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**DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #43
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 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**
- **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 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

5th Avenue South from US 41/9th Street to 3rd Street south: Special event: Motorists should expect 5th Avenue closed from 1 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, October 31 for the 5th annual Halloween Spooktacular event. Detour Signs will be in place and law enforcement will be present to direct traffic. Drivers are asked to plan extra time when traveling in the area.

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

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 intermittent lane closures just north of US 41 for crews to install light poles at the intersection.**
- **Pedestrians should expect the pedestrian underpass to be open with intermittent temporary closures for the duration of the project.**

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 short-term closures at Reynolds Road for drainage installation. Use caution and plan additional travel time. 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: Workers are bracing bridge diaphragms beneath the bridge. Work on this project includes bridge repairs and rehabilitation. Expect project completion by the end of 2015. The contractor is Amroad, LLC.

US 27 at Bronson Road: Construction project: Watch for daytime single lane closures and be prepared to merge as crew's grade the shoulders and prepare to sod. This project includes adding left and right turn lanes, lighting, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, signs and sidewalks at Bronson Road. Expect project completion in 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.

SR 78 at Curry Island Road, entrance to Vance Whidden Park (north of Moore Haven): Construction project: Crews are installing erosion control fencing and signs along SR 78, Curry Island Road and at the Vance Whidden Park Trail off SR 78. Work on this project includes resurfacing Curry Island Road from SR 78 to the trail, constructing a shell parking area and building a new segment of trail/bike path completing the Vance Whidden Park Trail loop. Expect completion in spring 2016. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation.

SR 29 at York Branch and Lone Pine Bridges: Construction project: Watch for temporary daytime lane closures while crews unload equipment. This project includes bridge rehabilitation and repair at York Branch and Lone Pine Bridges. Expect project completion in spring 2016. The contractor is Douglas and Higgins Inc.

HARDEE COUNTY

SR 64 from Grove Cemetery Road to CR 663: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are replacing side drains. Use caution while crews are working.

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.

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing maintenance on the shoulder during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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 29 from the City of LaBelle Water Plant to Willis Drive: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing maintenance on the shoulder and laying sod during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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 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

I-75 from north of SR 80 to south of SR 78: Construction project: Crews are completing final construction items from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. 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.

I-75 from Alico Road (exit #128) to Daniels Parkway (exit #131): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound outside lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 25 to 5 a.m. Monday, October 26 for crews to perform roadway maintenance. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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.

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

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

US 41 from Johnson Street to Victoria Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to connect underground utilities. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard from US 41 to Evans Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be removing and replacing traffic markings on the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

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.

- **Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 26 Evans Avenue from LeeTran Boulevard to Hanson Street will become one-way northbound.** To access businesses on Evans Avenue, motorists must use Fowler Street to LeeTran Boulevard or to the Southbound Connection (just north of Moreno Avenue) to Evans Avenue. This is the new permanent configuration for Evans Avenue.
- **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.

- Beginning Monday, October 26 crews will shift traffic to the south side of the 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, 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: Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29 while crews mill and resurface areas of I-75 and install temporary barrier wall. Watch for shifts in traffic and uneven pavement. Temporary intermittent lane closures are in place on the on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway and corresponding turn lanes on University Parkway at night/overnight on Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. The contractor is driving piles at Foley Creek Bridge and at I-75/University Parkway. Crews continue installing temporary drainage pipe along I-75, clearing within the right-of-way, excavating ponds 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. Intermittent shoulder and turn lane closures will be set up throughout the project for delivery and hauling of materials and equipment. Expect shoulder closures and turn lane closures along the west side of US 301 from 69th Street to 71st Street for installation of water line. Also, expect north and southbound shoulder closures north of 83rd Street to Moccasin Wallow Road for earthwork operations. 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 the median and outside shoulder along north and southbound US 41. Construction activities occur 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.

US 41 from Whitfield Avenue to Montgomery Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent northbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, October 30. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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 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 30. Use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

SR 70 east of Lockwood Ridge Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing aerial power line crossings. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures and law enforcement directing traffic from midnight to 3 a.m. Wednesday, October 28. Use caution and expect 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.

SR 64 from 29th Street East to 39th Street East: Maintenance permit project: Crews are placing sod. Expect intermittent inside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder.

