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DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #41 FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017

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.

Please Note: Due to Hurricane Irma debris removal operations are occurring on many roadways and drivers should use caution.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Kings Highway from the I-75 southbound off-ramp to Veterans Boulevard: Construction project: Crews work to build a dedicated turn lane from the southbound I-75 exit ramp to northbound Veterans Boulevard. This improvement will eliminate the need for motorists to merge with westbound Kings Highway traffic before turning right onto Veterans Boulevard.

- **Motorists should expect the outside lane of the I-75 southbound exit ramp to westbound Kings Highway to be closed during the nighttime/overnight hours from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, October 10 through Friday, October 13. Motorists headed westbound from the exit ramp must continue to the signal at Kings Highway before turning right.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures on westbound Kings Highway during nighttime/overnight hours from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

US 41 from West Marion Avenue to East Retta Esplanade: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the outside northbound lane closed during nighttime/overnight hours Sunday, October 1 through Saturday, October 14 (including weekends) for crews to perform repairs at the Wyvern Hotel, weather permitting. Pedestrians should expect sidewalk closures and follow detour signs. Motorists should use caution while traveling in this area.

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.

- **Chamberlain Boulevard median is closed.**
- **Collingswood Boulevard median on US 41 is closed.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on Toledo Blade Boulevard.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours on US 41 from Paulson Drive to Salford Boulevard.**
- **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 fall 2017. The contractor is Guymann Construction Inc.

SR 31 at Bermont Road: Construction project: Crews replace flashing beacons and signal poles at the intersection. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during the daytime and nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

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.

I-75 from Broward County Line (mile marker 50) to east of CR 951/Collier Boulevard (mile marker 101): Construction project: This safety project adds approximately 78 miles (39 miles in each direction) of guardrail along I-75/Alligator Alley. Crews will begin a moving pavement operation at CR 951 (exit #101) and work easterly to the Broward County line. Crews will then work from the Broward County line westerly to just east of CR 951. Guardrail installation will follow behind the pavement operation. Crews will work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane shifts from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, while crews install guardrail, weather permitting.**

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

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 continues to construct new roadway. Single lanes of northbound and southbound US 17 traffic are on the new east and west portions of US 17 through the length of the project from south of CR 760A/McCaskill Street to Palmetto Street. Expect daytime, intermittent lane shifts on US 17. 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 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to conduct storm recovery work and allow crews to work on widening the road and installing concrete curb from October 7, 2017 through October 13, 2017.**

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.

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.

- **Crews are installing will begin striping for sidewalks to the north side of Avenue J from 5th Street to 1st Street and to the south side of avenue K from 6th Street to 1st Street.**

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 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.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent road closures along northbound and southbound lanes of US 27 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday as crews will be milling and resurfacing the roadway.**
- **Crews are constructing new sidewalks and ADA improvements along northbound US 27 at the north area of the bridge.**
- **Crews are paving the outside shoulder of the road in the northbound shoulder and travel lanes of the bridge.**

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

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 the roadway.

US 27 from the railroad tracks to Coffee Road: Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing shoulders along the roadway. Motorists should expect southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

US 27 from Boars Hammock to south of the railroad tracks: Maintenance project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday while crews lay sod, 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 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.

US 27 from the Highlands County Line to the Hendry 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.

US 27 from approximately 2 miles north of Moore Haven: Maintenance project: Crews will be laying sod 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 US 27 to the Okeechobee County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be inspecting and working on guardrails Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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SR 78 from SR 29 to Old Ortona Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be cleaning ditches during daytime hours Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 78 from SR 29 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 29 from just north of Marshall Field Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be cleaning ditches during daytime hours Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 from the Hendry 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 29 from the Collier County Line to the Glades 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.

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 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to conduct storm recovery work and allow crews to work on widening the road and installing concrete curb from October 7, 2017 through October 13, 2017.**

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 expect periodic lane closures on US 17 in both directions for construction operations as crews work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.**
- **Oak Street, 3rd Street East, 4th Street East, 5th Street East and 7th Street East are closed. Watch for signs and use the posted detour route utilizing the new SR 66 detour to travel around the work zone.**
- **Expect lane closures on US 17 northbound and southbound from south of SR 64 to 5th Street for utility relocations. Follow flagger direction.**
- **Motorists should follow the new traffic pattern on eastbound and westbound SR 66 and northbound and southbound US 17. Watch for signs directing traffic in a new direction through the work zone.**
- **Motorists should be aware that a new traffic pattern has been implemented at the southern end of the project. 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 27 from the Palm Beach County Line to the Glades 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 the roadway.

