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**DISTRICT ONE SOUTHERN COUNTIES ROADWATCH REPORT #48
FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 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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CHARLOTTE COUNTY

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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.

- **Northbound right turn lane on Toledo Blade Blvd. from Hibbert Avenue to US 41 is closed**
- **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 hour**

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

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

- **Southbound 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.

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COLLIER COUNTY

5th Avenue South from US 41/9th Street to 3rd Street south: Special event: Motorists should expect 5th Avenue closed from 2 p.m. to midnight on Thursday, December 3 for the 41st annual Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting Ceremony. 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.

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.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, through the duration of the project.**

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

I-75 from SR 951 to east of the toll plaza: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing and adding signs and pavement markings to the northbound lanes. This project also removes the median crossovers just east and west of the toll plaza. **From 7 p.m. Sunday, November 22 to 5 a.m. Monday, November 23 Motorists should expect one northbound lane closed for crews to resurface the roadway.** Drivers should use caution as construction vehicles and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. The contractor does not anticipate night work on this project. Estimated project completion is early 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, 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.

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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.

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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 from US 41 to Eagle Creek Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct new turn lanes. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

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 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.

CR 896/Pine Ridge Road from US 41 to east of Caribbean Road: Construction project: This quarter mile project includes a new westbound left-turn lane at the Pine Ridge Road/US 41 intersection, milling and resurfacing, and drainage improvements. The improvements also include traffic signal replacement, landscaping, sidewalks, and signage/pavement markings.

- **Westbound lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. and eastbound lane closures may occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

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

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. Northbound and southbound US 17 traffic from south of CR 760A/McCaskill Street to north of CR 760/Welles Avenue continues to use the new traffic lanes. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limits. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution and plan additional travel time. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is 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.

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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 82 from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line: Construction project: Crews begin work to widen SR 82 to four lanes from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line. This 1.3 mile project improves drainage to

manage water running off the roadway and builds new five-foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. **Motorists should expect lane closures while crews are working and use caution traveling in the work zone.** Estimated completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

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 Caloosahatchee Bridge to SR 80: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing underground utility work during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

LEE COUNTY

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.

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: This project expands Metro Parkway to six lanes and widened one-half mile of Evans Avenue just south of Hanson Street to three lanes northbound. The new six-lane Metro Parkway bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks, Ten Mile Canal, and Palm Avenue is complete and open to vehicles. The new roadway connects Evans Avenue and Fowler Street and also includes lanes for southbound Fowler Street drivers who may choose to use Metro Parkway southbound. Motorists are advised to use caution and to be aware of trucks entering and leaving the roadway while crews complete final work items. 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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DESOTO COUNTY

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HARDEE COUNTY

US 17 (6th Avenue) Southbound from Palmetto Street to Bay Street (Wauchula): Wauchula Police Officers will close Southbound US 17 from Palmetto Street to Bay Street from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, December 5 for the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade in Wauchula. Southbound US 17 traffic will detour east at Palmetto Street to 5th Avenue, south to Bay Street, and west back to US 17. Officers will close other local roads as well, as the parade travels in a loop on Main Street and Orange Street. City of Wauchula Police Department will assist with maintaining traffic. For more information on this event, call 863-773-4449.

SR 62 from Abbott Road to just east of Mansfield Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing concrete power poles and restoring right of way. Expect roadway and shoulder over the next two months. Use caution and expect possible delays.

HENDRY

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SR 82 from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line: Construction project: Crews begin work to widen SR 82 to four lanes from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line. This 1.3 mile project improves drainage to manage water running off the roadway and builds new five-foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. Motorists should expect lane closures while crews are working and use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

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 Caloosahatchee Bridge to SR 80: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be performing underground utility work during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

US 98 from CR 621 to US 27: Maintenance project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while crews clean the ditches. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

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 Golfview Drive to Tubbs Road in Sebring: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures while crews load and unload equipment and materials. This project includes channel improvements between Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Douglas N. Higgins, Inc.

