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### DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #29 FOR WEEK OF JULY 17, 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](http://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 Road (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. **Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.**

- **Motorists should expect the northbound and southbound outside lanes of Toledo Blade Boulevard at the I-75 overpass, to be closed temporarily for the next several months.**
- **Motorists should expect Yorkshire Street to be closed temporarily for the next several months at the I-75 overpass. Motorists should follow detour signs.**
- **Motorists should expect the inside northbound lane on the bridge over the Peace River to be closed through the duration of the project.**

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. 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 Cross Street to Cochran Boulevard:** Construction project: Crews improve 5.8 miles of US 41. The project includes signal upgrades at various intersections, milling and resurfacing, miscellaneous shoulder widening, bike lanes and improved pedestrian access at multiple intersections. **Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project.**

- At **US 41/Parmely Street**, crews will add a new through/left-turn lane on Parmely Street to accommodate more vehicles turning left onto US 41/Tamiami Trail from Parmely Street.
- At **US 41/Olean Boulevard**, crews will add a new northbound right-turn lane on Olean Boulevard to accommodate more vehicles turning right onto US 41/Tamiami Trail from Olean Boulevard.
- At **US 41/Harborview Road** crews will add a new westbound through lane on Harborview Road to accommodate more vehicles heading west toward Edgewater Drive.

Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway while crews install construction signage and silt fence. Please use caution and plan extra travel time while driving in this area. Project completion is expected fall 2017. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**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. Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.

- **Southbound Collingswood Boulevard is closed at US 41 and the Collingswood Boulevard median is closed.**
- **Pembroke Drive is closed at US 41.**
- **Chamberlain Boulevard at US 41 is open. The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening is closed.**
- **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 over the Peace River:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent outside southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for crews to perform maintenance on the bike path and sidewalk. Drivers should use caution and expect delays as crews work on the path.

**SR 776/El Jobean Road over the Myakka River:** Construction project: Crews perform maintenance on the SR 776/McCall Road Bridge over the Myakka River. Marine traffic should expect construction barges and activity in the area. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Boaters should use caution. Pedestrians should use **extreme** caution and stay behind the construction safety fence and out of the work zone. Estimated project completion is end of 2016.

## **COLLIER COUNTY**

**I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 50) 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. 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 northbound lane closed from mile marker 75 to mile marker 70.**
- **Crews will be installing guardrail along the southbound roadway from mile marker 63 to mile marker 61.**

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 north of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101) to just north of Golden Gate Parkway (mile marker 105):** 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. **Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the project.** Variable message signs are 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 from Stinkey Canal to Rose Canal:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews perform maintenance work on the bridges. Motorists should use caution as construction vehicles enter and exit the roadway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is fall of 2016. The contractor is Proshot Concrete, Inc.

**US 41 at Loop Road:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday for crews to pave the intersection, weather permitting. Motorists should expect delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway.

**US 41 from Six L's Farm Road to CR 92/San Marco Road:** Construction project: Crews are constructing a multi-use path on the south side of roadway. **The speed limit will be reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph during the day.** The speed limit will remain at 45 mph during nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures while crews are working. Driver should use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

**SR 84/Davis Boulevard at Radio Road:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday, for crews to install a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Airport Pulling Road to Heritage Trail:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound and eastbound lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. Friday, July 22 to 7 a.m. Saturday, July 23 for crews to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

## **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 and west of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities, installation of drainage, and new roadway construction. 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. Daytime single-lane flagging operation on west side streets in Nocatee. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. North and southbound US 17 travel lanes have shifted to the new eastern roadway from north of Mockingbird Street to north of Hibiscus Drive. In Arcadia - southbound US 17 travel lanes shifts to the east from Palmetto Street to Dr. MLK Jr. Street. SW Palm Drive is closed and the detour route is SW Hibiscus Drive to SE Hillsborough Avenue. Intermittent lane closures on US 17, SR 70 and other side streets. 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.

