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DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #03 FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 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

Taylor Street, Charlotte Avenue and Mary Street: Motorists should expect delays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, January 18 at the intersections of Taylor Street and Charlotte Avenue, Charlotte Avenue and US 41, and Charlotte Avenue and Mary Street for the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade. The parade follows Taylor Street south to Charlotte Avenue eastbound and ends at Mary Street. Law enforcement will be present to assist with temporarily stopping traffic at these intersections as the parade progresses. Drivers are asked to plan extra time when traveling in the area.

I-75 from south of Harborview Drive (exit #167) to Sumter Boulevard (exit #182): Construction project: This project widens the road from four to six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control.

- **Yorkshire Street is temporarily closed at the I-75 overpass. Motorists should follow detour signs**
- **Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 8 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 end of 2017. The contractor is Astaldi Construction Corporation.

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.

- **Northbound right turn lane on Toledo Blade Blvd. from Hibbert Avenue to US 41 is closed**
- **Expect northbound and southbound left turn lanes closed during nighttime/overnight hours**
- **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 traffic will switch to the west side of the roadway at the Charlotte/Le County line. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution**

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

US 41 at Edgewater Drive: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. Monday, January 18 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, January 19 for crews to install fiber optic cable. Drivers should use caution and expect delays while crews work in the roadway.

US 41 at Olympia Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. Monday, January 18 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, January 19 for crews to install fiber optic cable. Drivers should use caution and expect delays while crews work in the roadway.

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. **Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures through the duration of 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 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 23 for the Chalk Art on Fifth 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.

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., through the duration of the project**
- **Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed from mile marker 96 to mile marker 85**

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. 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.

US 41 Mosquito Canal to SR 29: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing US 41 from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes shoulder widening and guardrail replacements. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project. Flaggers will be on site to maintain traffic.

- **Motorists should expect lane closures between SR 29 and Port of the Islands during daytime hours while crews pave the roadway**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

US 41 From 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.

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 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 early 2016. 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 is 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. The contractor plans short duration flagging operations at various side streets from SW Skates St. to Robin Road. Northbound and southbound US 17 traffic have switched to the new portion of US 17 from south of CR 760A/McCaskill Street to north of CR 760/Welles Avenue. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. 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

SR 78 from Canal Boat Ramp to Okeechobee County Line: Construction project: Crews are placing silt fence and setting guardrail. Watch for single lane closures with flaggers directing traffic. Work on this project includes resurfacing and resetting guardrail. Expected project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation

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

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

HARDEE COUNTY

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd from Jones Street to Grape Street / Doyle Parker Avenue from County Line Road to US 17: Construction project: The project consists of sidewalk construction, drainage improvements, milling, resurfacing and signing and pavement markings. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is installing silt fence, continuing clearing and grubbing operations and has begun constructing the new sidewalks. Roadway shoulders will be closed during sidewalk construction. The contractor is Central Concrete Products, Inc.

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 early 2016. 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 the Lee County Line to Cowboy Way: Maintenance project: Crews will be planting wildflowers near the roadway during daytime hours. 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 29 in the City of Felda: Maintenance project: Crews will be cleaning drainage culverts near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 in the City of LaBelle: Maintenance project: Crews will be performing shoulder work near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

State Roadways (SR 29 and SR 80): Maintenance contract project: Crews will be striping the state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

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

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 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. The channel beneath the bridge that provides access between Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson will remain closed for the remainder of the project while crews dredge the channel.

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

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

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

LEE COUNTY

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

US 41 from 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 at A&W Bulb Road: Construction project: This intersection improvement project begins with installation of construction signs along the project limits and placing erosion control. Work includes a new traffic signal, median modifications and resurfacing. The improvements also include sidewalks, signs and pavement markings.

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

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

SR 82/Immokalee Road at Homestead Road: Construction project: Crews will be constructing an eastbound left-turn lane at the intersection of SR 82 and Homestead Road.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Flaggers will be on site to maintain traffic. Estimated project completion is Spring of 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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.

