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### **ROADWATCH FOR WEEK OF MAY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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*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.*

#### **CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

**I-75: From the Tuckers Grade interchange (#158) to south of the North Jones Loop interchange (#161):** Construction project --- Work continues to six-lane the interstate. Crews will add a 12-foot travel lane and a 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. This project also includes widening the bridges at Tuckers Grade and at Alligator Creek. Crews will resurface existing ramps at the Tuckers Grade interchange and ramps at the weigh station. **Motorists should expect nightly northbound and southbound lane closures on I-75 between Tuckers Grade and North Jones Loop during nighttime/overnight work from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting.** The contractor will be paving both northbound and southbound lanes on I-75. Crews continue earthwork along the interstate. **Motorists should expect eastbound and westbound lane closures on Tuckers Grade between Lamontier Drive and Green Gulf Boulevard during daytime bridge work at the Tuckers Grade interchange from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting.** Motorists should be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays. **PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE.** The project is estimated for completion in early 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**US 41: At Cochran Boulevard and at Harbor Boulevard:** Construction project --- Crews are adding left and right turn lanes at the US 41/Cochran and US 41/Harbor intersections, resurfacing the roadway at both intersections, and changing traffic signals to mast arms (concrete poles and arms). Work involving lane closures will be done at night/overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays. **Cochran Boulevard:** Crews are working on foundations for the new signal poles. Pedestrians are advised to use caution crossing Cochran Blvd on the west side of US41. Due to construction, the pedestrian signal is temporarily out of service for this crossing. **Harbor Boulevard:** Crews are removing curb and placing base rock. Nighttime/overnight lane closures are expected. Southbound lanes next to the median to be

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closed on US 41 just south of Harbor Boulevard and eastbound and westbound lanes next to the median to be closed on Harbor Boulevard east of US 41. Motorists are advised to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, obey posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Completion is estimated to be summer 2012. The contractor is Cone and Graham.

## **COLLIER COUNTY**

**I-75: Recreational access area on Alligator Alley:** Construction project --- Crews are building a recreational access facility that includes a boat ramp and parking lot with fencing and lighting. Work involves widening and resurfacing the facility's roadway, making drainage improvements, and adding intelligent transportation system components and a high-tension cable barrier system on I-75 in this area. The job is estimated for completion by spring 2012. The contractor is Convalvias USA.

**I-75: At the SR 951 interchange:** Construction project --- Crews are making improvements to interchange ramps, adding new mast arm signals, and placing new pavement markings and signs. Activities involve excavation and placement of embankment and subgrade at northbound and southbound off-ramps and northbound on-ramp. Crews are also installing signal pole bases at all interchange ramps. Drivers should be plan extra travel time if destinations are time-sensitive. Message boards will alert drivers when lane closures are scheduled. Completion is expected in fall 2012, weather permitting. The contractor is APAC Southeast.

**SR 29: From north of Oil Well Road to south of County Road 846 in Immokalee (approximately eight miles):** Construction project – This project resurfaces the roadway and includes sidewalk, shoulder, and guardrail work and signal modifications at Farm Workers Village. Crews are grading shoulders and widening turn lanes along the project. Construction is scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lane closures may be necessary between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. with possible delays. Motorists are advised to look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, obey posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Completion is estimated for fall 2012. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

## **DESOTO COUNTY**

**US 17: From the Charlotte/DeSoto County line to SW Collins Street:** Construction project – Work is underway to widen this four-mile segment of US 17 from two to four lanes. From Monday, May 14 through Saturday, May 19, drivers using SW Senate Street, River Street, Georgia Street, Kentucky Street and Massachusetts Street where these side streets intersect with new US 17 lanes currently under construction should expect intermittent daytime flagging operations. Work is done on one side street at a time and does not affect US 17 traffic. Construction of new US 17 northbound travel lanes north of SW Liverpool and a new US 17 northbound bridge crossing Thornton Branch Creek continues. Daytime flagging operations will be used to direct motorists for construction activities on the future southbound US 17 travel lanes at the entrance roads to the Live Oak and Ogden Acres communities. This work is not expected to affect traffic on US 17 in either direction. All traffic from SW Liverpool to Nottingham Road has shifted to newly constructed travel lanes while crews rebuild existing travel lanes. Crews continue to install silt fences, water lines, drain pipes and sod and build retention ponds throughout the construction zone. Motorists are reminded to observe the posted speed limit in the work zone and to **DRIVE WITH CAUTION**. Law enforcement is patrolling the construction zone and speeding fines are doubled when workers are present. Project completion is expected at the end of 2012. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc.

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**US 17: From Livingston Avenue to Fiveash Avenue (southbound lanes) and from Fiveash Avenue to Livingston Avenue (northbound lanes):** Maintenance project --- Crews will be watering newly seeded wildflowers in the median and along the road. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area.

**SR 31: From SR 70 to County Road 760A:** Maintenance permit project --- Permittee will be replacing and installing new power poles. Permittee will be performing some of the work at night. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area.

### **GLADES COUNTY**

**SR 78: From Chappy Marina (CR 721) to Circle K (CR 721),** maintenance crews are cleaning ditches in this area with a flagmen on hand to help with traffic control, while trucks enter and leave the highway.

### **HARDEE COUNTY**

**US 17: From County Road 634/Sweetwater Road to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Construction project--- Improvements being made as part of this project consist of the widening of US 17 from two to a four lane divided facility. Once complete, the northbound and southbound travel lanes will be separated by a grassed median swale. The drainage system will be upgraded and will include the construction of 11 new retention ponds. The bridge over Alligator Branch Creek will be removed and replaced with a new bridge for both northbound and southbound traffic. The project also includes relocating water and sewer facilities for the Town of Zolfo Springs. During the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the contractor will shifting both northbound and southbound traffic from south of Sweetwater Road to north of Golden Oaks over the newly constructed northbound right roadway. To implement this traffic shift, lane closures will be in effect while the roadway is being re-striped. Traffic will be controlled by flagmen from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day through Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The new traffic configuration is expected to remain in effect through the summer of 2012. The contractor will also continue ongoing construction activities including roadway embankment and base construction on the northbound right roadway of US 17 from Sweetwater Road to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, placement of sod along the new ditches on the right roadway, and the installation of storm drain crossings under the future northbound lanes. Weather permitting, these activities are anticipated to be in effect for two weeks. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. This project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**US 17: From McEwen Street to REA Road:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be making repairs to the shoulders of the roadway. Motorists should expect possible intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area.

