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DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #1 FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

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 N. Jones Loop Road (exit 161) to US 17 (exit 164): Construction project: Work continues to widen approximately four miles of the interstate from four to six lanes and widen the bridges over N. Jones Loop Road (exit #161) and Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive/Seminole Gulf Railway. The project also includes roadway safety improvements and bridge work under I-75 on N. Jones Loop Road, US 17, and Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive.

- **Motorists should expect Marion Avenue/Riverside Drive fully CLOSED under I-75 for crews to complete bridgework, safety improvements, and roadway work. This closure is scheduled to remain in place until late spring 2018, weather permitting. The closure applies to all vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.**
 - Motorists on Marion Avenue, west of the interstate may use Marion Avenue to Marlympia Way to reach US 17.
 - Motorists on Riverside Drive, east of the interstate may use Riverside Drive to Regent Road to reach US 17.
- **Motorists should expect one lane closed in each direction on I-75 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday night through Saturday morning for crews to place barrier wall and work in the median.**

- **Motorists should expect travel lanes from N. Jones Loop Road to south of the bridge over the Peace River shifted to the outside of the roadway.**

Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area and be alert to trucks entering and exiting roadways in the work zone. Estimated completion is early 2019, weather permitting. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

I-75 over the Peace River (approximately one mile north of US 17 (exit 164): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect the southbound outside shoulder closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, January 8 through Friday, January 12 while crews perform maintenance on the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution.

US 17 from Bermont Road to Pinegrove Circle: Construction project: The project includes signal upgrades at Disston Avenue, milling and resurfacing, and drainage improvements. The project will also install curb and gutter, sidewalk and improve signing and pavement markings. Lane closures may occur during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway. Motorists should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

US 41 from Cross Street to Cochran Boulevard: Construction project: Crews improve 5.8 miles of US 41. The project includes signal upgrades at various intersections, milling and resurfacing, miscellaneous shoulder widening, bike lanes and improved pedestrian access at multiple intersections. **Motorists should expect multiple lane closures on US 41 throughout the limits of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 pm to 6 am, Sunday through Friday, weather permitting as paving of mainline and crossovers are in progress.** Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway while paving operations are ongoing and use caution. They should remain alert and follow directions provided by traffic control officers and devices while driving in this area. **Temporary restricted access to side streets may also occur.** Project completion is expected fall 2017. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

US 41 from Enterprise Drive to the 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.

- **Motorists should expect a new northbound and southbound traffic pattern on US 41.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on Toledo Blade Boulevard.**
- **Expect a new traffic pattern in the northbound lanes.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime hours on US 41 at the Paulson Drive/Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and Cranberry Boulevard/Cornelius Boulevard intersections.**
- **The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hour.**

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

COLLIER COUNTY

I-75/Alligator Alley Rest Area (mile marker 63): Construction project: Work is underway to build a new rest area and water treatment plant on the north side of the roadway. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The contractor is West Construction, Inc.

US 41 from Pine Ridge Road to Sandpine Drive: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, drainage structures and lighting on the east side of US 41. Crews will also resurface the intersection of US 41 and Pelican Bay Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2018. The American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to Orchid Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews replace a driveway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from County Barn Road to Unity Way: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews repair a left turn lane. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

2nd Street South from 6th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the east side of the roadway. **Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,**

weather permitting. Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

3rd Street North from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue North: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. **Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting.** Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

8th Street NE from Golden Gate Boulevard to Randall Boulevard: Construction project: This project constructs a new bridge over the Cypress Canal. Crews will also widen existing lanes, add sidewalk to the west side of the roadway and improve drainage throughout the project area. **Work will occur during daytime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local area residents will have access at all times.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2019. The contractor is Bergeron Land Development, Inc.

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. The new roadway is nearly complete and open with two lanes of traffic northbound and southbound. Expect daytime, intermittent single lane closures on US 17 for various project completion activities. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limits. Please use caution and plan additional travel time. Expected project completion is in the fall of 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting.

US 17 from Livingston Street to Hardee / Desoto County Line: Construction project: Crews will be milling and resurfacing the roadway and improving drainage to approximately 6.7 miles of roadway. The contractor will also install curb and gutters, guardrails and sidewalks.