SR 78/Pine Island Road at Santa Barbara Boulevard: Construction project: Work is underway to add a new westbound left-turn lane at the intersection of Pine Island Road/Santa Barbara Boulevard to accommodate more vehicles turning left onto Santa Barbara Boulevard.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project**

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2016. The Contractor is Florida Safety Contractors.

SR 78/Pine Island Road at Chiquita Boulevard: Construction project: Work is underway to extend the existing westbound left-turn lane at the intersection of Pine Island Road/Chiquita Boulevard to accommodate more vehicles turning left onto Chiquita Boulevard.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project**

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2016. The Contractor is Florida Safety Contractors.

State Roadways (SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 865, SR 867, SR 884 and US 41): Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

MANATEE COUNTY

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

Upcoming Detour: A temporary detour route is anticipated on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway at night/overnight Monday, January 18 through Thursday, January 21. Details below.

I-75 Northbound On-Ramp at University Parkway CLOSED: A temporary intermittent detour route is in place at night/overnight at I-75/University Parkway Sunday, January 17 through Thursday, January 21 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install temporary signals. This detour route is anticipated to be in place at night/overnight for three weeks. Motorists traveling on eastbound or westbound University Parkway wishing to travel north on I-75 are directed to enter the I-75 southbound on-ramp (Exit 213) and exit at Fruitville Road (Exit 210), travel east and enter I-75 northbound.

Temporary intermittent lane closures are in place at night/overnight at University Parkway/Cooper Creek Blvd., University Parkway/Market Street, and at the northbound and southbound on-ramps and off-ramps Monday, January 18 through Thursday, January 21 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. to install temporary signals. Law enforcement officers will be on site to direct traffic and temporary flagging operations will be in place.

Watch for temporary intermittent single and double lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, January 17 through Thursday, January 21 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Crews are driving pile during the daytime in the median of University Parkway for bridge work on I-75. The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, widening the shoulder, installing barrier wall, assembling the ACROW Bridge, and installing drainage pipe along I-75 and University Parkway. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines are doubled 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 working Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A daytime northbound turn lane closure may be set up along US 301 from CR 675 (Rutland Road) to the south. All northbound and southbound through lanes will be open. Lane shifts may be in place adjacent to the work and shoulder closures will be set up throughout the project for delivery and hauling of materials and various work operations along the project corridor. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2016.

US 301 at I-75: Construction project: Crews working on the signals and pedestrian crossing at 60th Street. The northbound I-75 exit ramp to US 301 will close from midnight to 4 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26 while crews are working. Use an alternate route and plan additional travel time. AJAX Paving is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

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 63rd Avenue West to 53rd Avenue West: Construction project: Crews are constructing sidewalk; improving drainage; installing lighting, and placing new signs and pavements markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Highway Safety Devices is the contractor. Expected completion is late spring 2016.

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 early 2016.

SR 789 at the Longboat Key Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight north and southbound lane closures and flagging operations from 9 p.m. each night to 5 a.m. each morning Sunday, January 17 through Thursday, January 21. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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, January 22. 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, January 22. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 east of Verna Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect eastbound lane closures and flagging operations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, February 4. 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 early 2016.

SR 64 at Village Green Parkway: Construction project: Crews are making roadway improvements and working on traffic signals. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

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: Construction project: Workers are installing drainage, grading embankment, building subgrade and base for the roadway, forming the approaches at Mosquito Creek Bridge, and building substructure at L63 Canal 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 46th Terrace at SR 70 is closed while crews install pipe across the roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 48th Avenue.
- 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 710 Bridge over Nubbin Slough (4.7 miles east of SR 70) Maintenance project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, while crews make repairs under the southern roadway and approach to the bridge. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 441 from SW 5th Street to SR 70 and SR 70 from US 441 to SW 7th Avenue:

US 441 from 5th Street to SR 70 and SR 70 from US 441 to 7th Avenue will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 19, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Multicultural Parade. Use caution when traveling in the area. The City of Okeechobee Police Department will be in charge of traffic control. For more information on this event, call 863-610-0973.

