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DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #34 FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 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 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. **Intermittent lane closures may occur on side streets.**

- 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.**

- **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.

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 nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting.**

- **Motorists should expect shoulder closures during daytime hours and should use extreme caution as construction vehicles enter and exit the roadway.**

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. The contractor is Inland Construction & Equipment, Inc.

SR 31 from the Charlotte County line to Bermont Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound and northbound lane closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday while crews to stripe the roadway, weather permitting. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Peachland Boulevard from Bachmann Boulevard to Atwater Street: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage along the north side of Peachland Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Lane closures may occur from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Florida Safety Contractors, Inc.

Orlando Boulevard from Peachland Boulevard to Veterans Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage along the west side of Orlando Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime hours. **Lane closures may occur from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is end of 2016. The contractor is Florida Safety Contractors, Inc.

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. 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 79 to mile marker 83.**
- **Crews will be installing guardrail along the southbound roadway from mile marker 54 to mile marker 52.**

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

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 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 construct a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Kings Way to Santa Barbara Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday for crews to replace power poles, weather permitting. 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 weekdays, from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. 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 western side streets in Nocatee. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. Northbound 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

SR 29 from the Hendry County line to US 27: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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

SR 78 from SR 29 to US 27: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78 at Ortona Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the westbound lane closed during daytime hours, Monday through Friday for crews to repair guardrail, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from the Hendry County line to CR 720: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from the City of Moore Haven to the Highlands County line: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HARDEE COUNTY

SR 64 from County Road 665 to approximately 1682 SR 64 West: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are working along the roadway and in the ditches. Expect intermittent east and westbound daytime lane closures. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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 August, weather permitting.**

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

SR 80 from Collinswood Parkway to Cowboy Way: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from the Sugarland Ranch to the Stitt Ranch: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday for crews to repair guardrail, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from the Glades County line to the Collier County line: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be landscaping during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near 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. Expect nighttime lane closures. 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. Expect nighttime lane closures. 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 between Flare Road and Vicki Drive: Permit work: Construction work on the shoulder for a driveway connection at Alan J Toyota. Watch for workers near the road and a lane closure in the northbound right hand lane. Be prepared to merge.

SR 66 from Orange Blossom Avenue 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.

US 27 between College Drive and Martin Road, Avon Park: Watch for work in the median, and lane closure in the northbound left hand lane. Be prepared to merge.

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 nighttime/overnight 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. The contractor is Inland Construction & Equipment, Inc.

US 41 from Delft Avenue to Littleton Road: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing sidewalk on the west side of the roadway during daytime hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Plaza Del Tura to Verano Drive: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing sidewalk on the east side of the roadway during daytime hours Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard from Evans Avenue to US 41: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside eastbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, for crews to repair irrigation in the median. Motorists should use caution and expect delays as crews work in the roadway.

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 82/Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Michigan Avenue Link to Rockfill Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, for crews to repair irrigation in the median. Motorists should use caution and expect delays as crews work in the roadway.

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.

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.

MANATEE COUNTY

Various locations on SR 37, US 301 and 15th Street: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are trimming trees from over the road, shoulders and tree removals. Work will be located within the shoulder areas. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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

Detour – Northbound I-75 On-Ramp CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:

Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 25. Details below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, August 21 through Thursday night, August 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install storm drain. If weather is a factor, the contractor plans to reschedule for the following day. This detour will not occur simultaneously with any other detour at the interchange.

Motorists wishing to travel north on I-75 from University Parkway are directed to travel south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel west and enter northbound I-75. Local roads may also be used to travel south to SR 70.

Detour – Southbound I-75 Off-Ramp and Southbound I-75 On-Ramp CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:

Thursday, August 25. Details below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Thursday night, August 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install storm drain. The off-ramp will be closed first and then the on-ramp. A brief overlap of closures may occur.

Detour – Southbound I-75 Off-Ramp Closed-Motorists wishing to travel on University Parkway from southbound I-75 are directed to travel south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel west, enter northbound I-75 and exit at University Parkway.

Detour – Southbound I-75 On-Ramp Closed-Motorists wishing to travel south on I-75 from University Parkway are directed to travel north on I-75, exit at SR 70/Exit 217, travel west, enter southbound I-75 and continue south on I-75. Local roads may also be used to travel south to Fruitville Road and enter southbound I-75.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 26 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

Watch for lane shifts and temporary single and double lane closures on the I-75 on and off-ramps between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews install storm drain and signage.