## **GLADES COUNTY**

**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.

**US 27 from SR 78/Lakeport Road to 3 miles north of the City of Palmdale:** Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday while crews make asphalt repairs at various locations. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 78 from Canal Boat Ramp to Okeechobee County Line:** Construction project: Crews are re-setting guardrail and paving 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. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

**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.

## **HARDEE COUNTY**

## **HENDRY COUNTY**

**SR 82/Immokalee Road from the Lee/Hendry County line to the Hendry/Collier County line:** Construction project: Crews 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 through the duration of the project while crews are working and use caution traveling in the work zone.**

- **Motorists should expect Naples Avenue closed at the intersection of SR 82 from Thursday, June 30 through July, weather permitting.**

Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

**US 27 from Rocking K Farm to Stitt Ranch:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday while crews repair guardrail. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 29 from the Glades County line to the City of Felda:** Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 29 at Helms Road:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday while crews install culverts near the roadway during daytime hours. **The speed limit will be reduced from 45 mph during the day.** Motorists should use caution and expect delays as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 80 from Congen Road to the Lee County line:** Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 29 at CR 830 in the City of Felda:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday while crews repair asphalt. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

## **HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

**SR 25 (US 27) at Vicki Drive:** Construction Project: Crews are adding a right turn lane, widening, and milling and resurfacing. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**SR 25 (US 27) at Sebring Parkway:** Construction Project: Crews are extending the northbound right turn lane and bicycle keyhole. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**SR 17 (Lakeview Drive) between US 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard:** Construction Project: Crews are reconstructing the road and repairing damaged sidewalk. FDOT closed the southbound lane on Lakeview Drive (SR 17) between the US 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard to reconstruct the roadway. **The northbound lane will remain open to local traffic only.** Southbound traffic will be detoured 24 hours a day over the next few months using US 27, South Highlands Avenue and Kenilworth Boulevard. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as crews work in the roadway. FDOT and contractor will maintain access to homes and businesses during construction. Detour routes are in place for motorists to travel around the work zone. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**US 27 from Lake Glenada Road to south of Robinette Road:** Utility permit work: Crews are installing 773' of underground cable on east side of US 27. Watch for crews working close to the road.

**SR 70 from the Highlands County line to CR 721 South:** Maintenance contract: Contractors will be clearing shoulders on SR 70 from the Highlands County line to CR 721 south. No lane closures are expected. Motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

**US 441 from SE 126<sup>th</sup> 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 from Golfview Drive to Tubbs Road:** 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 is temporarily closed. The contractor is Douglas Higgins, Inc.

**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 from the Highlands county line to CR 721 South:** Maintenance contract: contractors will be replacing side drainpipes. No lane closures are expected. Motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

**US 27 Southbound W. Camphor St. – Avon Park:** Permit project: Crews will be removing a driveway, repairing sidewalk, and curbing. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

**SR 66 Orange Blossom to Payne Road:** FDOT maintenance crews are cleaning ditches. Motorists can expect lane closures Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please use caution while traveling through this area and watch for workers close to the road.

## **LEE COUNTY**

**US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge:** Construction project: Crews perform maintenance on the US 41 bridge over the Caloosahatchee River. Marine traffic should expect construction barges and activity in the area. **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during daytime hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Boaters should use caution. Pedestrians should use **extreme** caution and stay behind the construction safety fence and out of the work zone. Estimated project completion is end of 2016.

**US 41 at Bell Tower Road:** Construction project: Motorists should expect the right turn lane to Bell Tower Road closed from 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 through 7 a.m. Thursday, July 21 for crews to install underground utilities. **Motorists should use Big Pine Way to access Bell Tower Shops during this closure.** This schedule may be subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions. Drivers and pedestrians should use caution.

**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/Palm Beach Boulevard from Morse Plaza to Fairfax Avenue:** Maintenance contract project: Crews will be repairing sidewalk on the west side of the roadway from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Pedestrians should expect intermittent sidewalk closures and use caution as crews work in this area.

**SR 78/Pine Island Road/Bayshore Road from US 41 to Hart/New Post Road:** Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, bike lanes and signal upgrades at various intersections. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project.** Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is fall 2017. The contractor is AJAX Industries of Florida, Inc.