- **Motorists should expect single lanes of both the northbound and southbound lanes of US 17 to be closed Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to include: milling & resurfacing along mainline lanes and drainage work adjacent to roadway.**

Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida. Estimated completion is spring 2018.

US 17 at SR 70/Hickory Street: Construction project: Crews are replacing the traffic signal for southbound US 17 traffic at SR 70/Hickory Street in Arcadia. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime and nighttime hours Monday through Friday, except during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Flaggers will be onsite to assist motorists. Motorists should drive with caution in the construction zone and possibly use an alternate route. Project completion is expected early 2018. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

GLADES COUNTY

Moore Haven Elementary Sidewalks: Construction project: Crews will install sidewalks to the north side of Avenue J from 5th Street to 1st Street and the south side of Avenue K from 6th Street to 1st Street.

- **Sidewalks have been completed. Crews are placing signage in the area.**

During construction, we ask motorists and pedestrians to use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway. Motorists should expect periodic lane closures as part of the construction process. Estimated project completion is end of year 2017. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

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

US 27 from Old 27 to 5th Street: Construction project: The northbound and southbound access lanes to the bridge on US 27 from Old 27 to 5th Street in Moore Haven will be repaved and the outside shoulders of the road will be widened. Additional improvements include installing drainage, curb and gutter, guardrails, signing and pavement markings.

- **Crews are completing retention ponds underneath the bridge.**

Estimated project completion is end of January 2018. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

US 27 at South Central Florida Express (SCFE) Railroad Crossing: Construction project: Crews install guardrail, crash cushions, and new flashing beacons at the railroad crossing. Work also includes moving the existing stop bar for southbound lanes to the north to aid with sight distance to gate lights. Motorists should expect daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flaggers will be onsite to assist drivers. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Expected completion is early 2018, weather permitting. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

US 27 from the Highlands County Line to the Hendry County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

US 27 from Fish Eating Creek to Gatorama: Maintenance project: Crews will be tree trimming/landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 80 from the Lee County Line to US 27: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing signs near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 78 from SR 29 to US 27: Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, for crews to landscape near the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

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

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

SR 72 at SW Rodgers Avenue and SW Gator Trail: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews begin placing erosion control devices and signs. This project includes adding box culverts, grading ditches, reconstructing roadway shoulders and adding guardrail along the south side of SR 72. Expected completion is Summer 2018. The contractor is Estep Construction, Inc.

HARDEE COUNTY

US 17 from Livingston Street to Hardee / Desoto County Line: Construction project: Crews will be milling and resurfacing the roadway and improving drainage to approximately 6.7 miles of roadway. The contractor will also install curb and gutters, guardrails and sidewalks.

- **Motorists should expect single lanes of both the northbound and southbound lanes of US 17 to be closed Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to include: milling & resurfacing along mainline lanes and drainage work adjacent to roadway.**

Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida. Estimated completion is spring 2018.

US 17 from the Hardee/Desoto County Line to Sweetwater Road (CR 634): Construction project: Following recovery from storm impacts, crews will be resuming work widening US 17 from two lanes to four lanes, adding a grassed median and building new two-lane bridges over Charlie Creek and Charlie Creek Overflow.

The contractor will also install new roadside drainage swales and storm water ponds to manage water running off the roadway. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Drivers should expect daytime lane closures and flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone in a single lane. Please observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is summer 2018.

US 17 from south of West 9th Street to north of West 3rd Street: Construction project: Crews are constructing a new four-lane concrete roadway using the old railroad corridor along Oak Street to realign this 1-mile segment. The contractor is installing curb and gutter, 7-foot bike lanes, sidewalks, and a 52-foot raised median to separate the northbound and southbound lanes of traffic. The project also includes installing a new underground drainage system and two storm water ponds to manage water running off of the roadway.