POLK COUNTY

I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale): Construction project: Watch for new traffic patterns at I-4/SR 559. These shifts in traffic patterns should last several weeks. Crews begin paving the new eastbound I-4 on-ramp, drive piles for the new bridge, and continue excavating at various locations adjacent to the interchange.

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 early 2016.

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 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Signalization crews are working at night/overnight at Highlands Reserve Blvd./Student Dr. from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, January 17 to install signal heads. Paving crews are working on northbound and southbound US 27 at night/overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21. Crews continue signal and sidewalk work at various locations along US 27. **Watch for uneven pavement and traffic shifts throughout the project corridor.**

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

US 27 south of Waverly Barn Road (Davenport): Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing storm pipe in the median. Expect the southbound inside lane and northbound turn lane at Waverly Barn Road to close from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 16 through Sunday, January 24, 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 northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday through mid-January.

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 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 continue sidewalk work and footers for new street light poles. Please use caution be prepared to merge and watch for workers close to the road. The improvements under this contract consist of replacing and adding some new highway lighting, and signing and repairing

sidewalk in various locations. The expected completion date is the summer of 2016. The contractor for this project is Traffic Control Devices, Inc.

US 17/92 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, January 17, through Saturday, January 23, while crews continue drainage work, median separator construction and continue paving. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: 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: Traffic remains shifted slightly south on westbound US 92, and the western entrance to the shopping center in front of McDonalds remains closed. Access the shopping center or McDonalds using the eastern entrance on US 92 or from Combee Road. The shift is necessary while crews extend the right turn lane and work at the intersection. Watch for eastbound lane closures on US 92 for work at the intersection with Combee Road through mid-February. The right turn lane remains open. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

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 placing 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, while crews work on utilities and construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures, Sunday night, January 17 through Saturday, January 23 for sidewalk, signal work and paving. 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 at South Creek Drive and Willow Oak Road: Construction project: Watch for daily lane closures, both eastbound and westbound, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., as crews install concrete curb and gutter, install concrete ditch pavement, continue widening operations, and placing sod along SR 60, Mondays through Saturdays. Crews will close the SR 60 median opening at Willow Oak Road starting Thursday, January 21, through Monday, February 29, while they build a new traffic separator.

Follow the posted detour signs to access Willow Oak Road as follows:

- From eastbound SR 60 and northbound Willow Oak Road, motorists will continue east on SR 60 and U-turn at Luel Street.
- From westbound SR 60 and southbound Willow Oak Road, motorists will continue west on SR 60 and U-turn at Espo Drive.
- Through traffic on SR 60 will not be affected.

Improvements on this project include adding a new raised traffic separator to guide motorists through the Willow Oak Road intersection, adding right and left turn lanes at South Creek Drive, and closing an underused median opening east of South Creek Drive. Expected project completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Florida Safety Contractors, 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, be prepared to merge and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

Improvements on this project include; constructing new approach slabs for railroad crossings on SR 60 at Nichols Road, Phosphate Boulevard, Mosaic Crossing, and Skew Crossing, resurfacing the existing roadway, improving the roadway drainage, and improving SR 60 signalization. Expected project completion is 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 handrail, concrete sidewalk, asphalt driveways and sod. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures 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 in driveways and side streets 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 60 from 11th Street to Myrtle Avenue in Lake Wales: Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. along SR 60, as crews work on a turn lane and median modification project along SR 60 in Lake Wales. The project will improve traffic flow, and includes turn lane and/or median modifications at 11th Street, Hunt Brothers Road, Buck Moore Road, Highland Drive, and Myrtle Avenue. Expected completion is March 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from West Park Street to Balmar Street: Maintenance permits project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 12 midnight until 5:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, and Thursday, January 21, while they work on an existing meter box and make repairs to the sidewalk. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

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 continue excavating and installing lighting conduit 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: Crews continue to pour concrete for the new roundabout. 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: Crews have reopened the new roundabout. Watch for flaggers directing traffic as crews paint the final striping. 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.