**SR 78/Pine Island Road at Hibiscus Drive:** Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., weekdays, for crews to construct a turn lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 78/Pine Island Road from Chiquita Boulevard to Santa Barbara Boulevard:** Maintenance contract project: Crews will be laying sod on the median from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, weather permitting. Drivers should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**Marvaez Street from Commercial Drive to Winkler Avenue:** Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage along the west side of Marvaez Street. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Motorists should expect the southbound lane closed through the duration of the project. Local area residents will have access at all times.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while driving in this area. Estimated project completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Owen-Ames-Kimball Company, Inc.

### **HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

**SR 25 (US 27) at Vicki Drive:** Construction Project: Crews are adding a right turn lane, widening, and milling and resurfacing. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**SR 25 (US 27) at Sebring Parkway:** Construction Project: Crews are extending the northbound right turn lane and bicycle keyhole. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**SR 17 (Lakeview Drive) between US 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard:** Construction Project: Crews are reconstructing the road and repairing damaged sidewalk. FDOT closed the southbound lane on Lakeview Drive (SR 17) between the US 27 and Kenilworth Boulevard to reconstruct the roadway. **The northbound lane will remain open to local traffic only.** Southbound traffic will be detoured 24 hours a day over the next few months using US 27, South Highlands Avenue and Kenilworth Boulevard. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as crews work in the roadway. FDOT and contractor will maintain access to homes and businesses during construction. Detour routes are in place for motorists to travel around the work zone. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

**US 27 from Lake Glenada Road to south of Robinette Road:** Utility permit work: Crews are installing 773' of underground cable on east side of US 27. Watch for crews working close to the road.

**SR 70 from the Highlands County line to CR 721 South:** Maintenance contract: Contractors will be clearing shoulders on SR 70 from the Highlands County line to CR 721 south. No lane closures are expected. Motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

**US 441 from SE 126<sup>th</sup> 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 from Golfview Drive to Tubbs Road:** 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 is temporarily closed. The contractor is Douglas Higgins, Inc.

**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 from the Highlands county line to CR 721 South:** Maintenance contract: contractors will be replacing side drainpipes. No lane closures are expected. Motorists should use caution, as crews will be working near the roadway.

**US 27 Southbound W. Camphor St. – Avon Park:** Permit project: Crews will be removing a driveway, repairing sidewalk, and curbing. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

**SR 66 Orange Blossom to Payne Road:** FDOT maintenance crews are cleaning ditches. Motorists can expect lane closures Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please use caution while traveling through this area and watch for workers close to the road.

## **MANATEE COUNTY**

**Various locations along US 41, SR 684, SR 70 and SR 64:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are trimming trees from over the road and sidewalks. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and/or intermittent lane closures. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**Various locations along SR 789 and US 41:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are installing detectable warning mats at curb ramps. Use caution as intermittent sidewalk closures are expected.

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

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

Watch for lane shifts and temporary single lane closures on the I-75 southbound off-ramp Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July 21 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews pave and install storm drain, and on the I-75 northbound off-ramp Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19 while crews install temporary signal poles. Law enforcement will be on site directing traffic as needed.

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 Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. Motorists will experience temporary single and double lane closures at the intersection of University Parkway and Cooper Creek Blvd. Tuesday, July 19 through Thursday, July 21 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews install temporary signal poles. Law enforcement will be on site directing traffic as needed.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek and Errie Creek, driving piles at Errie Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, paving and striping the I-75 on and off-ramps, constructing the southbound bridge at I-75/University Parkway, installing/relocating lighting and signalization, driving piles for the noise wall adjacent to southbound I-75 north of Fruitville Road, and constructing MSE walls. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway. Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University 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/>

**I-75 at the I-275 and Moccasin Wallow Road Interchanges:** Construction project: Crews are installing new high-mast lighting. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Highway Safety Devices, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2017.

**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 Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside lane closure on southbound US 301 south of CR 675 (Rutland Road). Traffic shifts may be in place adjacent to the work zones at all other times. Expected completion is fall 2016.