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, 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 setting beams at Mosquito Creek Bridge from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- NE 48th Avenue closes at SR 70 beginning Thursday, October 29 for construction of the new roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 46th Terrace.
- 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 continue 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: Workers are installing pipe on SR 559 at night/overnight from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 28. Expect temporary intermittent lane closures on SR 559 with flaggers directing traffic as needed. Crews are also paving the new eastbound I-4 exit ramp to SR 559 at night/overnight on Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29. Watch for trucks entering and exiting SR 559 as workers continue building the new bridge. Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts along eastbound and westbound I-4. Expect temporary intermittent lane closures, traffic shifts, site changes and flaggers directing traffic as needed on SR 559.

Speeding fines double when workers are present. Project improvements include constructing a new bridge on SR 559 over I-4, expanding SR 559 from two lanes to four lanes from north of CR 559A to the westbound entrance ramp to I-4, shifting the eastbound lanes of I-4 to the south, installing lighting on SR 559, resurfacing the existing roadway, and improving drainage. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Cone and Graham. 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 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 continue installing drainage pipe in the median along US 27, laying sod, 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 31, 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 659 (Combee Road) at the intersection of US 92 in Lakeland: Construction project: Combee Road, from East Main Street to US 92, remains closed while crews rebuild the railroad crossing, relocate the crossing signals and work on the traffic separator. Follow the posted detour using Reynolds Road or Fairway Avenue as alternate routes until Combee Road reopens in mid-November.

Motorist should watch for intermittent eastbound lane closures on US 92 at Combee Road while crews move the pedestrian signals at the intersection. Use caution and be aware of workers close to the road.

Work on this project includes replacing the railroad crossing replacing portions of the traffic separator and curb, adding sidewalks, building a concrete bus pad at the existing bus stop and place new signs and pavement markings on Combee Road. On US 92, crews will extend the right turn lane from westbound US 92 onto northbound Combee Road, pour new sidewalk between McDonalds and Family Dollar, improve drainage, modify the median and pave the shoulder at US 92 and Woodland Avenue to allow eastbound to westbound U-turns. Weather permitting; expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Lane Construction Corporation.

SR 572 (Drane Field Road) from Waring Road to Airport Perimeter East: Maintenance permit project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays from Thursday, October 29 through Monday, November 30, while crews work on utilities. 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 544 (Havendale Boulevard) from Idylwild Drive to west of 29th Street: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside westbound lane, Monday through Friday, to adjust the manholes. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures Sunday night, October 25, through Friday morning, October 30, as workers continue removing asphalt, concrete, curb and gutter from the right of way and traffic separators. Ninth Street/Providence Road remains closed 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. Crews will also begin work near the eastbound Interstate 4 entrance and exit ramps. Watch for workers close to the road.

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 from Esopo Road to County Line Road: Maintenance project: Crews are removing built up dirt from the shoulders on both sides of SR 60. Use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road.

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, railroad crossing repair, sidewalk and curb construction, sod placement and paving. 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 17 (Scenic Highway) from East Seminole Avenue to East Park Avenue (Lake Wales): City of Lake Wales Police Department will close State Road 17 (Scenic Highway) between East Seminole Avenue and East Park Avenue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, October 25, for the Lake Wales Pioneer Days Antique Car Parade. Follow the posted detour route using North First Street. Officers will close additional local roads for the event. For more information on this event, call 863-678-4182, ext 270.

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.

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.

SR 17 from Smith Avenue to Frederick Avenue in Dundee/Haines City: Maintenance project: Crews are trimming trees along the southbound lane. Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, October 26 and Friday, October 27. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

South 6th Street from Hinson Avenue to Wood Avenue in Haines City: Construction project: Work is now complete and South 6th Street is open from Hinson Avenue to Lake Eva Community Park.

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, spliced and tested during daylight hours with minor disruptions to the travelling public along various corridors throughout the project site. Daytime work of setting fiber racks in splice vaults will continue along US 41 in South County, then onto to the Swift Rd. corridor in North 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: Crews are completing final construction items from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. 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.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Watch for temporary lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29 while crews mill and resurface areas of I-75 and install temporary barrier wall. Watch for shifts in traffic and uneven pavement. Temporary intermittent lane closures are in place on the on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway and corresponding turn lanes on University Parkway at night/overnight on Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. The contractor is driving piles at Foley Creek Bridge and at I-75/University Parkway. Crews continue installing temporary drainage pipe along I-75, clearing within the right-of-way, excavating ponds 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 installing irrigation lines and boring along the west side of US 301. 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 30. 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 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 30. 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.