**SR 64: From Main Street to the Hardee and Manatee County Line:** Maintenance project ---Crews will be painting and striping portions of the roadway. Motorists should expect possible intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area.

**SR 64: At the Peace River Bridge:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be making repairs to the shoulders of the roadway. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area

## HENDRY COUNTY

**US 27: From Berner Road to Stitt Ranch Road:** Construction project --- Crews are improving pavement at the railroad crossing and replacing roadway signs. Daytime lane closures are expected Monday May 14, through Friday, May 18. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for workers in the construction zone. Project completion is expected at the end of summer 2012. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries.

**US 27: From Lewis Blvd to Flaghole Road:** crews will be installing a gas line, with a lane closure in the northbound lane (outside). Starting May 14<sup>th</sup>. For approximately two months.

**US 27: From Palm Beach County Line to CR 835,** lane closure in the outside north bound lane, they are installing gas line in this area, for the rest of this month.

**SR 80/US 27: Intersection improvements:** Construction project --- Crews are modifying the intersection with construction of an overpass for SR 80 traffic eastbound to US 27 northbound and for US 27 traffic northbound to SR 80 westbound. The project also realigns US 27. Crews also will widen approximately 3/4 mile of SR 80 to four lanes approaching the intersection, add a traffic signal at the overpass, and install lighting at the interchange. Work currently involves placing fill dirt, installing drainage, and constructing walls for the new overpass. Northbound traffic is shifted to the west onto new temporary lanes. The speed limit on US 27 is 55 mph in the construction area. **Motorists are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area.** Project completion is the end of 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**SR 80: From West of Lexington Pwky to Magnolia Packing Co.:** contract project, crews will be doing ditch cleaning with a lane closure, flagmen on hand to help with the lane closure.

**SR 29: From Spencer Road to Jim Kulsy Drive:** Maintenance contract --- Crews are cleaning ditches along the road. No lane closures are expected, but motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway and to use caution driving in this area.

## HIGHLANDS COUNTY

**US98: At the Kissimmee River Bridge:** Maintenance project--- Crews will be removing and replacing the concrete ditch near the bridge. There may be intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and to expect possible delays.

**US 98: Over the Kissimmee River Bridge:** Bridge maintenance project--- This project consists of routine bridge maintenance and minor repairs. Intermittent single lane closures are to be expected throughout the duration of the project, which is expected to be complete at the end of this month. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and to expect possible delays.

**US98: From Spring Lake Canal west to Monte Real Blvd.:** Maintenance project--- Crews will be cleaning ditches along the roadway. There may be intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Motorists are advised to use caution when approaching and driving through work area.

**US 27: From Lake Isis Avenue to the Polk County line:** Construction project--- The improvements under this contract consist of widening US 27 from four to six lanes, resurfacing of the roadway, drainage improvements, street lighting, sidewalks, signalization, signing and pavement markings. During the

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week of Monday, May 14, 2012, the contractor will continue daytime clearing and grubbing activities throughout the project corridor. Other continued activities will include excavation for a retention pond on the east side of US 27 north of W. Stryker Rd., work in the medians and drainage pipe installation under US 27. These construction activities will require temporary lane closures of northbound and/or southbound lanes on US 27. However, lane closures will not be permitted within 600 feet of the signalized intersection on US 27 at W. Stryker Rd. /CR 17A W., between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Weather permitting, this work is anticipated to be in effect for several weeks. The current speed limit of 45 mph will be maintained throughout the duration of the project. The speed limit will remain 45 mph after construction is complete. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the construction zone. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc.

**US 27: From Sherley Drive to Ponce DeLeon:** Construction project ---The improvements under this contract consist of milling and resurfacing, shoulder treatment, drainage improvements, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, signing and pavement marking and signalization on US 27. Night time lane closures will continue throughout the duration of the project. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc.

**US 27: From SR 70 to CR 29:** Maintenance project--- Maintenance crews will be reworking shoulders and medians on US 27 from SR 70 to CR 29. There will be possible lane closures between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. closures in various locations. Motorists should use caution when traveling in this area, and be aware of workers and equipment in this area.

**US 27: From SR70 to north of Lake Grassy:** Maintenance project--- Crews will be placing sod along the shoulders of the roadway, northbound and southbound, from SR 70 to north Lake Grassy. No lane closures are expected. Motorists are advised to use caution while driving in the area.

**US 27 and West Palmetto Street: At the entrance to Wal-Mart Entry:** Maintenance permit project --- Crews will be making drainage improvements, constructing sidewalk and curb, and constructing a deceleration lane. There will be intermittent southbound right lane closures while crews are working. Motorists are advised to use caution when approaching and driving through work area. Work is expected to continue through mid-May.

**SR 70: From US 27 to Desoto County:** Maintenance project --- Maintenance crews will be edging the shoulders. Motorist should use caution and expect a slow moving operation in either travel way.

## **LEE COUNTY**

**I-75: Caloosahatchee River Bridges and bridges over the tidal marsh:** Construction project --- Crews are removing the outer coating on concrete barrier wall and the bridges. Work currently is underway on the southbound bridge and requires a lane closure (on the southbound bridge) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each weeknight/overnight (Monday – Friday). **No work is scheduled from 5 a.m. Saturday morning (May 12) thru 9 p.m. Monday night (May 14). Please be aware of slow moving construction equipment on I-75 during these activities.** Estimated completion of the project is summer 2012 and the project cost is \$1.8 million. The contractor is Shaw Environmental, Inc.