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.

SR 17 (West Main Street) from US 27 to Lake Verona (Avon Park): Eastbound SR 17 will close from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday, November 30, for the City of Avon Park Christmas Parade. Eastbound traffic will detour north on US 27 to Pleasant Street, around Lake Verona and back to SR 17 (East Main Street). City of Avon Park Law Enforcement will assist with maintaining traffic. For more information on this event, call 863-453-3350.

SR 17 (N. Ridgewood Drive) from Sebring Parkway to Circle N and South Commerce Avenue from Sebring Parkway to Circle N and Sebring Parkway from Home Road to N. Ridgewood Drive (Sebring): State Road 17 (Ridgewood Drive) at Circle N, including Circle N and South Commerce Avenue will be closed from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, December 4. The closure will be in place for Sebring Christmas Parade. Use caution and follow the posted detour on SR 17 and Sebring Parkway. City of Sebring Police Department will assist with maintaining traffic. For more information on this event, call 863-273-2090.

LEE COUNTY

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.

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: This project expands Metro Parkway to six lanes and widened one-half mile of Evans Avenue just south of Hanson Street to three lanes northbound. The new six-lane Metro Parkway bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks, Ten Mile Canal, and Palm Avenue is complete and open to vehicles. The new roadway connects Evans Avenue and Fowler Street and also includes lanes for southbound Fowler Street drivers who may choose to use Metro Parkway southbound. Motorists are advised to use caution and to be aware of trucks entering and leaving the roadway while crews complete final work items. 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

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, November 29 through Thursday, December 3. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway under the I-75 overpass from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, November 29 through Thursday, December 3 for bridge work in the median. **Watch for shifts in traffic to the outside.** The contractor is constructing the new bridge at Foley Creek, and installing temporary drainage pipe and barrier wall along I-75. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment in the median of I-75. **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. Crews are currently working Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Shoulder closures will be set up throughout the project for delivery and hauling of materials and various work operations throughout the project. 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 spring.

US 301 in Palmetto in front of Walmart: Maintenance contracts project: Maintenance crews are making concrete sidewalk repairs in front of Walmart. Expect periodic sidewalk closures through mid-December.

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, drainage, asphalt base and box culvert construction on southbound US 41. Construction activities are going on both during the day and at night. Motorists should use caution while travelling through construction zones, and be mindful of the new traffic pattern. The Speed limit is reduced to 50MPH. 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, December 4. 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 684/Cortez Road: Maintenance contracts project: Maintenance crews are making concrete sidewalk repairs at the corner of 20th Street West, 26th Street West, and at the corner of SR 684 and SR 789. Expect periodic sidewalk closures through mid-December.

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, December 4. Use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

SR 70 from 46th Street to 45th Street: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, December 11. 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: 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. 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 constructing superstructure at Mosquito Creek Bridge from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting.

- Expect periodic lane closures on SR 70 for material delivery and construction activities. Flaggers will direct traffic.
- NE 48th Avenue is closed at SR 70 for pipe installation across the roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 46th Terrace.
- 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.

SR 70 from US 441 to SW 7th Avenue and US 441 from SW 6th Street to SR 70: Motorists will be detoured around the Top of the Lake Christmas Parade route in downtown Okeechobee from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, December 5. City of Okeechobee Police Department will be in charge of traffic control. For more information about this event, call 863-357-6246.

POLK COUNTY

I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale): Construction Project: Crews continue drainage work for the new ramps, bridge construction, installation of barrier wall and construction of curb and gutter and on SR 559 near the bridge. 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.

