestrians and bicyclists. Please follow all sidewalk closure and detour signs.

- **Motorists should expect crews performing median work during daytime hours.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures just north of US 41 for crews to install light poles at the intersection.**

Motorists should also use caution when passing through construction site. Variable message boards will notify motorists of anticipated lane closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Wright Construction, Inc.

US 41 From Pelican Bay Boulevard to Vanderbilt Beach Road: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, curb and gutter, bus shelter pads, handrail, drainage, relocate lighting and signing and pavement marking 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.

US 41 (Tamiami Trail East) from SR 951 to Greenway Road: Construction project: Crews continue work to expand two-lane US 41 to six lanes from SR 951 to Joseph Lane and to four lanes from Joseph Lane to Greenway Road. A 30-foot median will separate northbound and southbound travel lanes. The project also includes a 10-foot multi-use pathway along southbound travel lanes and a six-foot sidewalk parallel to northbound lanes. Median openings spaced throughout the project allow for left turns and U-turns. Crews also are replacing the traffic signal at Manatee Road.

- **Vehicles will now use the new roadway from Naples Reserve Boulevard to Greenway Road. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday for crews to widen the lanes.**

Vehicles use the new roadway from east of CR 951 to Naples Reserve Boulevard. The bus stops shift to allow the contractor to build the new roadway. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.

Crews are currently relocating utilities, constructing culverts, installing underground storm drainage, and completing earthwork. Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in fall 2016. The design/build team is Wantman Group Inc./Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 951 at Fiddlers Creek Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Crews are improving the traffic signal. Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 951 and eastbound Fiddlers Creek Parkway during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Airport Pulling Road to Kings Way: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday for crews to install concrete poles. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 84 from Airport Pulling Road to Heritage Trail: Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, connects two miles of bicycle lanes, replaces existing traffic signals and improves pedestrian crossings at every intersection. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **Within six-hundred feet of a signalized intersection, motorists should expect any eastbound lane closures from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and any westbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. 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 underway for two new travel lanes to the east of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities, installation of drainage and fill soils, and new roadway construction. Expect intermittent daytime single-lane flagging operations near Joshua Creek for bridge work. Use caution and plan additional travel time. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limit. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

GLADES COUNTY

US 27 (Mamie Langdale Memorial Bridge) over the Caloosahatchee River: Construction project: No lane closures are planned as workers continue bracing the bridge diaphragms beneath the bridge. Work on this project includes bridge repairs and rehabilitation. Expected project completion by the end of 2015. The contractor is Amroad, LLC.

US 27 at Bronson Road: Construction project: Watch for single lane closures and be prepared to merge as crews complete nighttime/overnight paving from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday night, October 11 through Wednesday morning, October 14. Expect daytime lane closures, Thursday, October 15, through Friday, October 16, and be prepared to merge. This project includes adding left and right turn lanes, lighting, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, signs and sidewalks at Bronson Road. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

US 27 south of the Moore Haven Bridge: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside westbound lane closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for crews to construct a turn lane. Drivers should use caution while crews work in the roadway.

State Roadways (SR 78, SR 29 and US 27): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours, weekdays, for crews to replace thermoplastic pavement markings in the roadway. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as crews work in the roadway.

HARDEE COUNTY

No projects at this time.

HENDRY

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Construction project: Work continues to build a bi-directional weigh-in-motion scale in the median. Motorists should expect the inside lanes closed throughout the project. Estimated completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

SR 80 from west of Cowboy Way to Huggett Road: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing a waterline near the east side of the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Industrial Canal to Merchant Street: Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 1.8-mile project includes updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect**

intermittent lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Pedestrians and cyclists should expect sidewalk closures with detours through the duration of the project. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is winter of 2015. The Contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving Inc.

SR 80 in the City of LaBelle: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

SR 29 in the Town of Felda: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

SR 29 in the City of LaBelle: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be replacing concrete sidewalk near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Pedestrians and bicyclists should expect intermittent sidewalk closures.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

US 98 from CR 721 to US 27 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will be trimming trees. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 and SR 70 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will continue mowing the rights-of-way and medians on US 27 and SR 70. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 from Avon Park to SR 66 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will spray herbicide around curbs, gutters, sidewalk areas and wet ditches. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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. Expect lane closures and watch for flaggers directing traffic in various locations from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

SR 70 at Placid Lakes Boulevard (Lake Placid): Maintenance project: Crews are cleaning ditches. Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This work should last through the end of September.

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.