**Business US 41 at the Green Bridge and along Riverside Drive:** Construction project: Crews are constructing a shared use path and sidewalk; improving drainage; installing new decorative lighting; paving the parking lot and constructing new parking spaces with architectural pavers; installing new signing and pavement markings, and installing landscaping with a new irrigation system. Motorists should expect periodic daytime single-lane closures along Riverside Drive. There will be no Lane closures at signalized

intersections between 6 a.m. – 8 a.m. and from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Estimated completion is fall 2016. The contractor is Douglas N. Higgins, Inc.

**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 concrete pavement grinding, irrigation, landscaping, signing, pavement markings and lighting. Construction activities are going on both during the day and at night. Motorists should use caution while travelling through construction zones and be mindful that the speed limit is now 50 MPH. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Estimated completion is late 2016. The contractor is Pepper Contracting Services, Inc.

**SR 684 at Cape Vista Drive:** Repair project: Crews are removing a damaged signal pole. Expect turn lane closures on SR 684 and Cape Vista Drive until the temporary pole is installed. Motorists should also be aware the signals are in flash mode until the temporary pole is installed. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 70 east of Lorraine Road:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing driveways and resurfacing the roadway. Expect intermittent daytime east and westbound lane closures controlled by flaggers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 37 near Mosaic:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are repairing shoulders on both sides of SR 37. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and/or intermittent lane closures. Use caution and expect possible delays. Estimated completion is end of July 2016.

## **OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**

**SR 70 from SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 250 feet east of SE 16<sup>th</sup>: Avenue:** Permit work: Utility crews are accessing manholes in the eastbound lane. This will be a nighttime activity with a lane closure. Watch for workers in the road and prepare for a lane merge. Use caution while traveling through this area.

**SR 700 and SR 78 from Martin County to Glades County:** Ongoing Permit project: Utility Crews are replacing utility poles. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**US 441 from SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 28<sup>th</sup> 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 224<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street:** Permit project: Crews are installing underground utilities. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 70 from NE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to NE 34<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Berman Road:** Construction project: Workers are grading embankment, dressing shoulders, installing sod, forming and pouring sidewalk, constructing base, paving the westbound roadway and building temporary crossovers, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, weather permitting.

- Expect intermittent lane closures on SR 70 at NE 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Berman Road to prepare for upcoming traffic shift.
- NE 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue is closed while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour.
- NE 46<sup>th</sup> Terrace at SR 70 is closed while crews install pipe across the roadway. Follow the posted detour.
- NE 55<sup>th</sup> Terrace is closed, while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour at NE 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- NE 64<sup>th</sup> Drive is closed while crews build 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 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48<sup>th</sup> 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.

**County Road 68 / NW 160<sup>th</sup> Street from US 98 to US 441:** Construction project: the project consists of milling and resurfacing, constructing paved shoulders, adding guardrail and drainage improvements. Motorists should use caution and watch for workers near the road. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation.

**SR 78 over Kissimmee River, 4.7 miles west of US 441:** Bridge maintenance: Crews will be performing routine bridge inspection. Inspection will require intermittent lane closures during daylight hours. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone in a single lane. Motorists should use caution and watch for crews near the roadway.

## **POLK COUNTY**

**I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale):** Construction project:

### **Detour –Westbound I-4 CLOSED at the I-4/SR 559 Interchange, Exit 44:**

#### **Sunday, July 17 and Monday, July 18. Details below:**

The contractor anticipates a temporary detour route at the I-4/SR 559 interchange at night/overnight Sunday, July 17 and Monday, July 18 between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. while crews set the beams over I-4. Signs direct westbound I-4 traffic to exit at SR 559 (Exit 44), travel across SR 559, and enter the I-4 westbound entrance ramp. Law enforcement officers will be present directing traffic. Expect delays.

Temporary intermittent single lane closures are in place on westbound I-4 Tuesday, July 19 between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place on eastbound I-4 Wednesday, July 20 and Thursday, July 21 between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews reconstruct the inside shoulder. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. Expect delays.

Crews continue excavating earth material at the interchange and setting beams as part of the northbound bridge over I-4. **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.

**US 98 from Marcum Road to Sumter County line:** Maintenance contract project: Watch for occasional northbound and southbound shoulder or lane closures on US 98, Monday through Friday as crews repair drainage structures through the end of July. Use caution and be prepared to merge. The contractor is Tagarelli Construction.