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 US 17 to Peace River in Fort Meade: Construction project: Crews continue excavating and installing lighting conduit during the daytime. Please use caution in these areas and watch for workers close to the road. The improvements under this contract consist of adding highway lighting, and signing and refurbishing pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

US 92 over Lake Parker Drain (1.2 miles east of Combee Road): Bridge maintenance: Watch for intermittent eastbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Thursday, December 3, while crews repair bridge deck and joints. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 92 over Kathleen Road and CSX Railroad: Bridge maintenance: Watch for intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, while crews repair bridge deck joints. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 from 1st Avenue North to Jackson Street in Babson Park: Maintenance permit project: Crews will stop traffic periodically, for up to 5 minutes at a time, at night/overnight between 11 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, and 4 a.m., Thursday, December 3, while workers extend power lines over the roadway. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Signalization crews are working at night/overnight from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday, November 30, and Wednesday, December 1, at US 27/Sand Mine Road and US 27/Highland Reserve. Expect temporary intermittent lane closures. Crews continue installing drainage pipe in the median along US 27 and pouring sidewalk at various locations. Watch for traffic shifts throughout the project corridor.

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

US 27 from Tuscan Ridge Drive to Deen Still Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Crews are making improvements to the turn lanes at Laurel Estates. Watch for intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

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 over CSX Railroad and Lake Shipp Canal in Winter Haven: Crews will close one lane in each direction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, December 2 to make repairs to the bridge deck and joints. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17 over Saddle Creek just north of Ernest Smith Boulevard in Bartow: Crews will close one southbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, November 30, to make repairs to the bridge deck. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17 (North Holland Parkway) over SR 60 and CSX Railroad Bridge in Bartow: Crews will close one northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, December 3 to make repairs to the bridge deck. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17 from 9th Street NE to 9th Street SE in Fort Meade: Construction project: Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews begin placing signs, erosion control devices and adding new street light poles. Please use caution in these areas and watch for workers close to the road. The improvements under this contract consist of replacing and adding some new highway lighting, and signing and repairing sidewalk in various locations. The expected completion date is the summer of 2016. The contractor for this project is Traffic Control Devices, Inc.

US 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent lane closures both northbound and southbound on US 17/92 and Ronald Reagan Parkway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, November 29, through Saturday, December 5, while crews continue drainage work, road improvements and constructing a median separator. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 17/92 (northbound) from East Hoffman Street to South Glencruiten Avenue: City of Lake Alfred Police Department will close northbound US 17/92 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5, for the City of Lake Alfred Christmas Parade. Northbound traffic will detour onto East Hoffman Street to Glencruiten Avenue and back to US 17/92 (Lake Alfred Street). City of Lake Alfred Police Department will assist with maintenance of traffic, and may close other local roads. For more information, call 863-291-5200.

US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport: Motorist should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. This project includes adding turn lanes and shoulders on US 17/92 at the extension of Ernie Caldwell Boulevard, approximately two miles south of CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway). Contractor plans no lane closures this week.

SR 659 (Combee Road) at the intersection of US 92 in Lakeland: Construction project: Crews have completed repairs to the CSX railroad crossing and reopened Combee Road, from East Main Street to US 92. Combee Road will remain open, but crews will close both the northbound and southbound right turn lanes at the intersection with US 92 while they work on curb, gutter and sidewalk.

On westbound US 92, crews shifted traffic slightly south in front of McDonalds while they extend the right turn lane. Expect intermittent lane closures, and use caution until everyone is used to the new traffic pattern.

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 655 (Berkley Road) from SR 33 to SR 33, SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) from Lake Shore Drive to Broadway Boulevard, and SR 557/SR 559 (Broadway Boulevard SE) from Bridges Road to S Citrus Grove Boulevard (Polk City): Berkley Road, Commonwealth Avenue and Broadway Boulevard SE will be closed from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5. The closure will be in place for the Polk City Christmas Parade. Officers will close additional local roads for the event. Use caution and follow the posted detour. Polk County Sheriff's Department will assist with maintaining traffic. For more information on this event, call 863-984-1375, ext. 237.