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, August 21 through Thursday, August 26 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

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, installing signage, constructing the southbound bridge at I-75/University Parkway, installing/relocating lighting and signalization, 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 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Paving operations anticipated throughout entire project limits Monday through Friday. Flagging operations will be in place at the NB and SB approach to SR 62. Travelers should expect up to 10 minute delays during paving. 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. There will be no lane closures at signalized intersections between 6 a.m. – 8 a.m. and from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Expect single lane closures on Riverside Drive while the contractor is working on the drainage. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on US 41 between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The east and west parking areas remain closed. 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 performance turf, signing, pavement markings and punch list items. 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 70 from 301 Boulevard to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway and making signal upgrades. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. Expected completion is late summer 2017. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

SR 70 from SE 16th Avenue to SE 31st Terrace: Construction project: Crews are installing guardrail, milling and resurfacing the roadway. Nighttime lane closures are expected. Expected project completion is winter 2016. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

SR 70 from SE 10th Avenue to 250 feet east of SE 16th 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 70 West from SW 24th Avenue to NW 38th Terrace: Construction project. Crews are pouring concrete sidewalks and constructing a pedestrian bridge across a creek. Expected project completion is late 2016. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone.

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: Crews are grading embankment, dressing shoulders, laying sod, forming and pouring sidewalk, constructing base and paving, building temporary crossovers, installing signs and guardrail on the westbound roadway, and installing pedestrian rail on bridges at Mosquito Creek and L63 Canal, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, weather permitting.

- Expect intermittent lane closures on SR 70 at NE 128th Avenue/Berman Road to prepare for upcoming traffic shift.
- NE 40th Avenue is closed while crews build new roadway. Follow posted detour.
- NE 48th Avenue is closed to build the new roadway. Follow posted detour.
- NE 64th 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 34th Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48th Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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

SR 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 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.

US 441 near Southeast 2nd Street: Permit project: Crews are removing cables from manholes in the street. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Nighttime lane closures are expected. Be prepared to merge.

County Road 68 / NW 160th Street from US 98 to US 441: Construction project: The project consists of milling and resurfacing, constructing paved shoulders, adding guardrail and drainage improvements. Milling and resurfacing is beginning this week. Expect one lane traffic and short delays for the next 30 days. 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.

US 98 approximately three miles north of the airport: Driveway Permit project: Construction workers are installing a driveway and driveway culvert. Watch for workers close to the road. Watch for periodic northbound lane closures and be prepared to stop.

POLK COUNTY

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

The inside lane on westbound I-4 and the northbound lane on SR 559 are closed at night/overnight from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, August 22 while crews pour the deck for the bridge over I-4. Flaggers will be on site directing traffic on SR 559. Law enforcement officers will be on site, as needed.

Crews continue excavating earth material at the interchange, installing signage, pouring the bridge deck, clearing in the median and installing sod. **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 during the day and night. Crews are working during the day on Saturday.

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 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 continue building 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: 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 fall 2016.

US 98 (North Florida Avenue) between West Valencia Street and Modest Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for southbound intermittent daytime lane closures, Friday, August 26, as crews install a monitoring well behind the curb. The lane closure should take approximately 3 hours. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 92/George Jenkins Boulevard from Churchill Avenue to Sloan Avenue in Lakeland: Construction Project: Watch for intermittent daytime shoulder closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for signalization and signage.

This project includes milling and paving, repair sidewalks and 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 92 (SR 600) from Reynolds Road to Schalamar Creek Entrance: Construction project: The contractor will reduce US 92 to one lane in each direction and shift all traffic onto the existing westbound lanes, from Reynolds Road to Schalamar Creek Drive. The temporary 11.5-foot lanes will not accommodate wide loads, so wide load haulers should seek alternate routes.

The changes are necessary while crews begin removing and replacing the eastbound lanes of the bridge through early 2017. Observe the reduced 45 mph speed limit, use caution and watch for trucks entering and leaving the work zone.

Improvements on this project consist of milling and paving, base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, guardrail, sidewalks, signing & pavement markings and replacing the existing US 92 bridges over the Lake Parker Drainage Canal and Saddle. The expected completion date is summer 2017. The contractor is Commercial Industrial 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, August 21, through Friday morning, August 26. Temporary single intermittent lane closures are in place at various intersections on southbound US 27 while signalization crews install signals to their final configuration. **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 daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures Saturday, August 20, through Sunday, August 28, while crews work on signals, install signs and make concrete repairs during the day, and paint traffic markings at night. 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., Monday, August 22, through Friday, August 26, while crews complete final roadwork. Use caution, and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic at night/overnight from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 23. Use caution and be prepared to stop. 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 intermittent daytime shoulder closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for utility work.

Watch for nighttime/overnight single lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, August 21, through Wednesday, August 24, while crews place temporary pavement and striping in the median. Eastbound traffic will shift onto the temporary lanes in the median beginning Wednesday night, August 24, or Thursday night, August 25, so crews can remove and replace the existing eastbound lanes.

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 539 at West Second Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent daytime lane closures, both north and southbound, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, August 22, through Friday, August 26. This project includes adding left turn lanes, a new directional median opening, new driveway entrance, sidewalk, curb and gutter. Use caution and watch for equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

SR 60 from CR 630 to Osceola County line: Construction project: Traffic shifts onto temporary pavement at Ice Cream Slough, approximately two miles east of CR 630, so crews can finish building the new box culvert. The temporary lanes will not accommodate anything over the wide load limit of 8'6", so wide load haulers should seek alternate routes. The speed limit reduces to 45 mph at the box culvert.