**US 98 and Fort Fraser Trail at Banana Creek in Lakeland:** Construction project: Watch for intermittent northbound lane closures on US 98 near Banana Creek from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, as crews take delivery of materials. Use caution and be prepared

to merge. The Fort Fraser Trail remains closed at Banana Creek while crews build the new bridge over the creek.

Work on this project includes replacing the deteriorated wooden bridge structure and pilings with a new steel reinforced concrete bridge. Brothers' Construction, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting; expected completion is fall 2016.

**US 98 Peace River Trail in Ft. Meade:** 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 summer 2016.

**US 92/George Jenkins Boulevard from Churchill Avenue to Sloan Avenue in Lakeland:** Construction Project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for signalization, concrete, sod and milling. Night crews will begin milling and paving at night/overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., starting Wednesday, July 20. Use caution and be prepared to merge or stop.

This project includes milling and paving, repair sidewalks and add ADA detectable warning surfaces on sidewalk curb ramps, replace various curb and gutter, repair drainage structures and replace guardrail at Winston Creek. The expected completion date is fall 2016. The contractor for this project is Hubbard Construction Corporation.

**US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont):** Construction Project: Watch for temporary single lane closures on northbound and southbound US 27 while crews pave and stripe US 27 at night/overnight from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday, July 17, through Friday morning, July 22. **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 US 17/92)** Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while they build a right turn lane, gravity wall and sidewalk. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**US 17 from Bartow Road to Bear Creek Apartments:** Construction Project: Watch for intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures, Monday, July 18, through Sunday, July 24, while crews work on signals. 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 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport:** Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent shoulder closures both northbound and southbound on US 17/92 and on Ronald Reagan Parkway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 17, through Saturday, July 23, while crews complete final roadwork. Use caution, and watch for workers close to the road.

**US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are working off the roadway this week without lane closures. 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).

**SR 572 (Airport Road) from Steeplechase Drive to south of Rooms to Go:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures, both north and southbound, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as crews continue building the new entrance to Lakes at Laurel Highlands. This project includes milling and paving, adding right and left turn lanes with bike lanes and sidewalk, and concrete wall. Use caution and watch for equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**SR 546 (Memorial Boulevard) from Interstate 4 to Brunnell Parkway:** Construction project: Watch for equipment and workers close to the road, as crews place signs and erosion control devices and work on drainage in the median. This project includes reconstructing the concrete roadway, drainage improvements and guardrail work between Interstate 4 and Wabash Avenue, and adding a bike path/trail on the south side of SR 546 from Chestnut Road East to Brunnell Parkway. The expected completion date is spring 2018. The contractor is GLF Construction Corporation.

**SR 546 at Wabash Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for a nighttime/overnight eastbound lane closures, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22, to mill and resurface to correct ponding and remove outfall grates. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 60 from Kid Ellis Road to Diesel Road:** Maintenance contract project: Crews continue repairing sidewalk, drainage inlets, driveways and curb and gutter. Work continues along the westbound lanes. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the highway and workers close to the road. The contractor is Evans Contracting.

**SR 60 from CR 630 to Osceola County line:** Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. as crews take delivery of materials in order to continue pouring concrete for the new box culvert at Ice Cream Slough. Use caution, watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway, and be prepared to stop.

Work on this project includes resurfacing the roadway, widening roadway entrances at Grape Hammock Road and River Ranch Boulevard for right turning vehicles, replacing the roadway bridge at Ice Cream Slough with a box culvert, replacing guardrail, retrofitting bridge railings, improving roadway drainage. The expected completion date is spring 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) at SR 540A:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures at the intersection while crews mill, resurface and install signal sensors in the westbound left turn lanes on SR 540A at SR 37, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, July 17 and Monday, July 18. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 33 from Haynes Circle to Withlacoochee Bridge:** Construction project: Use caution and watch for workers close to the road as crews begin placing signs and erosion control devices. Paving begins Monday, July 25. Work on this project includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, adding an ARMI layer to lessen future roadway cracking, adjusting the cross slope for improved drainage in various locations, adding rumble strip striping, and replacing guardrail. The expected completion date is early 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