**I-75: From Lockett Road to SR 80 and SR 80 interchange:** Construction project --- **This project expands I-75 to six lanes from Lockett Road to SR 80 and makes improvements at the SR 80 interchange.** Currently, crews are constructing new northbound and southbound inside and

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outside lanes and shoulders on I-75 from south of Luccett Road to north of SR 80. **Motorists can expect lane closures on the interstate nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday night, May 13 through Saturday morning, May 19, weather permitting.** Motorists should be aware of slow moving construction equipment on I-75 during these activities. Crews are preparing for a traffic shift on SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard between Lexington Avenue and the Orange River Bridge. **Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures on Palm Beach Boulevard nightly from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday night, May 13 through Saturday morning, May 19, weather permitting.** Crews are paving sections of Lexington Avenue between Tice Street and Richmond Avenue. **Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday morning, May 14 through Friday afternoon, May 18, weather permitting.** Flagmen will be on site to direct motorists. Crews are constructing new I-75 bridge lanes over Luccett Road. **Motorists should expect eastbound and westbound lane closures on Luccett Road daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday morning, May 14 through Friday afternoon, May 18, weather permitting.** Motorists should be aware of slow moving construction equipment entering and exiting Luccett Road during this work.

Drivers should pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project, stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is fall 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries.

**US 41/SR45: From South of Daniels Parkway to South of Palm Drive:** Construction project – This project adds a new 8-foot sidewalk, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, guardrail, lighting and signalization on the east and west sides of US 41. Crews are locating utilities, relocating signs, installing erosion control, and clearing the area for construction. Lane closures are permitted at night between the hours of 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Motorists should pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project, stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is Fall 2012. The contractor is Wright Construction Group, Inc.

**US 41: From Corkscrew Road to San Carlos Boulevard:** Construction project --- Crews continue construction activities to widen the roadway and bridge from four to six lanes. Improvements also include paved shoulders, sidewalk, and landscaping. Work to relocate utilities and install roadway drainage is complete. Crews work to widen the bridge over the Estero River. Motorists should expect trucks to be entering and exiting the roadway. Construction occurs during both daytime and nighttime hours, and **one lane in each direction will remain open to traffic when lane closures are required.** Motorists should remember crews are working in close proximity to traffic and should use **caution traveling through the work zone.** The two northbound travel lanes from County Road to San Carlos Boulevard are shifted to the recently constructed lanes on the east side of US 41. Southbound traffic continues using the two travel lanes on the west side of US 41. **While median work continues through fall 2012, drivers can make U-turns and left turns at Corkscrew Road, County Road, Broadway Avenue, Estero Parkway, Vintage Parkway/Breckenridge Drive, Hickory Drive, and San Carlos Boulevard.** Crews are constructing lanes in the median in preparation for the fall 2012 traffic shift. Broadway Avenue East is now open to traffic. Project completion is summer 2013. Russell Engineering, Inc. is the contractor.

**SR 867/McGregor Boulevard: From south of College Parkway to Keenan Avenue:** Construction project --- Improvements include resurfacing the roadway, some sidewalk replacement, and installation of a drainage pipe. Construction occurs during both daytime and nighttime hours, weather permitting. Crews are completing drainage along the project. Pedestrian access is maintained. Motorists should remember crews are working in close proximity to traffic and

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should use caution traveling through the work zone. No lane closures are permitted during peak travel hours from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. or from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Project completion is spring 2012. Better Roads, Inc. is the contractor.

**SR 739/Metro Parkway Extension:** Construction project --- Work continues to build a new six-lane roadway from Six Mile Cypress Parkway to US 41. Crews currently are doing erosion control and building the new roadway and bridge near Alico Road. There will be intermittent road closures on Alico Rd throughout the week from James Whitehead Rd to Uncle Bob's Storage and the eastbound outside land on Alico Rd will be closed from US 41 to the rail road tracks. Motorists should use caution and be aware of trucks entering and exiting the roadway along US 41, Alico Road, Briarcliff Road and Six Mile Cypress Parkway. The contractor is CW Roberts Contracting. Project completion is expected in fall 2012.

**SR 739 between 2nd Street and SR 82:** Maintenance Project --- Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., on Monday, May 14 through Friday, May 18 while crews stripe the roadway.

**SR 739/Fowler Street: Hanson Street to Morado Street:** Maintenance Project --- FPL crews will be working on a service line drop that will require up to a 15 minute lane closure in both north and southbound roadways on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May from 7:00pm to 7:30pm.

**SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard: From South of Buckingham to Verandah Blvd:** Maintenance Project --- FPL crews will be working on replacing overhead switches until Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no lane closures but motorists are to be aware of construction vehicles in the area.

**SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard: From Tarpon Street to New York Drive:** Construction project --- Work is underway to enhance U-turn movements and add new median openings and pedestrian ramps. Crews are working daytime and nighttime hours to relocate utilities, adjust concrete curb in locations, and pave medians. **Lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. may occur during nighttime/overnight work.** Motorists should remember crews are working in close proximity to traffic and should use caution traveling through the work zone. Project completion is expected early 2012. Better Roads, Inc. is the contractor.

**SR 78/Bayshore Road: At the Slater Road intersection:** Maintenance permit project --- Crews are working on drainage, sidewalk and curb and making a deceleration lane improvement. Motorists should expect nighttime right lane closures eastbound and westbound and possible slow moving traffic.

**SR 78/Bayshore Road: From Barrett Road to Woodward Avenue:** Maintenance permit project --- Construction crews are installing pipe for a force main. No lane closures are expected but motorists should be aware of construction traffic near westbound lanes on SR 78.

**SR 78/Pine Island Road: From east of Del Prado Boulevard to west of US 41:** Construction project --- Improvements include resurfacing the roadway and drainage work. **Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight lane and shoulder closures between 7 p.m. – 6 a.m. for crews to pave. Motorists should expect daytime lane and shoulder closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. while crews install signs and continue drainage improvements and signal improvements.** Motorists should remember crews are working in close proximity to traffic and should use caution traveling through the work zone. Project completion is summer 2012. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC. is the contractor.

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**SR 78/Pine Island Road: At Skyline Boulevard:** Construction project --- This project to install a concrete directional median and resurface travel and turn lanes at the intersection is substantially completed. The intersection and all lanes of traffic are open. After the 30-day “cure period” for new asphalt ends, crews will add final striping to the roadway at the intersection. This work will be done in one night/overnight during the first week of June (date to be determined) and lane closures will occur. Better Roads is the contractor.