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) between Palmetto Street and Hickory Street: Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures in the inside north bound lane and center turn lane, Wednesday August 15, as crew repair the asphalt from an earlier water main leak. Use caution and be prepared to merge. The lane closure should take approximately 7 hours.

SR 33 from Haynes Circle to Withlacoochee Bridge: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews mill and resurface the roadway. Use caution and be prepared to stop. 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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I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road: Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are installing embankment, asphalt, cable barrier, guardrail and sod in the median for the proposed widening, and final grading and sodding the outside shoulders, 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 August 22 to Friday August 26, for widening and paving operations.

- **Expect full ramp closures on I-75 at Sumter Boulevard/CR 771/Exit 182 from 11 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Tuesday August 23 and Wednesday August 24 at the southbound off ramp and Thursday August 25 at the northbound on ramp, for milling and resurfacing operations. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and personnel.**
 - Southbound traffic planning to exit at Sumter Boulevard will stay on I-75 for three miles, exit at North Toledo Blade Boulevard/Exit 179 turn left and reenter I-75 northbound to Sumter Boulevard/CR 771/Exit 182.
 - Traffic on Sumter Boulevard/CR 771 planning to head north on I-75 will enter I-75 southbound and exit at North Toledo Blade Boulevard/Exit 179 turn left and reenter I-75 northbound.

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:

Detour – Northbound I-75 On-Ramp CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:

Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 25. Details below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, August 21 through Thursday night, August 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install storm drain. If weather is a factor, the contractor plans to reschedule for the following day. This detour will not occur simultaneously with any other detour at the interchange.

Motorists wishing to travel north on I-75 from University Parkway are directed to travel south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel west and enter northbound I-75. Local roads may also be used to travel south to SR 70.

Detour – Southbound I-75 Off-Ramp and Southbound I-75 On-Ramp CLOSED at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:

Thursday, August 25. Details below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Thursday night, August 25 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews install storm drain. The off-ramp will be closed first and then the on-ramp. A brief overlap of closures may occur.

Detour – Southbound I-75 Off-Ramp Closed-Motorists wishing to travel on University Parkway from southbound I-75 are directed to travel south on I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel west, enter northbound I-75 and exit at University Parkway.

Detour – Southbound I-75 On-Ramp Closed-Motorists wishing to travel south on I-75 from University Parkway are directed to travel north on I-75, exit at SR 70/Exit 217, travel west, enter southbound I-75 and continue south on I-75. Local roads may also be used to travel south to Fruitville Road and enter southbound I-75.

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 26 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 11 p.m.

Watch for lane shifts and temporary single and double lane closures on the I-75 on and off-ramps between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. while crews install storm drain and signage.

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, August 21 through Thursday, August 26 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

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, installing signage, constructing the southbound bridge at I-75/University Parkway, installing/relocating lighting and signalization, 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 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: Ridgewood Avenue is closed to traffic for approximately two months while the contractor works on utilities and storm drain improvements. A detour for local traffic will be in place. Use caution and expect possible delays.

LANE CLOSURE: Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on East Venice Avenue at the intersection with US 41 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 over Myakkahatchee Creek: Construction project: Crews are constructing new pedestrian overpasses over Myakkahatchee Creek; improving drainage; installing guardrail, and constructing new sidewalk. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Cone & Graham, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

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. A temporary pedestrian crossing and sidewalk have been constructed along the eastbound lanes to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Manhattan Road and Bridge is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2016.

SR 789 at New Pass Bridge: Construction project: Crews are updating the Bridge Tender house, electrical components, and the gates. Expect nighttime/overnight sidewalk closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Quinn Construction is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

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.

The sidewalk is closed behind the barrier wall & is part of the construction zone at this time. Pedestrians must use the north sidewalk to go east & west. Stay alert for other intermittent lane closures during nighttime operations and use caution while driving through the project.

Motorists should plan additional travel time as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

Side Street Advisories: Crews continue removal, repair and installation of storms drains along Bee Ridge on the south side of the road necessitating side street closures. Currently, Freedom and Dearborn Avenue are closed. Nelson Avenue is closed due to water line work by Sarasota County Utilities. East Avenue, Liberty Avenue, Worcester Avenue, Murdock Avenue and Midland Road will close at various times in the next few weeks as work progresses, weather permitting. Additionally, crews will begin preparing the roadbed for paving in the next several weeks where storm drainage is completed. Expect closures at Whipporwill, Iola, Rockefeller and Bell over the new few weeks as they install new road base, weather permitting. Motorists should pay special attention throughout this project 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.

SR 758 at the Siesta Key Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent east and westbound lane closures from 9 p.m. each night to 5 a.m. each morning Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 25. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72/Stickney Point Road at SR 758/Midnight Pass Road: Construction project: Crews add a pedestrian refuge island at the northeast corner of the intersection. This project also includes tightening the right turn, updating ADA accommodations and adding a westbound to northbound bike lane through the intersection. Crews will work on the project during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Some sidewalk closures will be necessary. Use caution and expect possible delays. Project completion is expected early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida Inc.

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