- **Motorists should follow the new traffic pattern on eastbound and westbound SR 66 and northbound and southbound US 17. Watch for signs and use the posted detour route utilizing the new SR 66 to travel around the work zone.**
- **Motorists should expect periodic lane closures on US 17 in both directions for construction operations as crews work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.**
- **Crews will continue pouring curb, sidewalks and driveways on SR 66 East, 5th Street East, 4th Street East, and 3rd Street East Monday through Friday.**
- **Oak Street, 3rd Street East, 4th Street East, 5th Street East and 7th Street East are closed.**

Please pay attention to new signage and pavement markings directing traffic through the work zone. Estimated completion is fall 2018. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida.

HENDRY COUNTY

US 29 at F Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, while crews excavate the right of way, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from the Glades County Line to the Palm Beach County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 82 from the Collier County Line to the Lee County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing signs near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 80 from CR 832 to US 27: Maintenance project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

SR 80 from the Lee County Line to Double J. Acres: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be constructing a median opening and right turn lane. Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

SR 80 from Dalton Lane to CR 833: Construction project: Crews will widen approximately 11 miles of roadway from two to four lanes and add new turning lanes. Additional work includes repaving the current lanes of SR 80 and constructing ten new bridges. Three of the bridges will require full demolition and removal of the existing bridges in order to construct the new ones. Work also includes drainage improvements, adding curb and gutter, and installing LED lighting. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is summer 2020. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida.

SR 80 from Double J. Acres Road to CR 78A: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80 from Dalton Lane to Indian Hills Drive: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be relocating utilities near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from SR 80 to the Glades County Line: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be installing underground utilities near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, 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 project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near and on the roadway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Rucks Dairy Road Bridge: Construction project: Crews will build a new two lane bridge to replace the current one lane bridge. Construction of the new bridge will be next to the current bridge. Additional improvements will include resurfacing a portion of the road approaching the new bridge, drainage enhancements, new guardrails and updated signage.

- **Both north and south lanes of the bridge are open.**

The Contractor is Leware Construction Company of Florida. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the work zone. Expected project completion is spring 2018.

US 27 From Tomoka Boulevard to south Lakeview Road: Construction project: Crews will be removing concrete and installing ditch blocks and other drainage modifications along this one-mile segment of US 27. As part of this project, crews will install guardrail, add paved shoulders and sod, make drainage improvements and relocate highway lighting. Motorists should expect intermittent single-lane closures during construction operations from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Watch for crews working in the roadway. Estimated project completion is End of Year 2017. The contractor is C-squared Certified General Contractor.

US 27 Southbound between Golfview Road and Tubbs Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will reconstruct the driveway/connection at the old Mexican Restaurant location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 27 Southbound at Shop 16 Road/west Lake Isis Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be installing a traffic signal near Walmart. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 27 Southbound at the intersection of Lakewood Drive: Maintenance permit project: Crews will reconstruct the driveway/connection at the old Wendy's/new Popeye's location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 66 from Highlands/Hardee County Line to west of US 27/US 98: Construction project: Crews are repaving approximately 9 miles of roadway on both the northbound and southbound lanes of SR 66 from the Highlands/Hardee County Line to US 27. Additional improvements include the addition of a right turn lane on to Skipper Road, widening the right turn lanes on to South George Boulevard, Sparta Road, and Woodland Creek Trail, installing drainage, curb and gutter, guardrail, pavement markings, and signage. Anticipate daytime lane closures on SR 66 during construction and expect delays.

- **Motorists should expect single lane closures and be prepared to follow flagger direction.**

Please use caution in this area and be aware of crews working close to the roadway. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Lawrence Lynch Corporation.

SR 64 at Olivia Street: Construction project: Watch for periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic as crews begin placing erosion control devices and signs. This project includes adding a westbound turn lane onto northbound North Olivia Drive, widening the turnout and adding paved shoulder, striping bike lane between the westbound travel lane and turn lane and extending side drains and modifying drainage ditches. Expected completion is Spring 2018. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction, Inc.

SR 17/South Ridgewood Drive at the intersection of Pine Street and Lake Avenue (Avon Park): Construction project: Crews will be installing traffic signals and relocating existing signs beginning January 8, 2018. Motorists should anticipate daytime and nighttime single-lane closures during construction and may need to plan extra travel time in this area. Please watch for workers in the construction zone and use caution.

