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DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #10 FOR WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2016

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

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

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial "511" from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state. If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

I-75 from south of Harborview Drive (mile marker #167) to Sumter Boulevard (mile marker #182): Construction project: This project widens the road from four to six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. 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 (mile marker #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 inside of the roadway through the duration 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 summer 2016. 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.

- **Beginning Friday, March 11th at 8 p.m. through Monday, March 21st at 6 a.m. the Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevard intersection will have limited access.**
 - **Northbound and southbound left turn lanes will be closed**
 - **Only right turns on and off of US 41 from Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevard will be allowed**
 - **No through traffic from Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevard is permitted to cross US 41**
 - **No left turns are permitted from US 41 onto Cranberry Boulevard/Cornelius Boulevard**
- **Collingswood Boulevard is closed at US 41. Motorists should follow detour signs.**
- **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 now uses the west side of the roadway at the Charlotte/Lee 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.

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

I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 25) to east of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101): Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley 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 67 to mile marker 69**

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/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101) to east of the toll plaza (mile marker 100): 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/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101) to just north of Golden Gate Parkway (mile marker 105): 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 summer 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 at Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 6 p. m. to 6 a.m. for crews to make signalization improvements at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 from 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.

- **Crews are installing signs and resurfacing at the Indian Village and Boardwalk**

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/Collier Boulevard from Tower Road to Championship Drive: Maintenance permit 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 install concrete poles. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 951/Collier Boulevard 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.

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 daytime lane shifts of southbound US 17 from Palmetto St. to Reynolds St. for sanitary sewer installation. 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 Prince Contracting, LLC.

GLADES COUNTY

SR 78 from Canal Boat Ramp to Okeechobee County Line: Construction project: Crews are re-setting guardrail throughout project limits. 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.

State Roadways (SR 78, SR 29 and US 27): Maintenance contract project: Crews will be striping the state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

HARDEE COUNTY

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd from Jones Street to Grape Street Construction project: The project consists of sidewalk construction, drainage improvements, milling, resurfacing and signing and pavement markings. The contractor is constructing the new sidewalks. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Concrete Products, Inc.

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. The contractor is constructing the new sidewalks. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is 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/Immokalee Road 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 west of Cowboy Way to Huggett Road: Permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for crews to perform underground work for installation of a new traffic signal. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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

SR 29 in the Town of Felda: Maintenance project: Crews will be replacing drainage pipes during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from the Duda Work Camp to the Town of Felda: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures and use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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 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. Motorist should 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 nighttime 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. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Douglas Higgins, Inc.

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 70: Contracts Project: Crews will be repairing guardrails in the area; motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

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 from San Remo Ave to Ponce De Leon Pkwy: Permit project: Crews are building a new driveway. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 Southbound over Josephine Cree (four miles south of SR 66) Maintenance project: Crews will be making routine repairs on the bridge deck. Motorists should expect a lane closure on Thursday, March 0th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Watch for workers 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 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 884/Colonial Boulevard at I-75: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. and intermittent eastbound lane closures from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. for crews to make improvements to the intersection. Work includes modifications to turn lanes, entrance/exit ramps, medians and traffic signals. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

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 739/Evans Avenue at Thompson Street: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p. m. to 6 a.m. for crews to make signalization improvements at the intersection. Estimated project completion is summer 2016. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

SR 80 from Buckingham Road to Old Olga Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the westbound right turn lane at the Winn Dixie intersection partially closed during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 for crews to perform maintenance along the roadway. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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 82/Immokalee Road from Sunshine Boulevard to Wildcat Drive: Construction project: Crews will be adding thermoplastic stripping, rumble strips, and signage during daytime hours. **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. Estimated project completion is summer 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:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market Street and at the I-75 on-ramps and off-ramps to install drainage pipe and temporary signals Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, widening the shoulder, installing barrier wall, constructing the temporary detour lanes, assembling the Acrow temporary bridge, and installing drainage pipe. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Upcoming New Traffic Pattern on Southbound I-75 and Detour Route on University Parkway: Beginning Sunday night, March 6, southbound I-75 traffic will shift to the left and travel on the Acrow temporary bridge and then shift to the right onto the existing I-75 southbound lanes. This new traffic pattern will be in place for several weeks while crews demolish the existing I-75 southbound bridge.