LEE COUNTY

Business 41 from Littleton Road to US 41: Construction project: Crews will add thermoplastic pavement markings to approximately 1.3 miles of the roadway. Project will consist of nighttime operations only. This will be a moving operation with little impact to traffic. Estimated project completion is October 2015. The contractor is McShea Contracting, LLC.

I-75 from north of SR 80 to south of SR 78: Construction project: Crews are completing final construction items, weather permitting. Watch out for nighttime/overnight slow-moving lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, October 11 to Friday, October 16, for striping operations on the bridges and grinding rumble strips along the roadway shoulders. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the work zone. Stay alert and use caution. Follow the reduced 60 MPH speed limit posted throughout the project limits. Speeding fines double when workers are present. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is The de Moya Group/Leware Construction Company Joint Venture.

US 41 from Via Rapallo to Williams Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a new southbound turn lane and extending the northbound turn lane. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Estimated completion is July 2015. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

US 41 from Lakeridge Court to Cypress Terrace: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to update the water main system. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 867/McGregor Boulevard from A&W Bulb to College Parkway: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be removing and replacing sidewalk. Motorists should expect northbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

SR 865/San Carlos Boulevard from Bayside Boulevard to Main Street: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday for crews to install power poles. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 739/Metro Parkway from Winkler Avenue to Hanson Street: Construction project: Work is underway to expand Metro Parkway to six lanes, widen one-half mile of Evans Avenue just south of Hanson Street to three lanes northbound, and build a new six-lane Metro Parkway bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks, Ten Mile Canal, and Palm Avenue. The roadway will connect to Evans Avenue and Fowler Street and also include lanes for southbound Fowler Street drivers who may choose to use Metro Parkway southbound. **Metro Parkway northbound is currently reduced to one lane just south of Winkler Avenue for crews to do median work. Motorists should expect lane closures on Fowler Street near Kennesaw Street while crews work on traffic signals.** Work currently involves roadway and bridge construction and drainage installation. Motorists are advised to use caution and to be aware of trucks entering and leaving the roadway. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

SR 80/Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue: Construction project: The City of Fort Myers is improving the storm drainage system on Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue. Second Street will be reduced to one eastbound lane during construction. Detours will be in place during street closures. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.

- **Motorists should expect Evans Avenue closed at Second Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 9 and Monday, October 12 for crews to install underground utilities.** Flaggers will be on site to direct traffic during lane closures.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are to use extreme caution. Motorists should be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Judd Creek Boulevard to Tamiami Trail/Business 41: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weather permitting for crews to perform drainage maintenance. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 78/Bayshore Road at New Post Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weather permitting for crews to remove a turn lane at the intersection. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

MANATEE COUNTY

Various Locations: Maintenance contracts projects: Crews are trimming trees through the end of October at various locations along Business US 41, SR 684 and SR 70 in Manatee County. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution in area where workers are present.

Various Locations: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are making concrete repairs through mid-November at various locations along US 41, SR 789 and SR 64 in Manatee County. Use caution while in the area where workers are present.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Temporary lane closures are in place on the southbound I-75 exit-ramp (Exit No. 213) to University Parkway at night/overnight on Sunday, October 11 through Thursday, October 15 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Temporary lane closures are also in place on the northbound I-75 exit-ramp (Exit No. 213) to University Parkway at night/overnight on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 11 through Thursday, October 15 while crews mill and resurface areas of I-75. Temporary lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 11 through Tuesday, October 13 to remove the existing median east of I-75. Watch for shifts in traffic. The contractor is driving piles at Foley Creek Bridge and installing temporary drainage pipe along I-75. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment in the median of I-75. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **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 Pkwy., 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 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. There will be intermittent shoulder closures throughout the project limits for clearing and grubbing, and utility relocation. Expect shoulder closures along the west side of US 301 from 69th Street to just north of 73rd Street for installation of water line. Expect daytime detours on 69th Street and 71st Street for installation of water line. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2016.

US 301 at 25th Drive E: Construction Project: Crews are constructing a left-turn lane from westbound US 301 onto 25th Drive E, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early.

US 41 from 69th Avenue to SR 684/Cortez Road: Construction project: Crews are making intersection improvements and pedestrian safety upgrades including pedestrian refuge islands throughout the project limits. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. within 600 feet of signalized intersections. FDOT permits daytime and nighttime lane closures not within 600 feet of a signalized intersection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Florida Safety Contractors, Inc., is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

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 the embankment, excavation and drainage installation in median and outside shoulder in north and southbound direction. Construction activities are going on both during the day and at night. Motorists should use caution while travelling through these areas and be mindful of the construction personnel and equipment. 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.