SR 17 from Central Avenue to North Museum Avenue: Construction project: Crews are placing signs and erosion control devices. Watch for workers close to the road. This project includes milling and resurfacing, curb and gutter, and sidewalks. Expected completion is Spring 2018. The contractor is Blacktip Services, Inc.

LEE COUNTY

US 41 from Jonathans Bay Drive to Emerson Square Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures and sidewalk closures during nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday while crews repair sidewalk, weather permitting. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Playa Del Sol Boulevard to Business 41: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from Marsh Landing Boulevard to Fountain Lakes Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday while crews construct turn lanes, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 41 from just south of Pelican Colony Boulevard to San Carlos Boulevard: Construction project: This project installs light poles on both sides of the roadway. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent outside lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the project, weather permitting.** Motorists and pedestrians should use caution traveling in the work zone. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The contractor is Valiant Power South.

US 41 from San Souci Drive to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures as crews install sidewalk and drainage improvements along the east and west side of US 41. The majority of the work will be done during daytime hours. Lane closures may occur during daytime and nighttime hours, Monday through Saturday. **Local area residents will have access at all times.** Motorists and pedestrians should follow detour signs and use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

SR 867/McGregor Boulevard from Colonial Boulevard to College Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect northbound and southbound lane closures as crews landscape near the roadway during daytime hours, between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone during lane closures. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 739/Fowler Street from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard to Edison Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 82 from Lee Boulevard/Colonial Boulevard to Shawnee Road: Construction project: Crews will be widening SR 82 to six lanes from east of Lee Boulevard to Shawnee Road. **Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures on SR 82 throughout the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 pm to 6 am, Monday through Friday, weather permitting.**

- **A temporary traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Ray Avenue South and Griffin Drive. Motorists should use caution while driving in this area.**

Additional work includes construction of a median separating three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, 6.5-foot inside paved shoulders, bike lanes, a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side and a 10-foot shared-use path on the south side. The project will also add a grass median and LED lighting throughout this segment. The project also includes constructing Florida's first Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the intersection of SR 82 at Daniels Parkway/Gunnery Road. The CFI will ease traffic congestion at the intersection and include multiple signals to reduce turning delays. The expected completion date is end of summer of 2019. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

SR 80 from US 41 to Main Street: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect eastbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday for crews to operate a crane near the roadway. Motorists should use caution and expect delays while travelling in the area.

SR 80/Second Street from Fowler Street to Park Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 80/First Street from US 41 to Monroe Street: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime/overnight hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Freemont Street to Lexington Avenue: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from Monday through Friday as crews conduct storm drain maintenance, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Fowler Street to the Hendry County Line: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 80/Seaboard Street from Second Street to SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect southbound and northbound traffic delays as crews conduct a slow-moving operation to stripe the roadway during nighttime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78/Pine Island Road from Chiquita Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 78 from Del Prado Boulevard to Chiquita Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from Sunday, November 12 through Tuesday, November 21 while crews repair asphalt, weather permitting. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution when crews work near the roadway.

Hanson Street from SR 739/Fowler Street to Old Metro Parkway: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Evans Avenue from Hanson Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours while crews replace traffic markings, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865 and SR 867): 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

Ellenton Gillette Road at 69th Street East: Construction project: Crews are constructing new left-turn lanes on Ellenton Gillette Road and 69th Street E; improving drainage; constructing sidewalk; signal upgrades, and new signing. Expect daytime lane closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and flagging operations when crews begin construction of the turn-lanes. Expected completion is spring 2018. Coastal Bridge Company is the contractor.

I-275 at the Sunshine Skyway Rest Areas in Manatee and Pinellas Counties: Construction project: Improvements include constructing new rest areas and new parking lots with LED lighting, seawall repairs and extending the seawall at the Manatee County rest area to accommodate a new picnic pavilion. The Pinellas County Skyway Rest Area is closed for renovations. During this time, motorists will be directed to the Manatee County Skyway Rest Area. The closure is expected to last until fall 2018. The fishing piers will remain open during the closure. Expected completion of both rest areas is fall 2019. David Nelson Construction Company is the contractor.