A detour route will also be on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway at night/overnight Sunday, March 6. Details below:

I-75 Southbound On-Ramp at University Parkway CLOSED: A temporary detour route is in place at night/overnight at I-75/University Parkway Sunday, March 6 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Motorists traveling on eastbound or westbound University Parkway wishing to travel south on I-75 are directed to travel south on Cattlemen Road to Fruitville Road, travel east and enter southbound I-75.

Upcoming Detour - University Parkway CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange: Beginning March 7 through March 18, Sundays through Fridays, a temporary detour route will be on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway. Details below:

A temporary detour route is anticipated at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight beginning Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 18, Sundays through Fridays, between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews demolish the existing I-75 southbound bridge over University Parkway.

Motorists traveling westbound on University Parkway (east of I-75) wishing to travel west through the interchange are directed to travel northbound on I-75, exit at westbound SR 70/Exit 217B, enter southbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling eastbound on University Parkway (west of I-75) wishing to travel east through the interchange will travel southbound on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, enter northbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling southbound on I-75 wishing to travel east on University Parkway are directed to exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210 (south of the closure), enter northbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling northbound on I-75 wishing to travel west on University Parkway are directed to exit at westbound SR 70/Exit 217B (north of the closure), enter southbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>

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 in place along US 301 south of CR 675 (Rutland Road). All northbound and southbound through lanes will be open. Diversions of driveways and 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 Tallevast Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are extending a right-turn lane. Expect daytime lane shifts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, March 10. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 301 at Haben Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are making median modifications, resurfacing the roadway and installing new traffic signals. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Expected completion is fall 2016. AJAX Paving is the contractor.

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 embankment, excavation, drainage, stabilization, asphalt base, structural asphalt, concrete pavement construction and signalization. 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 contractor has tentatively scheduled to install the span wires for the new signals at the I-275 NB Off-Ramp and US 41 intersection on March 8 and 9. There will be lane closures and brief intermittent traffic stoppages while crews place the span wires across US 41. 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 daytime southbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from 60th Street West to SR 70/53rd Avenue. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures within 600 feet of signalized intersections from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. FDOT allows daytime lane closures not within 600 feet of signalized intersections between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 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 684 (Cortez Road) from 51st Street West to the Cortez Bridge: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are cleaning storm water pipes. Expect nighttime/overnight east and westbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. through mid-March 2016. Use caution 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, March 11. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 east of Lockwood Ridge Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working in the manhole. Expect nighttime/overnight eastbound outside lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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 a.m. while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

SR 64 at the Anna Maria Island Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures and flagging operations from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, March 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441 from SW 8th Street to SW 28th Street: Maintenance contract project: Crews are repairing storm drains. Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures and be prepared to merge.

US 441 from NE 224th St. (Orange Ave) North to the County Line: Maintenance project: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder.

US 441 from NW 11th Street to NW 16th Street: Permit project: Crews are installing underground utilities. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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 and placing sod, constructing subgrade and base for the roadway, and forming handrail at Mosquito Creek and building bridge superstructure at L63 Canal from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, 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 the posted detour.
- NE 71st Avenue remains closed at SR 70 while crews build the new roadway. Follow posted detour.

During this project, crews will expand the roadway to four lanes, construct concrete bridges, improve drainage, build curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and install guardrail, permanent signs and pavement markings. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is summer 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

SR 70 east of Okeechobee/NE 34th Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48th Avenue in Okeechobee: Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 70 west of US 27: Maintenance permit project: Watch for workers close to the road while they work from the shoulders cleaning ditches. Use caution driving in these areas.

