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**DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #52
FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015**

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

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

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial "511" from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state.

If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

I-75 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to North Jones Loop Road (exit #161): Construction project: Crews are adding lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, performing bridge work, making drainage improvements, and adding guardrail, signs and pavement markings from the Lee/Charlotte County Line to south of Tuckers Grade (exit #158). Crews are also making drainage improvements from north of Tuckers Grade (exit #158) to south of North Jones Loop Road (exit #161). **Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Traffic shifts to the outside of the roadway through the majority of the project.** Motorists should also use caution as construction vehicles and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is early 2017. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

US 41 from Enterprise Drive to Sarasota/Charlotte County Line: Construction project: Crews are working to expand US 41 to six lanes from Enterprise Drive to the Sarasota/Charlotte County Line. This 3.6-mile project also includes making roadway

drainage improvements, installing water and sewer lines, adding bike lanes and sidewalk and replacing signals at Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and S. Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevards. Crews are installing new utilities, building new roadway and drainage.

- **Northbound right turn lane on Toledo Blade Blvd. from Hibbert Avenue to US 41 is closed**
- **Northbound and southbound traffic is shifted to the outside onto temporary pavement**
- **The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening will close for this phase of construction; motorists should follow the detour signs**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hour**

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

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

- **Southbound and northbound traffic will now use northbound travel lanes. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic shifts to the eastside of the roadway.**

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

SR 31 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74/Bermont Road: Construction project: Work is underway to resurface this roadway. This 12-mile project includes repairing existing drainage facilities and improvements to signage and pavement markings throughout the project. **Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures through the duration of the project.** Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is early 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

COLLIER COUNTY

I-75 from Broward County Line to east of CR 951: Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley from the Broward County line to east of CR 951 in Collier County. Crews will

begin a moving pavement operation at CR 951 (exit 101) and work easterly to the Broward County Line. Crews will then work from the Broward County Line westerly to just east of CR 951. Guardrail installation will follow behind the pavement operation. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, with intermittent lane closures. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway.

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

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

I-75 from SR 951 to east of the toll plaza: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing and adding signs and pavement markings to the northbound lanes. This project also removes the median crossovers just east and west of the toll plaza. Drivers should use caution as construction vehicles and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. The contractor does not anticipate night work on this project. Estimated project completion is early 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

I-75 from north of CR 951 to just north of Golden Gate Parkway: Construction project: This project adds six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

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

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

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

US 41 From Pelican Bay Boulevard to Vanderbilt Beach Road: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, curb and gutter, bus shelter pads, handrail, drainage, relocate lighting and signing and pavement marking US 41. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in

this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

US 41 (Tamiami Trail East) from SR 951 to Greenway Road: Construction project: Crews continue work to expand two-lane US 41 to six lanes from SR 951 to Joseph Lane and to four lanes from Joseph Lane to Greenway Road. A 30-foot median will separate northbound and southbound travel lanes. The project also includes a 10-foot multi-use pathway along southbound travel lanes and a six-foot sidewalk parallel to northbound lanes. Median openings spaced throughout the project allow for left turns and U-turns. Crews also are replacing the traffic signal at Manatee Road.

- **Beginning early morning on Sunday, December 6, all travel lanes will be open to vehicles.**

Crews continue to work on finish items for the job. Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work by end of 2016. The design/build team is Wantman Group Inc./Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

US 41 from CR 951 to Mondago Lane: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct new turn lanes. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

SR 951 from US 41 to Eagle Creek Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct new turn lanes. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

SR 951 at Fiddlers Creek Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Crews are improving the traffic signal. Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 951 and eastbound Fiddlers Creek Parkway during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

SR 84 from Airport Pulling Road to Heritage Trail: Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, connects two miles of bicycle lanes, replaces existing traffic signals and improves pedestrian crossings at every intersection. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **Within six-hundred feet of a signalized intersection, motorists should expect any eastbound lane closures from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and any westbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

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

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

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

DESOTO COUNTY

US 17 from CR 760A to Heard Street and within the City of Arcadia: Construction project: Crews are expanding US 17 to four lanes. Work is underway for two new travel lanes to the east of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities, installation of drainage and fill soils, and new roadway construction. A short duration closures of Mariposa Dr., SW Skates St. and Brannan Dr. planned for utility pipe installation. Northbound and southbound US 17 traffic have switched to the new portion of US 17 from south of CR 760A/McCaskill St to north of CR 760/Welles Ave. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17 north of Joshua Creek. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limits. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution and plan additional travel time. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

GLADES COUNTY

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

SR 78 at Curry Island Road, entrance to Vance Whidden Park (north of Moore Haven): Construction project: Crews completed paving the trail and will be sodding. Work on this project includes resurfacing Curry Island Road from SR 78 to the trail, constructing a shell parking area and building a new segment of trail/bike path completing the Vance Whidden Park Trail loop. Expect completion in spring 2016. The contractor is Lawrence-Lynch Corporation.