I-75/University Parkway (Exit 213) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction project:

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

Sunday, January 7 and Monday, January 8. Details Below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, January 7 through Monday, January 8 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews place the final layer of asphalt on the ramp.

Motorists traveling on University Parkway wishing to travel north on I-75 are directed to enter southbound I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel east and enter northbound I-75 and continue north.

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

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 Monday, January 8 through Thursday, January 11 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is installing final friction course, weather permitting. Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement.

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 early 2018. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>.

I-75 from Moccasin Wallow Road (Exit 229) to the Hillsborough County Line: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing I-75, making drainage improvements, installing guardrail, and adding new signage and pavement markings. The pavement along Moccasin Wallow Road at the I-75 interchange is also being reconstructed. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2018.

I-75 at SR 64/Manatee Avenue Interchange (Exit 220): Construction project: Crews are currently excavating and for ponds and hauling removed fill, widening northbound and southbound I-75, and performing bridge work.

- Motorists are advised that one lane closure in each direction on SR 64 and I-75 are possible between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. this week.
- Motorists are reminded that I-75 northbound exit (Exit 220A) is CLOSED until late Summer 2018 for crews to reconstruct the ramp, weather permitting. Motorists must use Exit 220B to reach eastbound or westbound SR 64/Manatee Avenue.

This project reconstructs the interchange, widens interchange ramps and SR 64, and installs sidewalks and bicycle lanes on SR 64. 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 late 2019. The contractor is Prince Contracting LLC.

US 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road: Construction project: Crews are installing new landscaping, irrigation and welcome signs. Superior Landscaping & Lawn Services is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 301 at SR 70: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, widening turn lanes, improving drainage, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. while crews are working. Coastal Bridge Company is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2018.

SR 789/Gulf Drive from SR 64/Manatee Avenue to SR 684/Cortez Road: Maintenance permit project: Manatee County is installing new force mains and water mains. For additional information about the project, please visit the project website at www.amipipereplacement.com.

SR 70 from Lorraine Road to Post Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are widening the roadway to accommodate a new development. Expect intermittent daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, January 19. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 at US 41: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, installing traffic separators, installing new signing and pavement markings, and performing signal work. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Expected completion is early 2018. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441, approximately 1000 feet north of NW 344th Street: Maintenance permit project: Removal of contaminated soil alongside the roadway.

- **Anticipate daytime lane closures from Wednesday, January 10th through Saturday, January 13th on southbound SR 15 (US 441) during construction and expect delays.**

Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

US 441 from SR 78 to SE 30th Terrace: Construction project: Work consists of milling and resurfacing, base work, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, guardrail, Taylor Creek Draw Bridge modifications, signing and pavement marking and signalization. Crews are constructing the guardrail at Taylor Creek Draw Bridge with lane closures using temporary signals, weather permitting.

- **Crews are paving starting at Taylor Creek Bridge on the westbound side. Expect daytime lane closures.**

Watch for crews and equipment working in the construction zone. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution. Lynch Paving is the Contractor and project should be completed by end of year 2017.

US 441, SE 700 feet NW of SE 86th Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: This project consists of constructing a Dollar General and driveway access to the highway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road: Construction project: Crews are completing driveway connections and final construction items, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Drivers should expect intermittent lane shifts along SR 70.

During this project, crews will expand the roadway to four lanes, improve drainage, construct concrete bridges, pour curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and install guardrail, permanent signs and pavement markings. Watch for crews and equipment working in the construction zone. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution. Estimated completion is fall 2018. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

SR 15/700 (US 98/US 441), SR 78 AND ACCESS RD TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE SCENIC TRAIL: Construction project: Crews will begin to make improvements at various locations along State Road 15/700 (US 98/US 441), State Road 78 and the access road to the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in Okeechobee on January 12, 2018. Work will include sidewalk construction, shoulder widening, base work, drainage improvements, curb & gutter, guardrail removal, signing and pavement marking, signalization and lighting. Please watch for workers in the construction zone and use caution.