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Bridge projects at St. Armand's Key Bridge, Hanson Bayou Bridge, and South

Creek Bridge: Construction project: Crews are installing scour countermeasures. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures, when necessary, at the bridges while crews are working. Drivers should expect daytime work. Marine traffic should use caution and be aware of active construction. DN Higgins is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

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 is expected to be complete by the spring of 2016. Daytime work will consist of placing concrete for and pulling forms from concrete aprons, at various locations throughout the project site. Also, doing restoration work throughout the project site. Contractor will be splicing fiber along the Cattlemen corridor. There will be very minimal impact to the travelling public.

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, and installing drainage, placing embankment and laying sod on the outside shoulders Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday January 15 to Friday January 22 for paving operations. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

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

Upcoming Detour: A temporary detour route is anticipated on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway at night/overnight Monday, January 18 through Thursday, January 21. Details below.

I-75 Northbound On-Ramp at University Parkway CLOSED: A temporary intermittent detour route is in place at night/overnight at I-75/University Parkway Sunday, January 17 through Thursday, January 21 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install temporary signals. This detour route is anticipated to be in place at night/overnight for three weeks. Motorists traveling on eastbound or westbound University Parkway wishing to travel north on I-75 are directed to enter the I-75 southbound on-ramp (Exit 213) and exit at Fruitville Road (Exit 210), travel east and enter I-75 northbound.

Temporary intermittent lane closures are in place at night/overnight at University Parkway/Cooper Creek Blvd., University Parkway/Market Street, and at the northbound and southbound on-ramps and off-ramps Monday, January 18 through Thursday, January 21 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. to install temporary signals. Law enforcement officers will be on site to direct traffic and temporary flagging operations will be in place.

Watch for temporary intermittent single and double lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, January 17 through Thursday, January 21 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Crews are driving pile during the daytime in the median of University Parkway for bridge work on I-75. The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, widening the shoulder, installing barrier wall, assembling the ACROW Bridge, and installing drainage pipe along I-75 and University Parkway. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines are doubled 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 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: Crews are beginning utility and storm drainage construction and continuing temporary pavement construction. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. throughout the project limits while crews are working. Additionally, Ridgewood Avenue will be closed beginning Monday, January 25, 2016 at US 41/Venice By-Pass and will be in place intermittently during utility and storm drainage construction. This work should take approximately 4 months. Traffic will access Ridgewood Avenue by taking US 41/Venice By-Pass to E. Venice Avenue and then head east to Bay Indies Boulevard. Take Bay Indies Boulevard one block west to Ridgewood Avenue. 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.

US 41 at Joann Drive: Maintenance permit project: Crews are pouring concrete for new curb and gutter. Expect nighttime/overnight southbound outside lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday, January 18 and Tuesday, January 19. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 789/Gulf of Mexico Drive from Longboat Club Road to Runaway Bay: Construction project: Crews are constructing mid-block pedestrian crossings along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Expect intermittent lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

SR 789 at the Little Ringling Bridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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, January 22. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 780/Fruitville Road at US 41: Construction project: Crews are installing a new mast arm. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. while crews are working. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 776 from Temple Road to Manasota Beach: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect intermittent southbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 22. 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 Friday, January 22. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive: Construction project: Crews are beginning construction Sunday evening, January 17, 2016. Initial work activities include re-striping Bee Ridge Rd and shifting traffic to the north. The shifts will be made over the course of consecutive nights starting at US 41/Tamiami Trail and working west in the westbound lanes almost to Dunn Drive. Two westbound lanes will be closed and traffic shifted to the north to allow for two lanes both east and west as well as the bi-directional turn lane in the center. The project consists of significant drainage improvements within the corridor, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, reconstructing sidewalk, and installing new signalization in some areas. The project also includes construction of eleven (11) pedestrian refuge islands on Bee Ridge Road between US 41 and Dunn Drive. Motorists and pedestrians are asked to use caution in the work zone and stay alert to construction signs. Expected completion of the \$17 million project is summer of 2017.

SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge: Construction project: Crews are making repairs to the bridge including concrete repairs throughout the bridge, seawall repairs, Tender/Control House improvements, painting, and repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of the bridge. Motorists should use caution while driving through the work zone and plan additional travel time. 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 early 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

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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