US 27 at Berner Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be cleaning ditches during daytime hours Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near 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 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. 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 80 from CR 833 to US 27: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be landscaping near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 just north of the LaBelle Bridge: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be cleaning ditches during daytime hours Monday through Thursday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 29 at Felda Church Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews will be repairing signals at the intersection during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

SR 25 (US 27) Southbound at Lake Josephine Drive: Permit Project: Crews will resurface the roadway/connection at the intersection of Lake Josephine Drive and SR 25 (US 27). Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Please use caution in this area and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

SR 25 (US 27) Southbound between Golfview Rd. and Tubbs Rd: 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.

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 and nighttime 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.

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.

- **Motorists should expect a traffic signalization system to be in place directing traffic through the work zone. Expect delays and watch for crews working in the roadway.**

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

SR 25 (US 27) Southbound at the intersection of Lakewood Drive: 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.

LEE COUNTY

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. Pedestrians should expect northbound and southbound sidewalk closures from Williams Road to Old 41 Road. Pedestrians should use caution and follow detour signs.** 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.

US 41 from North Bay Street to Jonathans Bay Drive: Maintenance contract project: Crews will replace sidewalk during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 884/Colonial Boulevard at the Walmart driveway: Construction project: Crews work to remove the remaining portion of the plaza's exit lane to Colonial Boulevard. Crews will also extend the eastbound to southbound right-turn lane on Colonial Boulevard to Six Mile Cypress/Ben C. Pratt Parkway. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on eastbound Colonial Boulevard (including plaza entrance). Drivers and pedestrians should use caution while crews work in and near the roadway. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

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/Business 41 from Littleton Road to the Edison Bridge: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, October 20 for crews to restripe the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should expect delays and use caution while traveling in this area.

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 Fremont 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 Santa Barbara Boulevard to Hibiscus Drive: Maintenance contract project: Crews will be installing sod along the roadway during daytime hours, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

SR 31 from the Wilson Pigott Bridge to the Lee/Charlotte County Line: Construction project: This project will resurface the roadway and replace drainage to manage water run-off. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours.** Flaggers will be onsite to maintain traffic in both directions. Motorists should be aware of heavy machinery and large trucks entering and exiting the roadway. Please use caution and plan extra travel time while driving in this area. Estimated completion is end of 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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 early 2018. Coastal Bridge Company is the contractor.

I-275 at the Sunshine Skyway Rest Areas in Manatee and Pinellas counties: Construction Project: The Pinellas County Skyway Rest Area is closed and demolition will begin Monday, October 16. 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.

I-75 (SR 93) / University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

Sarasota/Bradenton: Construction Project:

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market St. and at the on and off-ramps of I-75 Monday, October 9 through Friday, October 13 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. The contractor is installing final friction course and final striping. A single lane closure is in place at night/overnight on southbound I-75 Friday, October 13 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. while repairs are made to the noise wall. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is late 2017. 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 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: This project reconstructs the interchange, widens interchange ramps and SR 64, and installs sidewalks and bicycle lanes on SR 64. This week crews will be shift the northbound I-75 ramp and prepare for shifting the southbound ramp.

- Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of the construction.
- Motorists should expect temporary ramp closures during the ramp shifting and lane striping.

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 of 2019. The contractor is Prince Contracting LLC.

I-75 over SR 70: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge.

Expect nighttime/overnight southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, October 19. Use caution and expect possible delays.

US 301 at the Hernando Desoto Bridge: Construction project: Crews are installing pile jackets, making concrete repairs and repairing the bridge fender system. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. The portion of Riverwalk under the bridge along the seawall is now open. Inland Construction and Engineering, Inc., is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

US 301 from Erie/Old Tampa Road to Moccasin Wallow Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on a force main. No lane closures are expected but motorists should be aware of crews working along the roadway through Friday, October 13. Use caution while in the area.

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 789 at the Longboat Key Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. each night to 4 a.m. each morning Sunday, October 8 through Thursday, October 12. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 684 from 92nd Lane to 82nd Street West: Maintenance permit project: Crews are working on a force main. Expect intermittent east and westbound lane closures through Friday, October 13. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 70 from 301 Boulevard to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway and making signal upgrades. Construction operations are still underway including median reconstruction and asphalt repairs between Natalie Way and Lockwood Ridge Road. Expect nighttime work at various intersections throughout the project limits for the next two weeks while the final signal work is completed. Resurfacing operations are planned to resume at night on Sunday, October 15 and should last for approximately three weeks. Final roadway striping on the west end of the project, from 15th Street E to US 301, is expected to begin Sunday, October 22. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

SR 64 at 46th Street West: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are reconstructing the sidewalk and driveway connections. Expect possible daytime eastbound outside lane closures while crews are working.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

US 441 SE (SR 15) Approximately 750 feet west of SE 86th Blvd: Permit Project: Crews will be constructing a driveway/connection for a new Dollar General Store. 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: This is a construction project that 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 working on the southbound lanes of US 441 in the clear zones.**

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.