SR 789 (Gulf Drive) from SR 684 (Cortez Avenue West) northbound to SR 64 (Manatee Avenue West): Maintenance permit project: Various locations will close from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., through Friday, October 16. FPL crews will be tying in existing power lines to new power poles. Flaggers will be present, and drivers should use caution.

SR 789 from 27th Street to SR 64: Construction project: Crews are constructing sidewalk and new bus shelters, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect daytime lane closures and flagging operations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews are working. LAS Contracting Corporation is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 789 from the Longboat Key Bridge to 13th Street South: Maintenance project: Crews are edging and sweeping the bike lanes. Expect intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 15. Motorists and bicyclists should use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 from 6th Street E to 9th Street E: Construction Project: Crews are extending the left-turn lane from eastbound SR 70 onto northbound 9th Street E, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, constructing sidewalk, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

SR 70 at 15th Street East: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect right-turn lane closures from eastbound SR 70 to southbound 15th Street East and westbound left-turn lane closures to southbound SR 70 through Friday, October 16. Use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

SR 70 at 9th Street East: Maintenance permit project: Crews are repairing a manhole cover. Expect nighttime/overnight inside westbound lane closures and inside eastbound turn-lane closures Tuesday, October 13 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 64 from 77th Street West to 59th Street West: Construction project: Crews are installing highway lighting and constructing sidewalk. Expect lane closures from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., when necessary. MSB Services, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is late 2015.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

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: Watch for crews working close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution when workers are present.

SR 70 from NE 13th Avenue east to NE 34th: Avenue: Maintenance project: Crew will spray herbicide on the sidewalks on both the north and south side of SR 70 during the day, Monday through Thursday. Use caution while traveling through this area.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road in Okeechobee: Construction project: Workers are installing drainage, grading embankment, building subgrade and base rock, placing structural asphalt for new travel lanes, and constructing the bridge substructure at L63 Canal and Mosquito Creek Bridge from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Expect periodic lane closures on SR 70 for material delivery. Flaggers will direct traffic
- NE 71st Avenue remains closed at SR 70 while crews build the new roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 64th Drive.

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 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.

POLK COUNTY

I-4 Emergency Crossover 1.22 miles east of SR 33 (Lakeland): Construction project: Crews will begin widening and building cable barrier in the median during the day. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Improvements under this contract include building an emergency crossover, widening, base work, drainage improvements, signing and pavement markings and installing high-tension cable barrier. Expected completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Blacktip Services Inc.

I-4/SR 559 Interchange in Auburndale: Construction project: Crews continue constructing new ramps at I-4/SR 559, and installing drainage at the U-turn on SR 559. Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts along eastbound and westbound I-4 and temporary intermittent lane closures, traffic shifts, site changes and flaggers directing traffic as needed on SR 559.

Upcoming Detours: Anticipated detour routes on westbound and eastbound I-4. See details below. Temporary lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. prior to the start of the detour. Expect delays.

Westbound I-4 at the I-4/SR 559 Interchange, Exit No. 44

A detour route is in place at the I-4/SR 559 interchange while crews close the lanes on westbound I-4 under the SR 559 overpass. Signs direct westbound I-4 traffic to exit on the SR 559 entrance ramp (Exit No. 44), then cross over SR 559, and then enter I-4 on the I-4 entrance ramp. This detour is in effect at night/overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday, October 12 while crews pour concrete to form the deck of the new bridge. Law enforcement officers will be present directing traffic.

Eastbound I-4 at the I-4/SR 559 Interchange, Exit No. 44

A detour route is in place at the I-4/SR 559 interchange while crews close the lanes on eastbound I-4 under the SR 559 overpass. Signs direct eastbound I-4 traffic to exit on the SR 559 entrance ramp (Exit No. 44), then cross over SR 559, and then enter I-4 on the I-4 entrance ramp. This detour is in effect at night/overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Thursday, October 15 while crews pour concrete to form the deck of the new bridge. Law enforcement officers will be present directing traffic.

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. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i4/sr559/>

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 the end of 2015.

US 98 from CR 540A to SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) in Lakeland: Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures in both directions from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights while crews paint the permanent pavement markings along the roadway and side street entrances. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 98 from Socrum Loop Road to Thomas Road in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 98 from Marcum Road to Princeton Street: Florida Gas Transmission Testing: Southbound US 98 from Marcum Road to Princeton Road will be one lane from 12 midnight to 4 a.m. early Tuesday morning, October 13, while Florida Gas Transmission perform test on their lines. Use caution and be prepared to merge. For more information, visit www.fgthydrotest.com or contact Terry Coleman at 844-348-4636.