**SR 31: From River Road to north of the Lee/Charlotte County line:** Permit project --- TECO crews are installing a new gas line along the east and west sides of the road. Crews will work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crews will start on the east side of SR 31 at SR 78 and work towards the north. No lane closures are expected at this time, but motorists should be aware of construction traffic along the roadway.

**SR 31: From SR 80 to CR 78 AND SR 739 between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and SR 82:** Maintenance Project --- Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, May 14 through Friday, May 18 while crews stripe the roadway.

## MANATEE COUNTY

**I-75 Interchanges and along US 301: Various locations:** Maintenance project--- Beginning Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, contract crews will be milling (removing old asphalt) and resurfacing existing roadways. These activities will take place during nighttime hours, Sunday through Thursday. In order to complete these improvements, ramp closures at SR 70, University Parkway and Fruitville Road (SR 780) will be necessary. Detours will be established. Motorists are advised to follow the suggested detour routes and to expect possible delays. The first project location will be US 301 at Memphis Road (Ellenton Outlet Mall) intersection from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Crews will then move to the I-75 interchanges: SR 70 – Southbound on-ramp and Northbound I-75 off-ramp (217A); University Parkway – Southbound off-ramp (Exit 213), Southbound on-ramp and Northbound on-ramp; Fruitville Road (SR 780) – all on-ramps & off-ramps (Exit 210 all directions). Weather permitting, these activities are anticipated to be in effect for two weeks.

**US 301/Hernando DeSoto Bridge: Over the Manatee River:** Construction project --- Crews will make structural repairs, replace a portion of the bridge deck and install pile jackets to protect the bridge piles (columns). Motorists should expect northbound and southbound lane closures on the US 301 Bridge during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., seven (7) days a week. Two-way traffic will be maintained. Motorists should be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays. Please drive with care. Project completion is late summer 2012. The contractor is CMA Corporation.

**US 301: From Forest Creek Entrance to Ft. Hammer Road:** Maintenance permit project --- The southbound outside lane of US 301 will be closed at various locations, from Forest Creek entrance to Ft. Hammer Road through Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FPL contractors will be replacing power poles. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 789: At the Longboat Key Pass Bridge:** Construction project --- Improvements being made as part of this project include bridge repair, painting, and sidewalk reconstruction. On Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the contractor will continue with daytime activities, including sidewalk reconstruction and bridge repair. The sidewalk on the east side of the bridge is closed. Pedestrians are able to use the sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. For safety reasons, the

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area directly under the bridge on Greer Island is closed to pedestrians while construction activities are taking place. Weather permitting, this closure is expected to be in place for several weeks. During construction, the widths of the travel lanes on the bridge are temporarily reduced from 12 feet to 10 feet. The speed limit is reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. Motorists are advised to obey the speed limit and exercise extreme caution for their own safety as well as the safety of the construction workers. This project is anticipated for completion in the spring of 2012. The contractor is Quinn Construction, Inc. For additional project information contact Trudy Gerena, Public Information Officer, at (813) 299-3579 or visit our website at [www.mySR789.com](http://www.mySR789.com).

**SR 684: At the Cortez Bridge:** Bridge maintenance project --- This project consists of routine bridge maintenance. There will be single lane closures on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. Weather permitting, this project should be complete at the end of May 2012. Sidewalk closures are anticipated this week. The contractor is L&S Concrete Restoration, Inc. For additional information, please contact the Public Information Officer, Audrey Clarke, 941-730-1481.

**SR 684 (Cortez Road): Between 51<sup>st</sup> St. and 14<sup>th</sup> St. West:** Maintenance project --- There will be westbound and eastbound lane closures through Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Workers will be repairing drainage inlets and pipes. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 72: West of the DeSoto County Line:** Maintenance project --- Contract crews will be doing asphalt repair. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures and should use caution in this area.

**SR 64 (Manatee Avenue) from 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to 15<sup>th</sup> Street West:** Construction project --- Improvements under this contract consist of milling and resurfacing, drainage improvement, signalization, streetscape, decorative lighting and utility installation of a water line. Beginning Monday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, crews will begin repairs to storm sewer pipes at various locations between 7<sup>th</sup> St. W. and 14<sup>th</sup> St. W. Two westbound lanes on Manatee Avenue will remain open as crews work on the north and south sides of Manatee Avenue. Some parking spaces on the north and south sides of Manatee Avenue may be closed for this construction. This project is scheduled for completion in May, 2012. The contractor is Gibbs & Register, Inc.

**SR 64: From west of Carlton Arms Boulevard to Interstate 75:** Construction project --- Improvements being made as part of this project consist of milling (removing old asphalt) and resurfacing the existing roadway, widening the roadway from a four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway, installation of four-foot paved bike lanes, curb and gutter with drainage swales, sidewalk construction, and improved signalization. Throughout the week of Sunday, May 13, 2012, the contractor continues with maintenance of traffic, clearing of debris throughout the project, drainage improvements, and the excavation of ponds. On Wednesday, May 16 the contractor will be conducting nighttime construction activities between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. on westbound State Road 64 from west of Carlton Arms Blvd. to west of Interstate 75. These activities will require temporary intermittent nighttime lane closures and traffic shifts on westbound State Road 64. Weather permitting, these activities are anticipated to last two nights. The speed limit is reduced from 50 mph to 45 mph throughout the construction zone. The speed limit is reduced from 50 mph to 45 mph throughout the construction zone. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the construction zone. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc. For additional project information contact Trudy Gerena, Public Information Officer, at (813) 299-3579.

**SR 64 (Manatee Avenue West): From 8<sup>th</sup> Street West to 9<sup>th</sup> Street West:** Maintenance project --- There will be a westbound lane closure Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Maintenance crews will be installing and removing signs on the north side of the road in and around the sidewalk. The sidewalk will be closed. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to use caution in this area.

**SR 37: From SR 62 to Four Corners Mine Road:** Construction project --- The improvements of this contract consist of drainage improvements. Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures and should use caution in this area. Flaggers will be present when necessary. This project is anticipated for completion in the summer of 2012. The contractor is Dragados USA, Inc.

