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Road Watch Update

September 11 – September 16, 2020

Bay Street Utility Relocation Project

The City of Fort Myers is relocating the electric and cable lines from overhead poles to underground on Bay Street from Hendry Street to just west of Dean Street.

Bay Street and Dean Street Temporary Closures

Bay Street from west of Dean Street to Hendry Street and Dean Street from Bay Street to Frist Street are closed to motorists while crews reinstall pavers bricks. These closures are expected to remain in place through **Friday September 18**, weather permitting.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution.

Seaboard Street Overhead Utility Work

Crews will be working on overhead utilities until **September 25, 2020** along Seaboard Street from Michigan Avenue north to First Street/Palm Beach Boulevard. Lane closures are expected and crews are working Monday through Friday. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution.

First Street Overhead Utility Work

Crews will be working on overhead utilities until **October 2, 2020** along First Street from Seaboard Street to Fowler Street. Lane closures are expected and crews are working Sunday through Thursday. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution.

Veronica Shoemaker Bridge over Billy Creek

The City of Fort Myers will be repairing the Bridge **starting Monday 08-24-2020 through 09-24-2020**. Expect intermittent lane closures throughout the month. Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to a single lane only beginning 09-22-2020 until the completion of the project. Drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and workers on the side of the road.

Old Metro Parkway (SR-739) from Warehouse Road to Hanson Street Reconstruction

The City of Fort Myers in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation will rebuild Old Metro Parkway from Hanson Street to just south of Warehouse Road. Contractors for the project will also mill and resurface Hanson Street from the railroad tracks to just east of Old Metro Parkway. Seminole Gulf Railway plans to rehabilitate the railroad tracks on Hanson Street and on Old Metro Parkway, during this work, to minimize disruptions to area businesses. Crews are expected to work during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some Saturday work may be required. The project is expected to be completed in early 2021.

Old Metro Parkway and Hanson Street reduced to One-Lane

Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7 a.m. motorists may experience intermittent one-lane traffic on Old Metro Parkway and Hanson Street at the railroad crossings. Flaggers will alternate traffic frequently, but motorists should expect delays.

Old Metro Parkway Railroad Crossing Closure

Beginning **5 a.m. Monday, September 14, 2020 through Sunday, September 20**, Old Metro Parkway will be closed at the railroad crossing while Seminole Gulf Railway rehabilitates the railroad track.

This closure will remain in place during daytime and night time/overnight hours until the work is completed. **Old Metro Parkway on the north and south side of the closed railroad crossing will be open for business access only.** To bypass the closed railroad crossing, through motorists may use the following detours:

From Hanson Street

- Motorists traveling east on Hanson Street wanting to access Old Metro Parkway south of the closed railroad area should turn south on Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard, west on Winkler Avenue, north on Metro Parkway, and north on Old Metro Parkway.
- Motorists traveling west on Hanson Street wanting to access Old Metro Parkway south of the closed railroad area should turn south on Fowler Street, south on Metro Parkway, and north on Old Metro Parkway.

From Metro Parkway

- Motorists traveling **north on Metro Parkway** wanting to access Old Metro Parkway north of the closed railroad area should turn east on Hanson Street, and south on Old Metro Parkway.
- Motorists traveling **south on Metro Parkway** wanting to access Old Metro Parkway north of the closed railroad area should turn east on Winkler Avenue, north on Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard, west on Hanson Street, and south on Old Metro Parkway.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should use extreme caution. This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions.

For more project information, visit www.OldMetroRebuild.com or contact the City's public information consultant, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071 or via email to info@OldMetroRebuild.com.

Champion Ring Road Drainage Improvements

Drainage improvements on Champion Ring Road will necessitate the closure of the roadway to through traffic from Forum Boulevard (south end) to Warrior Way **starting mid-June for approximately 4 months**. Please watch for signage and message boards notifying the public of detours. Use Warrior Way or the north end of Champion Ring Road for access.