POLK COUNTY

I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale): Outside single lane closures are in place on westbound I-4 at the I-4/SR559 interchange on Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews demolish the existing bridge over I-4.

Upcoming Detour: There may be a temporary detour route on westbound I-4 Sunday, March 6 through Tuesday March 8 while crews demolish the existing bridge over I-75. See details below.

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

A detour route is in place at the I-4/SR 559 interchange while crews close the lanes on westbound I-4 under the SR 559 overpass. Signs direct westbound I-4 traffic to exit on the I-4 exit ramp to SR 559 (Exit No. 44), then travel north on SR 559 through the temporary jug-handle configuration, travel south on SR 559, and re-enter westbound I-4. This detour is in effect at night/overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Sunday,

March 6 through Tuesday, March 8 while crews demolish the existing bridge over I-75. Law enforcement officers will be present directing traffic.

Outside single lane closures are in place on westbound I-4 at the I-4/SR559 interchange on Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews continue demolition of the existing bridge over I-4.

Crews are constructing the Material Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall for the new bridge, installing curb and sidewalk on SR 559, and excavating the ground at various locations at the interchange. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts and temporary intermittent lane closures, changes in traffic patterns, 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 from Fletcher Park at Lake Bonny to Lemon Street in Lakeland: Construction project: Watch for single lane closures and be prepared to merge as crews complete miscellaneous paving and work on signals. Work on this project includes removing existing asphalt and paving, adding ADA mats to sidewalks, adjusting manholes within the work zone, modifying traffic separators, upgrading traffic signal equipment, adjusting signs and adding additional school crossing signs. The contractor is Lane Construction Corporation. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2016.

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 installing lighting conduit and light pole bases 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 at the intersection of SR 659 (Combee Road) in Lakeland: Construction project: 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. Watch for eastbound lane closures on US 92 through mid-March while crews work at the intersection with Combee Road. 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.

US 92 (Memorial Boulevard) from N Wabash Avenue to N Grady Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the westbound outside lane through the end of March while they work along the shoulder of the road. Crews will close the eastbound inside lane at night/overnight from 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., beginning Sunday March 6, while they install a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Crews are paving in the median along US 27 during the daytime and at night/overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 6 through Thursday, March 10. Crews continue signal work 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 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.

US 27 south of Waverly Barn Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside southbound lane from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 to Friday, March 25, while they remove guardrail and install a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 at Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers: Crews will close the southern right turn lane into Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers from 5 p.m., Friday, February 5 until 8 p.m., Monday, March 7, during the auction.

US 27 at SR 544 in Haines City: Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures southbound from 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. through Friday, March 11, while crews mill and pave the right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 17 from Bartow Road to Bear Creek Apartments: Construction Project: Crews continue building sidewalk and ramps along SR 60 at night, Monday through Friday. Use caution and be prepared to merge. This project includes milling and paving, closing some unused driveways, pouring concrete bus pads, adding/repairing sidewalk, replacing traffic signal poles at Georgia Street, and upgrading equipment and adding lighted street signs at signalized intersections, installing pedestrian crossing signals and drainage improvements. The expected completion date is fall 2016. The contractor for this project is Preferred Materials, Inc.

US 17 from E Seminole Trail to E Conant St in Bartow: Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., both northbound and southbound while crews work in the median, Monday, March 7 through Thursday, March 10. Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. northbound while crews work on a right turn lane. Use Caution and prepare to stop.