## **OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**

**US 441: From Osceola County Line South:** Maintenance contract project --- The contractor will be clearing and grubbing at various locations along the roadway. No lane closures are expected, but motorists should be aware of construction traffic in the area.

**US 441: At the Taylor Creek Drawbridge:** Bridge maintenance project--- There will be intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures on Monday, May 21 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for bridge maintenance. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and to expect possible delays.

**US 98/US 441: From NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be edging and sweeping along the sidewalks and curbs in the area. No lane closures are expected however motorists should drive with caution.

**US 98: From the Kissimmee River to N.W. 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be making repairs to drainage structures along the east side of the roadway from the Kissimmee River to N.W. 144<sup>th</sup>. Ave. No lane closures are expected however motorists should drive with caution.

**SR 710: From CR 15A to 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Maintenance project--- Crews will be making repairs to the shoulders of the roadway on SR 710. Intermittent lane closures are possible between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and to expect possible delays.

**SR 710: Near NW 28<sup>th</sup> Street:** Maintenance project--- Crews will be placing sod along the shoulders of the roadway near NW 28<sup>th</sup> Street, northbound and southbound. No lane closures are expected. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area.

**SR 70: From SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street to US 98/US 441:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be edging and sweeping along the sidewalks and curbs in the area. No lane closures are expected however motorists should drive with caution.

## **POLK COUNTY**

**I-4: From the Hillsborough County Line to the Osceola County Line:** Maintenance project --- The contractor will be repairing the cable barrier and guardrail on I-4. Work will continue through late May. There will be no lane closures. Motorists should use caution while in the work zone.

**US 98: South of Manor Drive to north of County Road 540A and US 98 from Manor Drive to Old**

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**Bartow/Eagle Lake Road:** Construction project--- The improvements under this contract consist of widening US 98 to a six lane, divided highway from just south of Manor Drive in Bartow to just north of County Road 540A. The scope of work will include removal of old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing of the roadway, roadway widening, installing storm water management facilities, curb, sidewalk, traffic signals, lighting and pavement markings. Throughout the week of Monday, May 14, 2012, during daytime hours, the contractor will continue placing sod and performing miscellaneous activities throughout the project corridor. Weather permitting, these activities are anticipated for approximately two weeks. For additional project information, visit our project Web site at [www.IdriveUS98.com](http://www.IdriveUS98.com). Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. This project is anticipated for completion in fall 2012. The contractor is Lane Construction.

**US 98: From Brooks Street to Edgewood Drive in Lakeland:** Construction project--- Improvements being made as part of this project include widening the roadway from four to six lanes, removing old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, drainage improvements, street lighting, signalization, bike lanes, sidewalks, and signing and pavement markings. Throughout the week of Sunday, May 13, 2012, the contractor will continue daytime construction activities and signalization upgrades along US 98 from Brooks Street toward Edgewood Drive. Weather permitting, this work is scheduled for several weeks and will have no impacts to traffic. During the week of Sunday, May 13, 2012, the contractor is scheduled to shift traffic onto the newly constructed southbound travel lanes from S. Combee Road to Edgewood Drive. Weather permitting, this traffic switch will remain in effect for several months. In addition, during the week of Sunday, May 13, 2012, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6 a.m., the contractor is scheduled to perform placement of pavement markings on the northbound lanes of US 98 from S. Combee Road toward Edgewood Drive. These construction activities will require a temporary lane closure on US 98 and weather permitting is anticipated to be completed in one week. For additional project information, visit our project web site at [www.idriveUS98.com](http://www.idriveUS98.com). This project is anticipated for completion at the end of the fall 2012. The contractor is Conalvias USA, LLC.

**US 98: One tenth of a mile south of Sleepy Hill Road:** Maintenance permit project--- This project includes improvements to the sidewalk at the entrance to The Shop's of Lakeland Plaza. Intermittent night time lane closures are expected the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area.

**US 92: At SR 544 (Havendale Blvd.):** Maintenance project --- Temporary lane closures should be expected on US 92 eastbound for over head sign replacement from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. through next week. Motorists should use caution in this area and expect possible delays.

**US 92: At Woodland Avenue:** Maintenance permit project--- Crews for Polk County will detour traffic from Woodland Avenue to US 92 to complete utility work continuing thru the end of May. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area.

**US 27: At the US 17/92 Interchange:** Construction project--- The improvements under this contract consist of overhead signing on US 27 and the US 17/92 interchange ramps in Haines City. This project is scheduled to begin the week of May 14, 2012. Activities during the first week of construction will not require lane closures. Beginning the second week of construction, there will be intermittent lane closures during daytime hours. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers and vehicles in the construction zone. This project is anticipated for completion in the summer of 2012. The contractor is Traffic Control Devices, Inc.

**US 27: From North of State Road 540 to North of State Road 542:** Construction project --- The

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improvements under this contract consist of widening US 27 from four to six lanes, resurfacing of the roadway, drainage improvements, street lighting, guardrail installation, improved signalization, and landscaping. Throughout the week of Monday, May 14, 2012, construction activities from north of SR 540 north to the end of the project limits will continue as part of the ongoing construction. Weather permitting, this work will occur during the daytime and is scheduled for one week. The current speed limit of 50 mph will be maintained from just south of Lincoln Avenue to north of SR 542 and 60 mph from north of SR 540 to just south of Lincoln Avenue. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the construction zone. This project is anticipated for completion in spring 2012. The contractor is Ranger Construction.

**US 27: At Poitras Road to South Bass Lake Resort:** Maintenance permit project --- The improvements under this permit consist of milling and resurfacing the roadway, signing, and pavement markings. No lane closures are expected the week of May 14th, 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone.

**US 27: At Ernie Caldwell Boulevard South of I-4 Intersection:** Maintenance permit project --- This is a Polk County road and bridge construction project scheduled for completion in May 2012. Contractor may require intermittent lane closures for sign construction work. Motorists are advised to drive carefully while in the area.

**US 27: From SR 60 to Limpin Lane:** Maintenance project --- Crews will be cleaning and reshaping ditches and reworking shoulders with no expected lane closure. Work will continue until the end of May.