US 92 (Memorial Boulevard) from Brunnell Parkway to US 98: Maintenance contracts: Crews are repairing sidewalks and driveways. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road through the end of October.

US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Crews are working at night/overnight from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 11 through Thursday, October 15 to install drainage pipe in the median along US 27. Crews continue laying sod, paving the roadway, pouring sidewalk at various locations and installing guardrail at US 27/US 192. Signalization crews continue work at various intersections along US 27. Watch for traffic shifts on US 27, and under the bridge and on the ramps at US 27/US 192.

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 SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) to US 17/92 in Winter Haven: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are repairing sidewalks. There are no daytime lane closures anticipated. Motorist should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road.

US 17 at the corner of Avenue O SW (Winter Haven): Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing sidewalk and new driveway north of the intersection. Watch for northbound lane closures at night/overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. 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 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Saturday, October 17, while crews continue drainage work, road improvements and constructing a median separator. A temporary traffic signal continues controlling traffic at the intersection. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 559 (Lake Ariana Boulevard) South Prado Avenue to Bay Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 14 while crews replace a utility pole. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 544 (Lucerne Park Road) just west of Ridge Career Center: Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent nighttime/overnight eastbound lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. while crews construct a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures beginning Sunday night, October 11, as workers begin demolition of the existing traffic separator in the median at Ninth Street. Crews will close the median opening to all cross traffic and left and right turns during construction. For improved safety, the new traffic separator will only allow motorists to turn left onto Ninth Street from northbound Kathleen Road once complete.

Workers may reduce Kathleen Road to a single lane for work in other areas, Sunday night, October 11 through Thursday night, October 15, so use caution and be prepared to merge. Work on this project includes resurfacing, closing two underutilized mid-block median openings, adding turn lanes, making median modifications, replacing traffic and pedestrian signals, reworking some of the side street entrances, restriping and building a new median crosswalk just south of Interstate 4. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Preferred Materials, 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 lane closures on SR 60, both eastbound and westbound for pipe crossing reconstruction, paving and railroad crossing repair. Observe posted speed limits 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 fall 2015, weather permitting. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation.

SR 60 from Flamingo Drive to Connersville Road in Bartow: Construction project: Crews are driving pile or bridge supports, building a temporary trestle work-platform, installing concrete bridge deck and sidewalk. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures for materials and equipment deliveries including bridge beams and concrete. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Note: Wide loads may not be able to pass through when lane closures are in place. Wide load haulers should take a different route. Crews will also be placing asphalt and pouring concrete in business driveways along the eastbound lanes. Use caution and watch for flaggers directing vehicles in and out. Work on this project includes adding a new sidewalk and pedestrian bridges on the south side of SR 60, and building a bus bay and bus pad at the stop east of Peace River Mobile Home Park. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Leware Construction Company, Inc.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from CR 540A to Carter Road in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing a gravity sewer line along the northbound lanes of SR 37. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City: Construction project: Watch for trucks entering and leaving the construction zone as crews begin pouring concrete and constructing the new roundabout northeast of the intersection. Use caution and be prepared to stop at the temporary signal at the intersection. The stop bars are as far back as 100 feet from the signal to allow trucks enough room to turn. There are no right turns 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.

SR 33/Commonwealth Avenue in Polk City: Florida Gas Transmission Testing: SR 33, from Voyles Loop Road North to Voyles Loop Road South, will close from 12 midnight to 4 a.m., early Tuesday morning October 13, while Florida Gas Transmission performs tests on their lines. Follow the posted detour using Voyles Loop Road. Watch for flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to stop north of the detour between Voyles Loop Road North and Tavares Road. Testing will affect other local roads. For more information, visit www.fgthydrotest.com or contact Terry Coleman at 844-348-4636.

SR 17 (Scenic Highway) from south of Ray Martin Road/Passion Play Road to south of Mountain Lake Cut Off Road in Lake Wales: Construction project: Watch for crews working close to the road as they complete final items from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. During this project, workers have resurfaced the roadway, improved drainage, upgraded traffic signals, installed guardrail, curb, gutter and sidewalk, pavement markings and permanent signs. Observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Gibbs and Register, Inc.