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

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

HARDEE COUNTY

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

HENDRY

US 27 from SR 80 to the City of Clewiston: Construction project: Work continues to build a bi-directional weigh-in-motion scale in the median. Motorists should expect the inside lanes closed throughout the project. Estimated completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

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

SR 80 from west of Cowboy Way to Huggett Road: Maintenance project: Crews will be installing a waterline near the east side of the roadway during daytime hours. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Industrial Canal to Merchant Street: Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 1.8-mile project includes updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Pedestrians and cyclists should expect sidewalk closures with detours through the duration of the project.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is winter of 2015. The Contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving Inc.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

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

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

US 98 from CR 721 to US 27 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will be trimming trees. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 and SR 70 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will continue mowing the rights-of-way and medians on US 27, and SR 70. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 27 from Golfview Drive to Tubbs Road in Sebring: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures while crews load and unload equipment and materials. The channel beneath the bridge that provides access between Lake Jackson and Little Lake Jackson will close, starting, Monday, December 21, and will remain closed for the remainder of the project while crews dredge the channel.

US 27 from Avon Park to SR 66 in Highlands County: Contracts project: Crews will spray herbicide around curbs, gutters, sidewalk areas and wet ditches. No lane closures are expected, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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

SR 70 from CR 29 to Okeechobee County Line: Maintenance project: Crews are trimming bushes around guardrails. Expect lane closures and watch for flaggers directing traffic in various locations from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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

LEE COUNTY

US 41 from Lakeridge Court to Cypress Terrace: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the outside southbound lane closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to update the water main system. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

US 41 from Batista Farms Road to Elwood Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect outside southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

US 41 from Santa Elena Drive to Hickory Drive: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect outside southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to construct a deceleration lane. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 865 at Matanzas Pass Bridge: Special permit: Drivers should expect Matanzas Pass Bridge closures for the Town of Fort Myers Beach New Year's Celebration. **Motorists should expect the southbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours from midnight to 1 a.m. on Friday, January 1, for approximately 40 minutes to give motorists two northbound travel lanes on the bridge as they leave the beach.** Law enforcement will be on site. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

SR 78/Bayshore Road at New Post Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weather permitting for crews to remove a turn lane at the intersection. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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

MANATEE COUNTY

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Watch for temporary single and double lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 and on the ramps from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., and on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** On Sunday night, December 20, between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. crews are relocating the crane on University Parkway and are temporarily closing the eastbound and westbound lanes to complete this operation. Crews are driving pile during the daytime in the median of University Parkway for bridge work on I-75. The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.** In observance of the holiday season, the contractor will suspend construction activities Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27, 2015 and Friday, January 1 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

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

US 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road: Construction project: Crews are widening the roadway to a four-lane divided highway; constructing sidewalk; installing highway lighting; constructing medians, and improving drainage. Crews are working Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. A daytime turn lane closure may be set up at the northbound approach to CR 675 (Rutland Rd) for installation of sewer line. Additionally, a daytime lane closure may be set up along westbound CR 675 just before the intersection, in order to install storm drain. Shoulder closures will be set up throughout the project for delivery and hauling of materials and various work operations throughout the project. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2016.

US 301 at 25th Drive E: Construction Project: Crews are constructing a left-turn lane from westbound US 301 onto 25th Drive E, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early spring.

US 301 at I-75: Construction project: Crews working on the signals and pedestrian crossing at 60th Street. At this time, we expect no lane closures. AJAX Paving is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

US 301 at I-75: Construction project: Crews are replacing high-mast light poles. At this time, we expect no lane closures. Coastal Marine is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

US 41 from I-275 to the Hillsborough County Line and at Piney Point Road and Dock Street (Port Manatee): Construction project: Crews are reconstructing portions of the roadway with concrete; removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway; installing a new traffic signal at the I-275 westbound off-ramp to US 41; improving drainage; constructing sidewalks; installing guardrail, highway lighting and landscaping, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Crews are working on the embankment, excavation, drainage, asphalt base and box culvert construction on southbound US 41. Construction activities are going on both during the day and at night. Motorists should use caution while travelling through construction zones, and be mindful of the new traffic pattern. The Speed limit is reduced to 50MPH. Expect possible nighttime/overnight lane

closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Estimated completion is late 2016. The contractor is Pepper Contracting Services, Inc.