**US 27: At the SR 60 off ramp and US 27 crossover:** Construction project--- Crews will be working at or around the intersection of US 27 and SR 60 off ramp/cross over in Lake Wales the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The work consists of installing signal wire, disconnects, and signal heads. There will be lane closures during this week's construction activities from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in both directions of travel. As always, Motorists should use caution when traveling through the signed construction limits. Road Runner Highway Signs Inc. is the contractor.

**US 17: Between Crossover Road and SR 60:** Construction project --- Polk County is constructing a new roadway, the Bartow Northern Connector, from US 98 to US 17. The improvements on US 17 include right and left turn lane construction and installation of a signal. Daily lane closures on US 17 are expected from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. of the inside northbound lane and alternating between the inside and outside southbound lanes for the week of May 14th. The project is expected to be completed in July 2012. The contractor is Lane Construction.

**US 17: Between Ronald Regan Parkway and the Osceola-Polk County Line Road:** Maintenance permit project--- Florida Power, DBA Progress Energy, will be closing lanes intermittently to rebuild their transmission line in the west right of way through July 2012 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use caution in this area.

**US 17: At Central Avenue:** Construction project --- Crews will be working at the intersection of US 17 and Central Ave. in Winter Haven the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The work consists of: replacing sidewalk segments, project restoration, and sodding. There will not be lane closures during this week's construction activities. As always, Motorists should use caution

when traveling through the signed construction limits. Road Runner Highway Signs Inc. is the contractor.

**US 17: From South of Homeland / Garfield Road (CR 640) to South of Bartow Road and at the Railroad**

**Overpass:** Construction project --- The improvements under this contract consist of milling and resurfacing the roadway, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, guardrail, bridge railing, sidewalks, signalization, and highway signing and pavement markings. During the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, the contractor is cleaning up the jobsite and finishing the project. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nighttime lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. The anticipated project completion date is spring of 2012. The contractor is Lane Construction.

**SR 659 (Combee Road): At Woodland Avenue:** Maintenance permits project --- Crews for Polk County will be detouring traffic through the end of May 2012, from Woodland Avenue to Combee Road in order to conduct utility work. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area.

**SR 572 (Airport Road): At Gay Street:** Maintenance permit project --- This project includes a turn lane and sidewalk improvements. Crews will be temporarily closing lanes due to construction work from the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. continuing through end of May 2012. Motorists should use caution while in the area.

**SR 563 (Harden Blvd.): At Grasslands Blvd./Sandgully Road:** Maintenance permit project---This project consists of milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, curb ramps, signing and pavement markings. No lane closures are expected for the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Future intermittent nighttime lane closures between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. are expected. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area. The contractor is QGS Development.

**SR 549 (1<sup>st</sup> Street N.E.):** Maintenance permit project--- The City of Winter Haven will be trimming trees on the inside northbound lane of 1<sup>st</sup> Street starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. There will be an inside northbound lane closure for approximately 30 minutes at two medians between Lee Avenue N.E. and Avenue "O" N.E. Motorists should use caution.

**SR 542 (Lucerne Park Road): At Country Club Road:** Maintenance permit project---Polk County crews will continue to mill and resurface Country Club Road where it intersects with SR 542. There are no expected lane closures, but the work may cause a visual delay. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area.

**SR 542 (Dundee Road): From west of 18<sup>th</sup> Street easterly 1.3 miles to east of Carl Floyd Road:** Construction project --- This project consists of milling and resurfacing the roadway, widening, pavement reconstruction, base work, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, guardrail, signalization, lighting and signing and pavement markings. Continue to expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the day and night time lane closures from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. The contractor will be paving, striping and grading shoulders, please use caution while in the area. The anticipated project completion date is spring of 2012. The contractor is Lane Construction.

**SR 540 (Winter Lake Road): From west of Thornhill Road to east of Thornhill Road:** Construction project --- This project consists of milling and resurfacing the roadway, drainage improvements, sidewalks, signalization, lighting and signing and pavement markings. No lane closures expected for the upcoming week but future lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the day

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and nighttime lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. No work scheduled for next week. The contractor is Better Roads.

**SR 60 (Van Fleet Dr.): From west of US 98/Broadway Ave. to west of US 17:** Construction project---

The improvements under this contract consist of reconstruction and widening to convert the existing SR 60 and US 98 intersection in Bartow from asphalt to concrete and provide additional travel lanes. The scope of work includes concrete pavement, asphalt milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, sidewalk, lighting, signalization, signing and pavement marking and landscaping. No lane closures are scheduled on State Road 60 (Van Fleet Drive) or US 98 from Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 19. However, one lane of southbound Wilson Avenue due north of SR 60 is scheduled to be closed after 7:00 pm on Monday, May 14 for signal work. Work on new travel lanes, turn lanes, sidewalks and drainage continues behind barrier walls along northbound US 98 from SR 60 to south of Manor Drive, and along westbound SR 60 from Wal-Mart Drive to US 98. With the Fort Fraser Trail entrance off of westbound SR 60 closed due to construction and a trail bridge over Bear Creek scheduled to be closed for about two weeks starting on Monday, May 14 for repairs by Polk County Parks & Recreation, people should access the trail at Old Bartow/Eagle Lake Road. Access to businesses in the work zone is being maintained and motorists are advised to use caution and watch for workers. For more project information, visit the Web site [www.IdriveUS98.com](http://www.IdriveUS98.com). This project is anticipated for completion in late fall 2013. The contractor is Cone & Graham, Inc.

**SR 60: From West of Coronet Road to east of Foxcreek Drive:** Construction project ---Improvements being made as part of this project consist of turn lanes, median modifications, roadway alignment, milling and resurfacing, widening, base work, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, lighting, and signing and pavement markings. During the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, the contractor is paving, placing sod, and installing lighting improvements. Expect daytime and nighttime lane closures throughout the project limits. Coronet Road may also experience lane closures and flagging operations from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motorists should exercise caution as there will be project personnel and equipment on site. Better Roads, Inc. is the contractor.

**SR 60: From 11<sup>th</sup> to West of Capps Road:** Construction project--- The improvements to be made as part of this project consist of intersection improvements, adding concrete raised medians to the center of the roadway, minor road widening, removing old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, signalization, signing and pavement markings. During the week of Monday, May 14, 2012, the contractor is scheduled to perform daytime signalization upgrades throughout the project corridor. Weather permitting, this work is anticipated to be in effect for several weeks and will have no impacts to traffic. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc.