SR 72 from Myakka Valley Ranches to Myakka State Park: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are removing brush along the roadway through the end of November. Use caution while traveling through the area.

Please call 239-225-1900, if you no longer need to receive RoadWatch.

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Beginning Monday, October 26
EVANS AVENUE will become ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND
from LeeTran Boulevard to Hanson Street

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 26 Evans Avenue from LeeTran Boulevard to Hanson Street will become one-way northbound. To access businesses in this area on Evans Avenue, motorists must use Fowler Street to LeeTran Boulevard or Fowler Street to the Southbound Connection (just north of Moreno Avenue) to Evans Avenue. This is the new permanent configuration for Evans Avenue.



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LEE COUNTY

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.

- **Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 26 Evans Avenue from LeeTran Boulevard to Hanson Street will become one-way northbound.** To access businesses on Evans Avenue, motorists must use Fowler Street to LeeTran Boulevard or to the Southbound Connection (just north of Moreno Avenue) to Evans Avenue. This is the new permanent configuration for Evans Avenue.
- **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.

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**DISTRICT ONE SOUTHERN COUNTIES ROADWATCH REPORT #43
FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2015**

Fort Myers --- This weekly report is prepared by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to inform the public about upcoming road work in Southwest Florida. Below are the work schedule and lane closure locations for major state road projects.

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.

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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**
- **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 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

5th Avenue South from US 41/9th Street to 3rd Street south: Special event: Motorists should expect 5th Avenue closed from 1 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, October 31 for the 5th annual Halloween Spooktacular event. Detour Signs will be in place and law enforcement will be present to direct traffic. Drivers are asked to plan extra time when traveling in the area.

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

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 intermittent lane closures just north of US 41 for crews to install light poles at the intersection.**
- **Pedestrians should expect the pedestrian underpass to be open with intermittent temporary closures for the duration of the project.**

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 short-term closures at Reynolds Road for drainage installation. Use caution and plan additional travel time. 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: Workers are bracing bridge diaphragms beneath the bridge. Work on this project includes bridge repairs and rehabilitation. Expect project completion by the end of 2015. The contractor is Amroad, LLC.

US 27 at Bronson Road: Construction project: Watch for daytime single lane closures and be prepared to merge as crew's grade the shoulders and prepare to sod. This project includes adding left and right turn lanes, lighting, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, signs and sidewalks at Bronson Road. Expect project completion in 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.

SR 78 at Curry Island Road, entrance to Vance Whidden Park (north of Moore Haven): Construction project: Crews are installing erosion control fencing and signs along SR 78, Curry Island Road and at the Vance Whidden Park Trail off SR 78. Work on this project includes resurfacing Curry Island Road from SR 78 to the trail, constructing a shell parking area and building a new segment of trail/bike path completing the Vance Whidden Park Trail loop. Expect completion in spring 2016. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation.

SR 29 at York Branch and Lone Pine Bridges: Construction project: Watch for temporary daytime lane closures while crews unload equipment. This project includes bridge rehabilitation and repair at York Branch and Lone Pine Bridges. Expect project completion in spring 2016. The contractor is Douglas and Higgins Inc.

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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.

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing maintenance on the shoulder during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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 29 from the City of LaBelle Water Plant to Willis Drive: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing maintenance on the shoulder and laying sod during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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I-75 from north of SR 80 to south of SR 78: Construction project: Crews are completing final construction items from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. 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.

I-75 from Alico Road (exit #128) to Daniels Parkway (exit #131): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound outside lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 25 to 5 a.m. Monday, October 26 for crews to perform roadway maintenance. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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.

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

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

US 41 from Johnson Street to Victoria Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to connect underground utilities. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard from US 41 to Evans Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be removing and replacing traffic markings on the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

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.

- **Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 26 Evans Avenue from LeeTran Boulevard to Hanson Street will become one-way northbound.** To access businesses on Evans Avenue, motorists must use Fowler Street to LeeTran Boulevard or to the Southbound Connection (just north of Moreno Avenue) to Evans Avenue. This is the new permanent configuration for Evans Avenue.
- **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.

- Beginning Monday, October 26 crews will shift traffic to the south side of the 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, 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.

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