SR 789 from 27th Street to SR 64: Construction project: Crews are constructing sidewalk and new bus shelters, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect daytime lane closures and flagging operations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews are working. LAS Contracting Corporation is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

SR 70 from 6th Street E to 9th Street E: Construction Project: Crews are extending the left-turn lane from eastbound SR 70 onto northbound 9th Street E, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, constructing sidewalk, making drainage improvements, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is early 2016.

SR 70 at 15th Street East: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect right-turn lane closures from eastbound SR 70 to southbound 15th Street East and westbound left-turn lane closures to southbound SR 70 through Friday, January 8. Use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

SR 70 from 46th Street to 45th Street: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 8. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 64 from 77th Street West to 59th Street West: Construction project: Crews are installing highway lighting and constructing sidewalk. Expect lane closures from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., when necessary. MSB Services, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is late 2015.

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

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

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

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

SR 70 from NE 13th Avenue east to NE 34th Avenue: Maintenance project: Crews are spraying herbicide on the sidewalks on both the north and south side of SR 70 during the day. Use caution while traveling through this area.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road in Okeechobee: Construction project: Workers are installing drainage, grading embankment, building subgrade, pouring sidewalk, continuing to construct superstructure at Mosquito Creek Bridge and preparing to set piling at L63 Canal from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, weather permitting.

- Expect periodic lane closures on SR 70 for material delivery and construction activities. Flaggers will direct traffic.
- NE 42nd Terrace at SR 70 is closed while crews install pipe across the roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 40th Avenue.
- NE 71st Avenue remains closed at SR 70 while crews build the new roadway. Follow posted detour to NE 64th Drive.

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

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

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

POLK COUNTY

I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale): Construction Project: Watch for new traffic patterns at I-4/SR 559. Westbound I-4 traffic exiting at SR 559, will travel north on SR 559, through the temporary jug handle to the stop bar, and then continue north or south on SR 559. Northbound SR 559 traffic entering eastbound I-4 will shift to the left, onto the existing pavement, and continue to the eastbound I-4 on-ramp. Southbound SR 559 traffic entering eastbound I-4 will travel south to the temporary jug handle, follow it around to the stop bar, enter northbound SR 559, shift left onto the existing pavement, and continue to the eastbound I-4 on-ramp. These shifts in traffic patterns should last several weeks.

Crews are excavating I-4, installing sod adjacent to SR 559 and paving the bridge approaches on SR 559. Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts along eastbound and westbound I-4 and temporary intermittent lane closures, traffic shifts, site changes and flaggers directing traffic as needed on SR 559.

Speeding fines double when workers are present. Project improvements include constructing a new bridge on SR 559 over I-4, expanding SR 559 from two lanes to four lanes from north of CR 559A to the westbound entrance ramp to I-4, shifting the eastbound lanes of I-4 to the south, installing lighting on SR 559, resurfacing the existing roadway, and improving drainage. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Cone and Graham. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i4/sr559/>

US 98 Peace River Trail in Ft. Meade: Construction project: Crews are constructing the trail and timber bridges through Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area between US 98 and Mt. Pisgah Road. Project improvements include constructing a compacted coquina shell path, two pedestrian bridges, a short path leading to the river on the south end of the trail and a pull-off area at Mt. Pisgah Road. Central Concrete Products, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting, expected completion is the end of 2015.

US 98 from US 17 to Peace River in Fort Meade: Construction project: Crews continue excavating and installing lighting conduit during the daytime. Please use caution in these areas and watch for workers close to the road. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Saturday, December 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016. The improvements under this contract consist of adding highway lighting, and signing and refurbishing pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont): Construction Project: Paving crews are working at night/overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 20, through Wednesday, December 23, on northbound and southbound US 27. Temporary intermittent lane closures will be in place along US 27. This work should last a few weeks. Crews continue signal and sidewalk work at various locations along US 27. **Watch for uneven pavement and traffic shifts throughout the project corridor.** In observance of the holiday season, the contractor will suspend construction activities Friday, December 25, through Sunday, December 27, 2015 and Friday, January 1 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

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

US 27 south of Waverly Barn Road (Davenport): Maintenance permit project: Watch for daily lane closures, both north and southbound, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews work in the median through Wednesday, December 23, 2015. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 from Tuscan Ridge Drive to Deen Still Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Crews are making improvements to the turn lanes at Laurel Estates. Motorist should watch for intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays through mid-January. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Saturday, December 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

US 17 from SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) to US 17/92 in Winter Haven: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are repairing sidewalks. There are no daytime lane closures anticipated. Motorist should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road.