SR 70 from NE 31st Avenue to Berman Road: Construction project: Crews continue to place final asphalt on the westbound roadway and at median crossings. Workers are replacing sod, seed and mulch at various locations to repair washouts from previous rains. Crews are installing pedestrian rail on the bridges at various locations, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

- **NE 34th Avenue is closed for intersection construction. Follow posted detours.**

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 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

POLK COUNTY

I-4 from the east end of the Polk Parkway to Osceola County line: Construction project: Crews are installing a new Fog/Low Visibility Detection System on Interstate 4 from the east end of the Polk Parkway to the Osceola County line. Watch for intermittent shoulder closures and trucks entering and leaving the highway as crews test the new system and complete final items. Speeding fines double when workers are present.

Improvements under this contract include installing wind, precipitation, visibility and atmospheric sensors, thermal infrared cameras, flashing beacon signs and replacing the amber dynamic message signs with full-color dynamic message signs. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Transcore ITS.

I-4 at SR 559 Landscaping: Maintenance project: Watch for workers close to the road and trucks entering and exiting the highway as crews place signs and take delivery of materials. Use caution. This project includes installing landscaping and a new irrigation system at the I-4 interchange with SR 559. For more information visit www.swflroads.com/i4/atsr559.pdf. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Frankie Valdez Company, Inc.

US 98 from Griffin Road to 3rd Street: Maintenance contract project: Watch for northbound and southbound sidewalk closures and crews working close to the road replacing damaged and deficient concrete sidewalk and ADA ramps. Pedestrians should follow posted detours. Estep Construction is the contractor.

US 92 from SR 570 (Polk Parkway) to Berkley Road: Maintenance contract project: Watch for crews working in the median and along the median shoulder through the end of October. Motorists may have to make U-Turns to reach their destination as crews temporarily close crossovers as needed to complete work in the median. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. The contractor is Environmental Land.

US 27 (SR 25) at Cornerstone Church Place: Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the southbound right turn lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, October 9, to tap into exiting utilities.

US 27 (SR 25) at Bella Citta Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews are closing the northbound right turn lane at Bella Citta Boulevard during the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for utility locates. Use caution and be prepared to stop as cars may turn from the travel lane.

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 27 (North of Ronald Reagan Parkway): Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while they build a right turn lane and sidewalk, and relocate a light pole. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 (North of CR 547): Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while they build a right turn lane and sidewalk, and relocate a light pole. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 at the intersection with Main St. / Crump Road: Construction project: Expect intermittent daytime lane closures while crews install light pole bases and conduit. Use caution and be prepared to merge. This project includes new lighting installation along the roadway. Weather permitting; expected completion is fall 2017. Traffic Control Devices is the contractor.

US 17 (6th Street SW) from Avenue G SW to Avenue A SW in Winter Haven: Construction project: Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and workers close to the road during the day, as crews continue working on signals, curb, sidewalk, ramps and paving. 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 late 2017.

SR 549 from Avenue D NW to Avenue C NW: Maintenance permit project: Expect the southbound right turn lane to close at night/overnight from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews remove two driveways and replace them with curb and gutter. Use caution.

SR 546 (Memorial Boulevard) from Interstate 4 to Brunnell Parkway: Construction project: Watch for intermittent daytime and nighttime lane/shoulder closures while crews continue working in the median between Wabash Avenue and Interstate 4. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

This project includes reconstructing the concrete roadway, drainage improvements and guardrail work between Interstate 4 and Wabash Avenue, and adding a bike path/trail on the south side of SR 546 from Chestnut Road East to Brunnell Parkway. The expected completion date is spring 2018. The contractor is GLF Construction Corporation.

SR 544/Havendale Boulevard at Charlotte Road/42nd Street in Winter Haven: Construction project: Crews are upgrading pedestrian signals, crossing ramps, and cross walks at the intersection. This week, crews are installing concrete on the sidewalks. Watch for nighttime lane closures from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. while driveways may be closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.; therefore, motorists are urged to use caution and be prepared to merge. Expect periodic sidewalk closures at the intersection and follow posted detours. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. Expected completion is late 2017.

SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard) and SR 549 (1st Street): Maintenance contracts project: Watch for sidewalk closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, October 9 through, Thursday, October 12, while crews replace and update ADA mats. Use caution and follow pedestrian detours. Roadway Concepts is the contractor.

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 540 Cypress Gardens Boulevard from US 17 to Carlton Arms Boulevard: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for sidewalk and shoulder closures with trucks entering and leaving the roadway as crews repair and replace sidewalks and driveways in both the eastbound and westbound direction. The contractor is Central Concrete Products. Crews expect to complete work by the end of October.

SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) east of Helena Road: Maintenance permit project: Watch for westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, October 15, as crews build two right turn lanes into a new development along the north side of SR 540. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from Diesel Road to Hillsborough County line: Construction project: Watch for daytime lane closures in various locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, as crews continue widening shoulders and storm water installation. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

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 East from Airport Road to the CSX track in Lake Wales: Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime lane closures while crews install sanitary force main and water main beneath the roadway and along the north side of SR 60. Work will occur near Airport and Acuff roads. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 37 from SR 60 to North of Virginia Street: Construction project: Expect daytime lane closures from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and pedestrian detours as crews replace concrete gutter and sidewalk. Workers will be close to the road during the day. 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 Sheppard 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.

SR 37 from SR 570 (Polk Parkway) to Pipkin Road: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for sidewalk and shoulder closures with trucks entering and leaving the roadway as crews repair and replace sidewalks and driveways in both the northbound and southbound directions. Expect crews to complete all work by the end of October.

CR 559 (Bomber Road) at Gerber Dairy Road and Spruce Road: Construction project: Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on Bomber Road at Spruce Road and Gerber Dairy Road while crews begin paving the roadway and sodding the shoulders and ditches. Use caution and be prepared to stop. This project includes adding turn lanes at Spruce Road and Gerber Dairy Road, and replacing pipes, ditches, guardrail, mailboxes and signs. The contractor is Florida Safety Contractors. Expected completion is fall 2017.

South Buena Vista Drive from south of West Echo Street to Cummings Avenue in Lake Alfred: Crews closed South Buena Vista Drive to through traffic from Frank Avenue to Echo Street to install a pipe beneath the roadway. Local traffic has access from either side of the closure up to the trench. Use caution and do not cross the trenched area.

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.

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Laurel Road at the Legacy Trail Crossing: Utility project: Utility contractors are relocating underground utilities in advance of construction on the new Legacy Trail pedestrian overpass. Traffic is down to a single lane in each direction. Westbound traffic has been shifted into the closed eastbound lane.

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

Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market St. and at the on and off-ramps of I-75 Monday, October 9 through Friday, October 13 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. The contractor is installing final friction course and final striping. A single lane closure is in place at night/overnight on southbound I-75 Friday, October 13 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. while repairs are made to the noise wall. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

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

Business US 41 at the Circus Drawbridge: Construction project: Crews are improving mechanical equipment; painting structural steel; making spall repairs, and replacing portions of sidewalk. Traffic has shifted to the northbound bridge (one lane for each direction) while crews are working on the opposite bridge. Pedestrians and cyclists are also restricted to the northbound bridge. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph during construction. Southern Road and Bridge, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

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 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: 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 fall 2017.

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 barrier wall installation within 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, Sarasota: Construction Project: Utility workers are on-site locating existing utilities. 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.

SR 776/ N. Indiana Avenue south of Tangerine Woods Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect northbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, October 13. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive: Construction project: Motorists can expect lane closures throughout the project while crews continue project completion items including paving, storm drainage testing, signage, signal work, miscellaneous concrete and punch list items.

One to two westbound lanes on the north side of Bee Ridge Road between Bond Place and McIntosh may be closed next week and traffic will be shifted to the inside lane to accommodate additional pipe work that is added to the project in that area.

Please stay alert and exercise caution throughout the project. Pay close attention to the traffic control devices. Driving through the traffic control devices and into the work zone is prohibited. Be aware of slow moving construction equipment and plan additional travel time throughout the project.

The project consists of significant drainage improvements, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, reconstructing sidewalk, and installing new signalization in some areas. The project also includes construction of eleven (11) pedestrian refuge islands on Bee Ridge Road between Dunn Drive and US 41. Expected completion of the \$17 million project is late fall 2017.

SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect westbound right lane closure from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, October 12. Use caution and expect possible delays.

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