**SR 60: At the Pollard Road Extension:** Maintenance permit project --- This project includes intersection and turn-lane work. Nighttime lane closures between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. are expected the week of May 14th. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use extreme caution while in this area.

**SR 60: North of Polk Avenue:** Maintenance permit project --- This project includes removal of an existing driveway entrance and construction of a new concrete driveway entrance. Crews will be temporarily closing lanes due to construction work from the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the week of May 14th. Motorists should use caution while in the area.

**SR 60: From County Road 630 to the Kissimmee River:** Maintenance permit project---Peace River Electric

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Cooperative Inc. will continue to trim vegetation along their power lines until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This work will be in the SR 60 Right of Way and may require intermittent lane closures. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

**SR 37: From Imperial Blvd. to Lime Street:** Maintenance project--- Environmental Innovations, Inc. will be replacing manhole covers and inlet grates. Work will continue and last thru June 15, 2012. There will be nighttime lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Motorists should use caution while in the work zone.

**SR 37: From Poppell Drive north to Imperial Boulevard:** Construction project--- The improvements being made to SR 37/South Florida Avenue include removing old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, curb and gutters, adding concrete raised medians to the center of the roadway, sidewalks, signalization and signing and pavement markings. Throughout the week of Monday, May 14, 2012, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., the contractor is scheduled to continue construction activities between Poppell Drive and Pinellas Street. These activities will have no impacts to traffic. Weather permitting, this work is anticipated to be in effect for several weeks. In addition, on Monday, May 14, 2012, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., the contractor is scheduled to perform placement of concrete sidewalk on SR 37 (South Florida Avenue). These construction activities will require temporary intermittent lane closures that may reduce traffic from two lanes to one lane between Poppell Drive and Pinellas Street. Weather permitting, these activities are anticipated to be in effect for one week. Motorists are advised to expect possible delays and should use caution and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the construction zone. The contractor is Better Roads, Inc.

**SR 37 (South Florida Avenue): At Edgewood Drive:** Maintenance permit project --- This project consists of milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalks, curb ramps, signing and pavement markings. Intermittent night time lane closures between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. are expected the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>. Left turn lanes on Prado will be closed through October 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution while in this area. The contractor is QCS Development.

**SR 37 (South Florida Avenue): From Memorial Blvd. to Main Street:** Maintenance project --- Crews from the City of Lakeland will be in the median trimming trees. Crews will continue to temporarily close lanes due to maintenance work from the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.; work ending June 8th, 2012. Motorists should use caution while in the area.

**SR 37 (South Florida Avenue): Between Palencia Place and Windsor Street:** Maintenance permit project--- Knight Enterprises will be closing the outside northbound lane on May 22, 2012 between the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for utility work. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use caution in this area.

**SR 33: At Carter Boulevard in Polk City:** Maintenance permit project --- The project consists of milling and resurfacing and adding left and right turn lanes. Work is expected to be completed by mid April 2012. Contractor will continue work within the right of way and paving. Intermittent lane closures are expected between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area.

**SR 33: At the Lakeland Center:** Maintenance permit project --- The project consists of the construction of transit stop facilities and sidewalk. Nighttime lane closures between the hours of 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. are expected the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution while in this area.

**SR 33: West of University Boulevard:** Maintenance permit project---The project consists of the construction of a right turn, driveway and drainage improvements, signing and pavement markings. Crews will be temporarily closing lanes due to construction work from the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area.

**SR 33: One-half mile north of Tomkow Road:** Maintenance permit project---Project includes driveway, drainage pipe replacement and striping work. Expect lane closures during week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Motorists should exercise caution while in the area.

**SR 33: From Jenkins Nissan Car Dealership to north of Deeson Point Blvd./Combee Road Intersection** Construction project--- The improvements to be made as part of this project consist of road widening to provide additional travel lanes. The scope of work includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, utility relocations, sidewalk, lighting, signalization, and signing and pavement markings. Utilities relocations are in progress. The contractor is planning to install temporary asphalt on Sunday May 13, and Monday May 14, 2012. Intermittent night time lane closures between 9 pm and 6 am are expected during the week of May 13, 2012. The contractor will continue with the installation of the sidewalks on the south side of the roadway, and continue with the construction of the roadway subgrade. This project is anticipated for completion in spring 2013. The contractor is Cone & Graham, Inc.

## **SARASOTA COUNTY**

**Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase 1, throughout Sarasota County:** The installation of new signal controller cabinets at 121 intersections throughout the county has been completed. Over the next few weeks, workers will make adjustments to the signals at intersections throughout the county. Other work associated with this project includes conduit installation and fiber installation to forge a countywide network of intersections that will link to the Manatee County Traffic Control Center. The conduit and fiber installations will be done during the day. There will be delays and disruption in the coordination of signals during installation; the improvements will not be in place until the project is finished. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in early fall 2012.

**Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase 2, throughout Sarasota County:** The installation of new signal controller cabinets and fiber optic cable is being installed for 26 intersections throughout the county. The work associated with this project includes conduit installation and fiber installation to forge a countywide network of intersections that will link to the Manatee County Traffic Control Center. The conduit and fiber installations will be done during the day. There could be delays and disruption in the coordination when the signals cabinet installation begins; the improvements will not be in place until the project is finished. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall 2012.