US 17 from 9th Street NE to 9th Street SE in Fort Meade: Construction project: Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews continue placing signs and adding new street light poles. Please use caution in these areas and watch for workers close to the road. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Saturday, January 2, 2016. The improvements under this contract consist of replacing and adding some new highway lighting, and signing and repairing sidewalk in various locations. The expected completion date is the summer of 2016. The contractor for this project is Traffic Control Devices, Inc.

US 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport: Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent lane closures both northbound and southbound on US 17/92 and Ronald Reagan Parkway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, through Wednesday, while crews continue drainage work, road improvements and constructing a median separator. Crews will not work from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

US 17/92 at Ernie Caldwell Blvd. in Davenport: Motorist should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. This project includes adding turn lanes and shoulders on US 17/92 at the extension of Ernie Caldwell Boulevard, approximately two miles south of CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway). Contractor plans no lane closures this week. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Saturday, December 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

SR 659 (Combee Road) at the intersection of US 92 in Lakeland: Construction project: Traffic remains shifted slightly south on westbound US 92, and the western entrance to the shopping center in front of McDonalds has been closed. Access the shopping center or McDonalds using the eastern entrance on US 92 or from Combee Road. The shift is necessary while crews extend the right turn lane and work at the intersection. Crews have also closed the inside eastbound lane on US 92 for work at the intersection. The right turn lane remains open. Use caution and be prepared to merge. The contractor will suspend

operations for the holidays from Wednesday, December 23, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

Work on this project includes replacing the railroad crossing, replacing portions of the traffic separator and curb, adding sidewalks, building a concrete bus pad at the existing bus stop and place new signs and pavement markings on Combee Road. On US 92, crews will extend the right turn lane from westbound US 92 onto northbound Combee Road, pour new sidewalk between McDonalds and Family Dollar, improve drainage, modify the median and pave the shoulder at US 92 and Woodland Avenue to allow eastbound to westbound U-turns. Weather permitting; expected completion is spring 2016. The contractor is Lane Construction Corporation.

SR 572 (Drane Field Road) from Waring Road to Airport Perimeter East: Maintenance permit project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, while crews work on utilities and construct a turn lane. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from Pear Street to West Elliot Street: Construction project: The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Saturday, December 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016. Ninth Street/Providence Road remains closed to all cross traffic and left and right turns during construction. For improved safety, the new traffic separator will only allow motorists to turn left onto Ninth Street from northbound Kathleen Road once complete. Crews will continue work in various locations throughout the project, so use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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

SR 60 Roadway and Rail Road Crossing Improvement Projects from west of Diesel Road to east of CR 555; SR 37 from SE 3rd Street to SR 60; West of Nichols Road to east of Prairie Industrial Parkway in Bartow/Mulberry: Construction project: Expect lane closures on SR 60, both eastbound and westbound for railroad crossing repair, sod placement and paving, Observe posted speed limits, be prepared to merge and watch for changes in the traffic pattern. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Saturday, December 19, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

Improvements on this project include; constructing new approach slabs for railroad crossings on SR 60 at Nichols Road, Phosphate Boulevard, Mosaic Crossing, and Skew Crossing, resurfacing the existing roadway, improving the roadway drainage, and improving SR 60 signalization. Expected project completion is fall 2015, weather permitting. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation.

SR 60 from Flamingo Drive to Connersville Road in Bartow: Construction project: Crews are removing the temporary work platform, installing concrete bridge deck, handrail, concrete sidewalk, driveways and sod. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures and be prepared to merge. Note: Wide loads may not be able to pass through when lane closures are in place. Crews will also place asphalt and pour concrete in business driveways along the eastbound lanes. Use caution and watch for flaggers directing vehicles in and out. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

Work on this project includes adding a new sidewalk and pedestrian bridges on the south side of SR 60, and building a bus bay and bus pad at the stop east of Peace River Mobile Home Park. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Leware Construction Company, Inc.

SR 60 from 11th Street to Myrtle Avenue in Lake Wales: Construction project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. along SR 60, as crews work on a turn lane and median modification project along SR 60 in Lake Wales. The project will improve traffic flow, and includes turn lane and/or median modifications at 11th Street, Hunt Brothers Road, Buck Moore Road, Highland Drive, and Myrtle Avenue. The contractor will suspend operations for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016. Expected completion is March 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries, Inc.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from CR 540A to Carter Road in Lakeland: Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing a gravity sewer line along the northbound lanes of SR 37. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Crews will suspend operations for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

SR 37 at CR 640 south of Mulberry: Construction project: Crews will continue excavating and installing lighting conduit on the shoulders of the road during the day, Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 23. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Crews will not work from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3. The improvements under this contract consist of highway lighting, signalization and signing and pavement markings. The expected completion date is the spring of 2016. The contractor for this project is Florida Industrial Electric Company.

SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City: Construction project: Crews continue to pour concrete for the new roundabout, Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 23, but will not work from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27, for the holiday. Use caution and be prepared to stop at the temporary signal at the intersection. The stop bars are as far back as 100 feet from the signal to allow trucks enough room to turn. **There are no right turns on red.**

Work on this project includes roundabout construction, new asphalt and concrete pavement, resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, gravity

walls and handrails, lighting, signing, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp.

SR 17 at the intersection of CR 17B (Hunt Brothers Road) in Lake Wales: Construction project: Depending on weather, crews will reopen the roundabout by Sunday, December 20. Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic at the new roundabout as workers complete miscellaneous items on the project. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

Work on this project includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection and includes removing old asphalt and resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, pavement markings, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

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Sarasota County Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase IV: Sarasota County has contracted with Traffic Control Devices, Inc. (TCD), to upgrade the traffic signal controllers and equipment for 52 intersections throughout Sarasota County, City of Sarasota and the City of North Port. The improvements will consist of installing, integrating and testing the ATMS field elements, including traffic controllers and cabinets, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, and fiber optic communications cable and transmission equipment along the roadways. As part of this project, 10 intersections will receive full Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades to meet current standards. Construction began on March 4, 2015 and should be complete by the spring of 2016. There will be no nighttime intersection work for next week. Daytime work will consist of pulling forms from concrete aprons, restoration of disturbed areas, and outstanding ADA items at various locations throughout the project site. Contractor will be pulling fiber along the Cattlemen corridor.

I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road: Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are installing drainage and placing embankment and lime rock in the median, and installing drainage, placing embankment and laying sod in the outside shoulders Monday through Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project: Watch for temporary single and double lane closures at night/overnight on northbound and southbound I-75 and on the ramps from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., and on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway.** On Sunday night, December 20, between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. crews are relocating the crane on University Parkway and are temporarily closing the eastbound and westbound lanes to complete this operation. Crews are driving pile during the daytime in the median of University Parkway

for bridge work on I-75. The contractor is widening the bridge at Foley Creek. Crews continue clearing within the right-of-way and placing embankment. Crews are working Sunday through Saturday. **Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.** In observance of the holiday season, the contractor will suspend construction activities Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27, 2015 and Friday, January 1 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

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

US 301 from Myrtle Street to Desoto Road: Construction project: Crews for Sarasota County are installing landscaping and irrigation along US 301 and within the medians. Work over the next couple of weeks will include installation of irrigation lines along US 301 between Myrtle Street and Desoto Road and planting of trees in the median and on the west side of US 301. C-Squared, LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion for installation and maintenance is fall 2016.

US 41 at SR 789: Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk located along the west side of US 41 from SR 789 to Ritz Carlton Drive and sidewalk located along the north side of SR 789 from Sunset Drive to US 41 will remain closed until construction of the development located at the corner of US 41 and SR 789 is complete. Pedestrians should follow the established detour.

US 41 from Woodmere Road to the Lowes Entrance: Construction project: Crews are removing old asphalt, resurfacing the roadway, and replacing traffic and pedestrian signals. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2016.

US 41/Venice By-Pass from Gulf Coast Boulevard to Bird Bay Drive: Construction project: Crews will continue with clearing the outside travel lanes, locate utility lines, utility installation and erosion control items through the next few weeks into the New Year. FDOT does not anticipate interruptions to existing travel lanes. Motorists should be aware of the construction signs in place and use caution while traveling through the area. Expect work to continue during the holidays other than Dec 24, 25, 31 or Jan 1. The project will widen US 41 from four lanes to a six-lane roadway, improve roadway drainage, add retention ponds, 7-foot bicycle lanes, concrete sidewalk on each side and relocate and/or replace City of Venice water and sewer lines. There will be upgrades to

lighting, signalization, and bus pads. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

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

SR 780/Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to McIntosh Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 8. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 776 from Temple Road to Manasota Beach: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect intermittent southbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 8. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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

SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge: Construction project: Crews are making repairs to the bridge including concrete repairs throughout the bridge, seawall repairs, Tender/Control House improvements, painting, and repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of the bridge. Motorists should use caution while driving through the work zone and plan additional travel time. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight flagging operations between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Extended bridge openings of up to 15 minutes may occur during this time. Expected completion is late 2015/early 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

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

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