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 working on the sidewalk and installing 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, March 6, through Saturday, March 12, while crews complete final roadwork. 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 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 construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 563 (Harden Boulevard) at South Parkway Frontage Road: Construction Project: Watch for intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews work in the southeast corner of the intersection. During this project, the contractor is upgrading and replacing the mast arm and signal equipment. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

SR 549 (First Street N) from Avenue M NW to South Lake Silver Drive: Winter Haven Police Department will reduce southbound SR 549 (First Street) to one lane from Avenue M NW to South Lake Silver Drive from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 12. The closure will be in place for the WHPD Torch Run 5K. Use caution when traveling in the area, and be prepared to merge. Officers will close additional local roads for the event. The City of Winter Haven Police Department will be in charge of traffic control. For more information on this event, call 863-286-2929.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: Watch for periodic daytime and nighttime lane closures for signal work at 14th Street, pedestrian signal work near Interstate 4, and miscellaneous sidewalk repairs and general cleanup throughout the project, Sunday night, March 6 through Friday, March 11. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Work on this project includes resurfacing, closing two underutilized mid-block median openings, adding turn lanes, making median modifications, replacing traffic and pedestrian signals, reworking some of the side street entrances, restriping and building a new median crosswalk just south of Interstate 4. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

SR 471 at Chance Creek: Construction project: Watch for trucks entering and exiting the roadway as crews continue work at Chance Creek. This project includes bridge repair/rehabilitation including scour countermeasures. Expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor for this project is Southern Road and Bridge.

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 striping, signs and sod along SR 60, Mondays through Fridays. Crews opened the new channelized median at Willow Oak Road and removed the detour. Use caution while motorists get used to the new traffic pattern.

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 (Van Fleet Drive) at Wilson Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Watch for nightly lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, while crews build a westbound right turn lane to northbound Wilson Avenue. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from Flamingo Drive to Connersville Road in Bartow: Construction project: Crews are installing handrail, concrete sidewalk, and sod and paving some driveways. 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 April 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

SR 60 between CR 630 and River Ranch Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Expect daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on SR 60 during the day, Monday, March 7. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from CR 540A to Carter Road in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Crews are restoring right-of-way 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 continue excavating and installing lighting conduit and light pole bases along 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 have opened the new roundabout. Daytime work will require lane closures with temporary signals controlling traffic from each direction for the next several weeks. Four temporary signals will allow one direction of traffic at a time to access the roundabout during the day while crews continue to work on the traffic separators, center-island and curbs. One signal will shine green, while the remaining three shine red, allowing motorists from one direction at a time to drive through the roundabout. Motorists should anticipate longer wait times and expect delays during the day, particularly for the first week while crews adjust the signal timing and motorists get used to the new traffic pattern.

Streetlights shine at night and the temporary signals flash yellow, allowing full use of the roundabout from all directions until morning when crews return to complete work on the project. Please remember the following during this construction phase:

- Four temporary traffic signals control traffic during the day, so be prepared to stop and remain stopped for longer periods.
- Do not turn right on red from any direction; move only on a green signal.
- Stop bars, signals and signs indicating where to stop are located as far back as 300 feet before the intersection to allow traffic to pass. **Do not pull past the stop bar 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.

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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 should be complete by the spring 2016. Daytime work will consist of placing concrete for and pulling forms from concrete aprons, at various locations along US 41 and along Sumter Boulevard and also, doing restoration work throughout the project site. There will be minimal impact to the travelling public. There will be various systems testing ongoing which should not cause any 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 building cable barrier, installing drainage, and placing embankment and lime rock in the median, and installing drainage and lighting 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 March 6 to Friday March 11 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 Prince Contracting, LLC.

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 eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market Street and at the I-75 on-ramps and off-ramps to install drainage pipe and temporary signals Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek, widening the shoulder, installing barrier wall, constructing the temporary detour lanes, assembling the Acrow temporary bridge, and installing drainage pipe. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Upcoming New Traffic Pattern on Southbound I-75 and Detour Route on University Parkway: Beginning Sunday night, March 6, southbound I-75 traffic will shift to the left and travel on the Acrow temporary bridge and then shift to the right onto the existing I-75 southbound lanes. This new traffic pattern will be in place for several weeks while crews demolish the existing I-75 southbound bridge.