SR 17 at the intersection of CR 17B (Hunt Brothers Road) in Lake Wales: Construction project: The SR 17/CR 17 B (Hunt Brothers Road) intersection will remain closed and traffic detoured while crews construct the new roundabout. Motorists should use US 27 between Central Avenue (north of the SR 60 overpass) and CR 640/Pine Crest Road as alternate routes, or follow posted detour signs to access local destinations. The detour will be in place through mid-November.

Work on this project includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection and includes removing old asphalt and resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, pavement markings, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

South 6th Street from Hinson Avenue to Wood Avenue in Haines City: Construction project: South 6th Street remains closed to through traffic from US 17/92 to Ledwith Avenue while crews continue installing irrigation, landscaping, lighting, new mailboxes and permanent pavement. Crews expect to open South 6th Street to through traffic within the next two weeks. Continue to follow the detour and access local businesses from South 5th Street and South 7th Street, until workers remove the road-closed signs.

Watch for flaggers directing traffic between Ledwith Avenue and Wood Avenue during the week while crews install new mailboxes and place permanent pavement markings.

Work on this project consists of milling and resurfacing, driveway replacement, sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, signing and pavement markings, decorative lighting and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is late 2015. The contractor is Gibbs & Register, Inc.

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. Fiber Optic Cable will be installed during daylight hours on with minor disruptions to the traveling public along various corridors throughout the project site. Daytime work of setting pull boxes, conduit tie-ins will continue along US 41 and Sumter in South County. Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling through these areas and be mindful of the construction personnel and equipment.

I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road: Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are installing drainage and placing embankment and lime rock in the median, installing drainage, placing embankment and laying sod in the outside shoulders, and assembling high mast lighting, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound inside lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday October 11 to Friday October 16 for paving operations, weather permitting. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Temporary lane closures are in place on the southbound I-75 exit-ramp (Exit No. 213) to University Parkway at night/overnight on Sunday, October 11 through Thursday, October 15 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Temporary lane closures are also in place on the northbound I-75 exit-ramp (Exit No. 213) to University Parkway at night/overnight on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 11 through Thursday, October 15 while crews mill and resurface areas of I-75. Temporary lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 11 through Tuesday, October 13 to remove the existing median east of I-75. Watch for shifts in traffic. The contractor is driving piles at Foley Creek Bridge and installing temporary drainage pipe along I-75. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment in the median of I-75. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **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 Pkwy., 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 301 from Myrtle Street to Desoto Road: Construction project: Crews for Sarasota County are installing landscaping and irrigation along US 301 and within the medians. Crews are locating utilities, surveying, installing construction signs and installing irrigation lines. C-Squared, LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion for installation and maintenance is fall 2016.

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 at Worrington Street: Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

US 41 from Pan American Boulevard to Sanford Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing new concrete pole. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent eastbound outside lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, October 16. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 41 at From Venetian Drive to Palm Drive: Construction project: Crews are making pedestrian improvements to the Catfish Creek Bridge, installing new sidewalk while realigning existing sidewalk, minor widening to install an improved bus stop and milling and resurfacing two side streets. For the next week, crews will be working on drainage features and on the bridge deck. Construction started on August 31. Douglas N. Higgins is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

US 41 from Woodmere Road to the Lowes Entrance: Construction project: Crews are removing old asphalt, resurfacing the roadway, and replacing traffic and pedestrian signals. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

US 41 from Tallevast to Jacaranda Boulevard: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are striping the roadway. Expect intermittent lane closures over the next three weeks while crews are working.

US 41 at MLK Boulevard: Maintenance contracts project: Crew are making concrete. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through mid-November. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 789 at 3015 Gulf of Mexico Drive: Construction project: Crews are making drainage improvements. Expect possible daytime lane closures and flagging operations while crews are working. AJAX Paving is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 780/Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to McIntosh Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, October 30. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 780/Fruitville Road at Shade Avenue and at US 301: Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

SR 780/Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to Cattleman Road: Construction project: Crews are constructing sidewalk on the north side of SR 780; installing pedestrian and bicycle railing; improving drainage, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect periodic daytime lane closures from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews are working. Central Concrete Products, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

SR 776 at Flamingo Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect southbound right lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 16. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 776 from the Charlotte/Sarasota County Line to US 41 in Venice: Maintenance contracts project: Crew are cleaning storm sewers. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through February. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 776 and on SR 758 Midnight Pass to Higel Road: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are trimming trees through late October. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while workers are present.

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. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight flagging operations between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Extended bridge openings of up to 15 minutes may occur during this time. Expected completion is late 2015/early 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

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