**I-75: From North of North River Road to North of State Road 681:** Construction project--- The improvements under this contract consist of widening Interstate 75 inside of the median to six lanes from north of River Road to north of State Road 681. The project also includes realignment of the Interstate 75 southbound lanes from north of Cow Pen Slough to Laurel Road, construction of new southbound bridges over Cow Pen Slough and Salt Creek, widening of northbound and southbound bridges over Curry Creek and Fox Creek, and interchange improvements at Laurel Road, Jacaranda Boulevard, and River Road. On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the contractor continues with the installation of new storm sewer drainage pipe, the transportation and placement of fill dirt (embankment), and the excavation for the new roadway and new lateral roadway ditches. These activities require

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temporary nighttime lane closures on Interstate 75 beginning Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 between the hours of 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the contractor will be conducting daytime and nighttime paving operations throughout the project corridor. Weather permitting this activity is expected to last one week. Motorists may experience traffic shifts and temporary intermittent lane closures at the River Road, Jacaranda Blvd. and Laurel Road interchanges. Construction activity is also taking place in the median off of Interstate 75 at the bridges over Salt Creek, Curry Creek, Cow Pen Slough, and Fox Creek. Additional activities include the maintenance of plastic tarp (silt fence), for the purpose of erosion control, installation of sod, and the clearing of debris from north of River Road to north of State Road 681. These activities are expected to last for a few months. Motorists are advised to obey the speed limit and exercise extreme caution for their own safety as well as the safety of the construction workers. Weather permitting, this project is expected to be complete in the summer of 2012. The contractor is Astaldi Construction Corporation. For additional project information contact Trudy Gerena, Public Information Officer, at (941) 584-6894, (813) 299-3579 or visit our website at [www.I-75OTM.com](http://www.I-75OTM.com).

**US 41: From State Road 758/Bee Ridge Road to Siesta Drive:** Construction project --- This project will widen the roadway within the existing right-of-way, construct a median with a one-way directional opening and brick accents, extend left-turn lanes, and modify the pedestrian crossing features and overhead signage. This week the contractor will finish work on the concrete median separator and install sign foundations and signs. The following week, the contractor will lay asphalt and brick pavers. Lane closures will be northbound and southbound on US 41. All lane closures will be nightly – Sunday through Thursday – for the remainder of the project. Flagmen will be present, as needed. This project is anticipated for completion in June 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. The contractor is Cone & Graham, Inc. For additional project information contact Brian Bollas, Public Information Officer, at 1-800-396-7273 or (727) 946-1869.

**Business US 41: From the US 41 Bypass to Tampa Avenue:** Maintenance project --- There will be northbound and southbound lane closures, although not at the same time, between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. through Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Crews will be replenishing the pavement symbols and messages. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 780 (Fruitville Road): At the Railroad Crossing near School Avenue:** Maintenance project --- The eastbound and westbound lanes will be closed intermittently to allow for asphalt repairs to the railroad crossing. Work is scheduled to begin June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and run for approximately two weeks. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 758: From Glebe Lane on Midnight Pass to Ogden Street on Higel Avenue:** Maintenance permit project --- The southbound lane of SR 758 will be closed beginning Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a flagging operation. Asplundh Tree Expert, a FPL contractor, will be trimming trees at power lines on SR 758 from Glebe Lane to Ogden Street. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 758 (Bee Ridge Road): From US 41 to Cattlemen Road:** Maintenance project --- There will be lane closures eastbound and westbound between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. until Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Crews will be repairing drainage inlets and pipes. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

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**SR 681: Over US 41:** Bridge maintenance project --- This project consist of bridge maintenance and steel painting. There will also be single lane closures on westbound SR 681 over US 41. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays. Work is expected to be complete in May 2012. The contractor is Quinn Construction, Inc. For additional information, please contact the Public Information Officer, Audrey Clarke, 941-730-1481.

**SR 72: Between west of Rand Boulevard and east of Gantt Road:** Construction project --- This project will modify the existing full median opening at Rand Boulevard into a directional median opening, and modify the pedestrian crossing features and overhead signage. This week the contractor will continue work on the curbing along the median and lay the roadway base. The contractor will lay asphalt the following week. The contractor will close the inside lanes, both east and west bound, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to perform work. The lane closures will be nightly – Sunday through Thursday – for most of the project duration, weather permitting. Flagmen will be present, as needed. This project is anticipated for completion in July 2012. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. The contractor is Cone & Graham, Inc. For additional project information contact Brian Bollas, Public Information Officer, at 1-800-396-7273 or (727) 946-1869.

**SR 72 (Clark Road): Replacement of the Bridge Over the Myakka River:** Construction project --- This project is located approximately nine miles east of I-75 in Sarasota County, within the boundaries of the Myakka River State Park. The project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing 57-year-old bridge over the Myakka River. The new structure consists of two travel lanes with eight-foot wide shoulders. Current construction activities involve the reconstruction of the roadway adjacent to the new bridge. Traffic is switched onto the new permanent bridge. The dismantling of the temporary bridge has commenced. Motorists should expect to encounter intermittent lane closures and some occasional minor delays during the daylight hours only. The project completion is estimated for summer 2012. The contractor is Kelly Brothers Construction, Inc.

**SR 72: From West of Proctor Road to Saddle Creek Trail:** Construction project --- This project consists of removing old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, turn lane construction, drainage improvements, guardrail installation and intersection improvements at SR 72 and Proctor Road. Motorists should expect single lane closures on SR 72 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This project is expected to be completed in spring, 2012. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries.

**SR 72: From West of Saddle Oak Trail to East of Myakka Valley Trail:** Construction project --- This project consists of removing old asphalt (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, widening, drainage improvements, guardrail installation, sidewalks, signage and striping on SR 72 (Sugar Bowl Road). Motorists can expect intermittent single lane closures during daytime hours while crews are working in the area with possible delays. Workers will be present six days a week (Monday-Saturday). Flagmen will be present as needed. Motorists are reminded to observe the posted speed limit and exercise extreme caution for their own safety as well as the safety of the construction workers in the area. This project is expected to be completed in late spring 2012. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

**SR 72: At the Stickney Point Bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway:** Bridge maintenance project--- This project consists of minor bridge and concrete repairs. No lane closures are anticipated at this time. Weather permitting, this project should be complete in July 2012.

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**SR 72 (Stickney Point Road) to the east of and west of the Stickney Point Bridge:** Maintenance project --- There will be intermittent eastbound and westbound lane closures Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Crews will be repairing the guardrail. Motorists are advised to use caution while in the area and expect possible delays.

**SR 72 (Stickney Point Drive): Stickney Point Draw, 0.6 miles west of US 41:** Bridge maintenance project --- There will be bridge maintenance Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 8 p.m. each night until 5 a.m. each morning. There should be no delays to traffic, except those delays experienced during normal drawbridge opening

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