POLK COUNTY

South Buena Vista Drive from south of West Echo Street to Cummings Avenue in Lake Alfred: Construction project: Thelma Street remains closed at South Buena Vista Drive. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution and follow the posted detour using Frank Avenue.

Project improvements include installing additional pipe and drainage structures, reconstructing pavement, path and sidewalk, and replacing pavement markings. The contractor is Cathcart Construction Company – Florida, LLC. Expected completion is spring 2018.

North and South Frontage roads east of Harden Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime lane closures on North and South Frontage roads, and single left turn lane closure on Harden Boulevard under the Polk Parkway as crews connect a new driveway to South Frontage Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 through Polk County: Construction project: Crews are trenching, placing conduit and installing sensors near Deen Still Road/Ronald Reagan Parkway. Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures and be prepared to merge. This project includes designing and installing an adaptive signal control system along US 27 in Polk County. The contractor will install detection and control equipment, fiber optic cable to connect the traffic signal controllers and a lease line to connect to the Polk County Traffic Management Center (TMC) for remote monitoring and operation of the system. The contractor is Highway Safety Devices, Inc. Expected completion is fall 2018.

US 27 at NW Access Road: Maintenance permit project: No planned lane closures this week, however, motorists should use caution and watch for workers and equipment close to the road. This project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, adding turn lanes and a new traffic signal on US 27 at NW Access Road, approximately 0.5 miles north of Interstate 4.

US 17/92 / SR 600 at South Boulevard in Davenport: Construction project: Crews will construct intersection safety improvements, including realigning the intersection, adding new turn lane from southbound US 17/92, and resurfacing.

- The intersection will be closed with a **DETOUR** in effect during the closure. Motorists on US 17/92 heading eastbound on South Boulevard should turn onto Cypress Street West, approximately 0.1 mile north, turn right on Manatee Avenue, then left onto South Boulevard. Motorists on South Boulevard heading north or southbound on US 17/92, should turn right onto Manatee Avenue, then turn left onto Cypress Street West, then onto US 17/92.
- Motorists are urged to use the detour route or find an alternate route, exercise caution through the construction zone, and allow additional travel time.

Expect lane closures during the daytime or nighttime hours and use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is early 2018.

SR 559 (Ariana Boulevard) north of Century Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Watch for flaggers directing traffic as crews close the northbound lane to make sewer line repairs at night/overnight from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

SR 542 from 1st Street to Buckeye Loop Road: Frontier Communications utility permit project: Expect periodic lane closures while crews load and unload equipment, and workers close to the road, as crews relocate and install new communication facilities on the north and south side of the roadway. Expected completion is spring 2018.

SR 60 from Diesel Road to Hillsborough County Line: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures as crews continue widening turn lanes from County Line Road to Turner Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

The median opening east of Cesara Drive is closed permanently while crews construct a directional westbound left turn lane into Cesara Drive. The crossover at Fox Creek Drive remains closed temporarily as crews work in the median. Follow the posted detour.

For safety due to sight restrictions, motorists on Espo Drive may only be allowed to make right turns onto SR 60, and must U-Turn in order to travel in the opposite direction when crews are working in the area.

This project includes resurfacing, drainage improvements, guardrail installation and median modifications. The Lane Construction Corporation is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2018.

SR 60 from Bonnie Mine Road to Armour Road: Maintenance permit project: Expect intermittent east and westbound lane closures and traffic shifts on State Road 60 between Mulberry and Bartow while crews remove equipment and repair the roadway. Use caution and plan extra travel time while driving in this area.

SR 37 from CR 640 (Pinecrest Road) to CR 630: Construction project: Expect daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures with flaggers directing traffic while crews continue the reclamation process in the northbound lanes. Work begins at CR 630 and continues northbound toward Bradley Junction. Use caution, anticipate uneven lanes and be prepared to stop.

Work on this project includes full-depth reclamation by grinding out the old roadway into the base, adding a cement mix to make a new roadway base, placing a new asphalt layer on top of the recycled base, reconstructing shoulders and modifying the signal at CR 640 (Pinecrest Road). Ajax Paving is the contractor. Estimated completion is early 2019.