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**Various locations along SR 780, SR 776 and SR 72:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are trimming trees from over the road and sidewalks. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and/or intermittent lane closures. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road:** Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are installing embankment, base, asphalt, cable barrier, storm drainage and sod in the median for the proposed widening, and working on the outside shoulders final grading and sodding, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday July 18 to Saturday July 23, for widening and paving operations. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, traffic will shift to the newly constructed inside lanes, northbound from Mile Marker 182 to Mile Marker 186. There will be two travel lanes in each direction after the shift. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is fall 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 northbound and southbound I-75 Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

Watch for lane shifts and temporary single lane closures on the I-75 southbound off-ramp Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July 21 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews pave and install storm drain, and on the I-75 northbound off-ramp Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19 while crews install temporary signal poles. Law enforcement will be on site directing traffic as needed.

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 Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. Motorists will experience temporary single and double lane closures at the intersection of University Parkway and Cooper Creek Blvd. Tuesday, July 19 through Thursday, July 21 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews install temporary signal poles. Law enforcement will be on site directing traffic as needed.

The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek and Errie Creek, driving piles at Errie Creek, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, paving and striping the I-75 on and off-ramps, constructing the southbound bridge at I-75/University Parkway, installing/relocating lighting and signalization, driving piles for the noise wall adjacent to southbound I-75 north of Fruitville Road, and constructing MSE walls. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway. Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University 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 between Mound Street and SR 780:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on sewer lines. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent north and southbound lane closures at various locations Monday, July 25 through Monday, August 1. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**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/Venice By-Pass from Gulf Coast Boulevard to Bird Bay Drive:** Construction project: Crews continue installing utility and storm drain systems and constructing temporary pavement. Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. throughout the project limits while crews are working.

**DETOUR:** Groveland Avenue at southbound US 41 is closed to traffic while the contractor installs pipes and reconstructs the roadway. A detour for local traffic will be in place using Warfield Avenue/Spur Street. Use caution while in the area.

**DETOUR:** Pineland Avenue will close to traffic on Monday, July 25 while the contractor installs pipes and reconstructs the roadway. A detour for local traffic will be in place. Use caution while in the area.

**LANE CLOSURE:** Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on East Venice Avenue at the intersection with US 41 beginning Monday, July 18 while crews are working.

**TRAFFIC SHIFT:** Motorists on north and southbound US 41 between Venice Avenue and Bird Bay Drive should be prepared for a shift in the travel lanes. Use caution while traveling through the work zone.

Motorists should be mindful of the construction signs in place and traffic control officers and use caution while traveling through the project area. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

**US 41 at Fruitville Road:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing a water main. Expect northbound right turn-lane closures from 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 27. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 789 at the Coon Key Bridge/Little Ringling Bridge:** Construction project: Crews are replacing portions of the westbound bridge deck. The outside westbound lane is closed to traffic. FDOT contractor constructed a temporary pedestrian crossing and sidewalk along the eastbound lanes to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Manhattan Road and Bridge is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2016.

**SR 780 between US 301 and East Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on the sewer lines. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent east and westbound lane closures in various locations Monday, July 25 through Monday, August 1. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 780 between School Avenue and Whispering Oaks Court:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on the sewer line. Expect nighttime/overnight east and westbound lane closures at various locations Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 29. 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 low profile barrier wall and traffic control devices are installed from US 41/Tamiami Trail to 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. Sidewalk is closed behind the barrier wall and pedestrians must use the north sidewalk. Motorists should plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

Stay alert for other intermittent lane closures during nighttime operations and use caution while driving through the project. Plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

**Side Street Advisories:** Crews continue to remove, repair and install storms drains along Bee Ridge on the south side of the road necessitating side street closures. Currently, South School Avenue is closed and crews plan to close Dearborn Avenue, Freedom Avenue, East Avenue, Mockingbird Hill, Nelson Avenue and Murdock Avenue throughout the next two weeks as work progresses, weather permitting. Motorists should pay special attention and follow the detour signage in place to access streets to and from Bee Ridge Road.

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.

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