There will be a detour route on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway at night/overnight Sunday, March 6. Details below:

I-75 Southbound On-Ramp at University Parkway CLOSED: A temporary detour route is in place at night/overnight at I-75/University Parkway Sunday, March 6 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Motorists traveling on eastbound or westbound University Parkway wishing to travel south on I-75 are directed to travel south on Cattlemen Road to Fruitville Road, travel east and enter southbound I-75.

Upcoming Detour - University Parkway CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange: Beginning March 7 through March 18, Sundays through Fridays, a temporary detour route will be on University Parkway at I-75/University Parkway. Details below:

A temporary detour route is anticipated at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight beginning Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 18, Sundays through Fridays, between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews demolish the existing I-75 southbound bridge over University Parkway.

Motorists traveling westbound on University Parkway (east of I-75) wishing to travel west through the interchange are directed to travel northbound on I-75, exit at westbound SR 70/Exit 217B, enter southbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling eastbound on University Parkway (west of I-75) wishing to travel east through the interchange will travel southbound on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, enter northbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling southbound on I-75 wishing to travel east on University Parkway are directed to exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210 (south of the closure), enter northbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Motorists traveling northbound on I-75 wishing to travel west on University Parkway are directed to exit at westbound SR 70/Exit 217B (north of the closure), enter southbound I-75, and exit at University Parkway/Exit 213.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>

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. 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 installing utility and storm drain systems 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.

Ridgewood Avenue at US 41/Venice By-Pass is closed and detours will be in place intermittently during utility and storm drainage construction. This work should take approximately four 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. Be aware that only local traffic may access the Ridgewood Mobile Home community. It is not for use by through traffic. Motorists should be mindful of the construction signs in place and use caution while traveling through the area. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 41 at SR 72: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing new power poles. Expect nighttime/overnight southbound outside and center lane closures from 9 p.m. each night to 5:30 a.m. each morning through Friday, March 18. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 41 over the Myakka River: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect daytime southbound right lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 11. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 789/Ringling Boulevard at the Plymouth Harbour entrance: Maintenance permit project: Crews are placing barrier wall. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent east and westbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6. 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, March 25. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive: Construction project: The traffic currently shifts to the north and barrier wall installed from US 41/Tamiami Trail to just east of Sawyer Road. This shift allows the contractor to close two eastbound lanes to remove the asphalt and replace storm drainage on the south side of the roadway. There are two lanes of traffic both east and west and a center turn lane in most areas. The sidewalk is closed behind the barrier wall and pedestrians should use the north sidewalk.

Crews continue to work on storm drainage structures at the intersection of Bee Ridge Road and Sawyer Road. A traffic shift to one side of the roadway is in place and the turn lane is available for through traffic during this work. Be aware of other intermittent lane closures and use caution while driving through the project. Motorists should plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

DETOUR ADVISORY: Shade Avenue south of SR-758/Bee Ridge Road will close starting Sunday night, March 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday morning, March 28, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. and detours will be in place. The northbound traffic on Shade Avenue will detour west on Roselawn Street to US 41, then north to Bee Ridge Road and east to Shade Avenue. Southbound Shade Avenue traffic will detour west on Bee Ridge Road, then south on School Avenue and east on Roselawn Street to Shade Avenue. This closure will expedite the installation of the new storm drainage system at the SR-758 and Shade intersection. Pay special attention to the message boards and directional signs in place to direct motorists through area.

The project consists of significant drainage improvements, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, reconstructing sidewalk, and installing new signalization in some areas. The project also includes construction of eleven (11) pedestrian refuge islands on Bee Ridge Road between Dunn Drive and US 41. Expected completion of the \$17 million project is 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. **Functional testing for mechanical portions of the bridge will take place Friday, March 11 beginning at 10 a.m. Expect intermittent bridge openings throughout the day while testing is underway. Use caution and expect possible delays.** Expected completion is spring 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.

SR 72 at Gateway: Construction project: Crews are installing new mast arms and signals. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. while crews are working. Expected completion is fall 2016. AJAX Paving is the contractor.

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