SR 37 from SR 60 to North of Virginia Street: Construction project: Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., both north and southbound, and pedestrian detours as crews replace concrete gutter, sidewalk, driveways and install new concrete signal poles near North 5th Street. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

Work on this project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, signal pole and equipment upgrades, sidewalk installation and repair, curb and gutter changes and driveway modifications. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation. Expected completion is summer 2018.

SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) at Carter Road and Shepherd Road/Shimmering Drive: Maintenance permits project: Watch for shoulder closures and trucks/equipment entering and leaving the highway as crews continue installing new pipe. Use caution.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Laurel Road at the Legacy Trail Crossing: Construction project: Crews are constructing a pedestrian bridge along the Legacy Trail over Laurel Road. Please be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction zone. Trail traffic on the south side of Laurel Road has shifted to a temporary paved trail. The existing crosswalk at the Legacy Trail is no longer active - please follow detour signs to the Mission Valley Boulevard crosswalk to the east to cross Laurel Road. Denson Construction, Inc. is the contractor for the bridge. Expected completion is fall 2018.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway (Exit 213) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction project:

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

Sunday, January 7 and Monday, January 8. Details Below:

The contractor anticipates implementing a temporary detour route at the I-75/University Parkway interchange at night/overnight Sunday, January 7 through Monday, January 8 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. while crews place the final layer of asphalt on the ramp.

Motorists traveling on University Parkway wishing to travel north on I-75 are directed to enter southbound I-75, exit at Fruitville Road/Exit 210, travel east and enter northbound I-75 and continue north.

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

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 Monday, January 8 through Thursday, January 11 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is installing final friction course, weather permitting. Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement.

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

early 2018. 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: Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk 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. Motorists should also be aware of upcoming nighttime/overnight traffic shifts. 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 from Browning Street to 11th Street: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway; installing new drainage; installing highway lighting, curb and gutter; constructing new sidewalk, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on US 41; US 301; Fruitville Road, and Orange Avenue while crews are working. Crews are constructing a new right turn-lane from northbound US 41 to Fruitville Road. Once constructed, the existing right turn-lane will be closed to traffic. Crews will then construct a pedestrian island and improve drainage. Nighttime/overnight northbound outside lane closures are also expected from 9 p.m. each night to 6 a.m. each morning while crews are working. Preferred Materials, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 41 from Salford Boulevard to Sumter Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are widening US 41 from Salford Boulevard to Sumter Boulevard to a six-lane highway; resurfacing the roadway; improving drainage; constructing sidewalk, and installing highway lighting. Expect daytime lane closures for roadway widening area adjacent to the medians. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. when crews are resurfacing the roadway. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2019.

US 41 Roundabouts at 10th Street and 14th Street: Construction project: Crews continue mobilizing construction equipment, installing construction Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) signs, clearing within the right-of-way, installing silt fence for erosion control, and working in the medians and driveways.

- Construction activities will take place during daytime and nighttime hours.
- Temporary single lane closures may occur between 9th Street and 15th Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and night/overnight between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- Centennial Park Boat Ramp driveway on US 41 will be closed during the night time operation (7 p.m. to 6 a.m.). Motorists can access the boat ramp via the 10th Street entrance. Driveway will be open during the day.

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of reconstructing the signalized intersections and replacing them with roundabouts, enhancing connectivity, circulation and safety. US 41 will be widened between the two intersections and will include bike lanes as well as dedicated turn lanes, a 10-foot sidewalk along the west side, and a 6-foot sidewalk along the east side. Other improvements include raised islands for pedestrian refuge at the intersections of US 41 at 10th Street and 14th Street, pedestrian signals, LED street lights, landscaping, and City of Sarasota utility and underground drainage structure replacements. Expected completion is spring 2020. The contractor is IBT Construction LLC.

US 41 from Hospital Road to River Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing new turn-lanes, driveway connections, and working in the medians. Expect intermittent north and southbound daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, January 19. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 72/Clark Road: Construction project: Crews will install guardrail and associated drainage improvements along stormwater pond just west of Proctor Road on the north side of SR 72. This week, crews will be mobilizing for the project. Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. on SR 72. Flaggers will be present. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

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