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 through Tuesday, December 15, while crews work on utilities and construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop. No lane closures will occur during the holiday weekend.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures Monday, November 30, through Friday, December 4, as workers continue placing asphalt, concrete, curb and gutter, and work on signals. 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 continue work in various locations throughout the project, so use caution and 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 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 railroad crossing repair, 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 installing concrete bridge deck, the final two bridge beams, temporary work platform, sidewalk and sod. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures for materials and equipment deliveries including bridge beams and concrete. Use caution and be prepared to merge. No lane closures will occur during the holiday weekend. 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 37 at CR 640 south of Mulberry: Construction project: Crews will be excavating and installing lighting conduit and constructing temporary construction signs on the shoulders of the road during the daytime. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. The improvements under this contract consist of highway lighting, signalization and signing and pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City: Construction project: Watch for trucks entering and leaving the construction zone as crews continue 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 at the intersection of CR 17B (Hunt Brothers Road) in Lake Wales: Construction project: Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic at the new roundabout as workers make asphalt corrections and complete final items on the project. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

Remember the following tips for driving in the new roundabout:

- Reduce your speed and be aware of any bicyclists and pedestrians as you approach.

- Look left for oncoming traffic. All traffic will be traveling counter clockwise.
- Wait for a gap in the traffic and enter. Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.
- Do not stop in the roundabout or pass other vehicles.
- Exit to the right using your turn signal, and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Use caution until everyone gets used to the new traffic pattern.

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.

Lakeland Christmas Parade: Motorists will be detoured around the Lakeland Christmas Parade route in downtown Lakeland from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, December 3. Traffic will be detoured using George Jenkins Boulevard, US 98 (Bartow Highway) and Lime Street to get around the parade, which begins at Lake Beulah and follows a route around Lake Mirror and back to the Lakeland Center. City of Lakeland Police Department will be in charge of traffic control. For more information about this event, call 863-738-5893.

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. Nighttime intersection work will continue at Beneva and K-Mart, Beneva/Webber, and US 41/Ortiz on Monday night November 16, weather permitting. Traffic patterns through the intersections, as well as the traffic signals operations will be disrupted, while crews re-wire signal cabinets. Law enforcement will be on scene to ensure safety and assist with the motorist as needed. Normal traffic will resume at these intersections, once the cabinets have been replaced. Daytime work of testing of fiber optic cable at various locations throughout the project site will take place next week; there should be no adverse effect to the travelling public. Also, there will be concrete placement for PB collars at various locations throughout the project site.

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 Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 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 intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, November 29 through Thursday, December 3. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway under the I-75 overpass from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, November 29 through Thursday, December 3 for bridge work in the median. **Watch for shifts in traffic to the outside.** The contractor is constructing the new bridge at Foley Creek, and installing temporary drainage pipe and barrier wall along I-75. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment in the median of I-75. **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. Work over the next couple of weeks will include final grading and placement of sod throughout the project. 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 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/Venice By-Pass from Gulf Coast Boulevard to Bird Bay Drive: Construction project: Clearing and demolition of existing asphalt and concrete outside of current travel lanes from Venice Ave. south begins next week on the west side of US 41/Venice By-Pass between Venice Ave. & Cypress Ave. / Cypress Ave. & Groveland Ave. / Groveland Ave. & Warfield Ave. Crews are also continuing with utility locates, survey and erosion control items. There are no lane closures or traffic impacts anticipated. Motorists should be aware of the construction signs in place and use caution while traveling through the area. The project will widen US 41 from four lanes to a six-lane roadway, improve roadway drainage, add retention ponds, 7-foot bicycle lanes, concrete sidewalk on each side and relocate and/or replace City of Venice water and sewer lines. There will be upgrades to lighting, signalization, and bus pads. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

SR 789/Gulf of Mexico Drive: Construction project: Crews are constructing mid-block pedestrian crossings along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Expect intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor. Expected completion is end of year.

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, December 4. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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 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 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through February. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 758 east of Old Oak Drive: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Tuesday, December 8. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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.

SR 72 at Myakka Valley Trail: Construction project: Crews are constructing a turn-lane, resurfacing the roadway, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect intermittent daytime lane closures controlled by flaggers throughout the duration of construction. Gator Grading & Paving, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

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