Evans Avenue Neighborhood Utility Improvements

The City of Fort Myers is replacing sanitary sewer, water mains and install storm drainage on Evans Avenue from Providence Street south to Dr. Ella Piper Way. The project also includes some new sidewalk, replacing disturbed sidewalk on both sides of Evans Avenue and roadway resurfacing. **The project is expected to be completed in early 2021.**

The following roads will be closed to through traffic:

- **Evans Avenue closed from Providence Street to Dr. Ella Piper Way.** Local residential and business traffic only.
- **Providence Street closed from Rhode Island Avenue to First Street.** Residents and businesses will be directed to Cranford Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue for access.

Avalon Place closed at Evans Avenue. Residents and businesses will be directed to First Street for access. Through motorists should follow posted detour signs.

The following roads on the east side of Evans Avenue will be closed at Evans Avenue:

- **Michigan Avenue**
- **Guava Street**
- **Dr. Ella Piper Way**

Residents and businesses will be directed to Cranford Avenue for access.

Motorists may experience additional construction traffic on the following roads:

- Michigan Avenue between Seaboard Street and Evans Avenue
- Dr. Ella Piper Way between Palm Avenue and Evans Avenue
- Palm Avenue between Michigan Avenue and Dr. Ella Piper Way

Residents and businesses may need to access their property from a different direction. Some sidewalks may be closed during the project. Drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles entering/exiting streets in the project area. This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions. For more project information, contact the City's public information consultant, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071 or via e-mail to thayden@cella.cc.

Road Closures at City Walk

Brooks and Freund will have intermittent lane closures of **West First Street, Altamont Avenue and Virginia Avenue** surrounding the City Walk construction site until **September 19, 2020**. In addition, the sidewalk along West First Street between Virginia and Altamont Avenues will be closed. There will be cranes, utility work and construction fencing being installed. Local traffic will be able to access driveways. Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.

Hanson Street Extension, Phase II from Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard to Ortiz Avenue

The second phase of the Hanson Street Extension from west of Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard to Ortiz Avenue includes building new roadway, installing new sanitary sewer force main and potable and reclaim water mains as well as six-foot sidewalks, seven-foot bike lanes, and two roundabouts. One roundabout will be located at Hanson Street and Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard intersection and the other will be located at Hanson Street Extension and Ortiz Avenue intersection. This project is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2020.

ORTIZ AVENUE

- The speed limit has been **reduced to 20 mph** through the Ortiz Avenue future roundabout.
- Two lanes of traffic are maintained on the east side of the Ortiz Avenue future roundabout with one lane in each direction from Bruce Herd Lane (Eastwood Golf Course Entrance) north one mile.
- The multi-use path on the west side of Ortiz Avenue is open. Crews have installed a temporary diversion around the construction.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should use extreme caution.

For further questions, please contact Cella Molnar & Associates by calling 239-337-1071 or email thayden@cella.cc.

HANSON STREET EAST OF VERONICA S. SHOEMAKER BOULEVARD REMAINS CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC.

- Businesses between Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard and Van Buren Street are accessible.
- Closure will remain in place during daytime and night time/overnight hours.

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FDOT Pedestrian Safety Construction Project on US 41 from Winkler Avenue to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard entails installing and relocating utilities and constructing medians on US 41/Cleveland Avenue from Winkler Avenue to SR 82.

- **Motorists should expect Hanson Street closed on the west side of US 41/Cleveland Avenue.**
- **Motorists should expect Hanson Street as a Right-in/Right-out only travel pattern on the east side of US 41/Cleveland Avenue.**
- **Motorists should expect Linhart Avenue closed on the west side of US 41/Cleveland Avenue.**
- **Motorists should expect side road closures from Winkler Avenue to Victoria Avenue throughout the duration of the project.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures and detours on US 41/Cleveland Avenue during daytime and night time/overnight hours Monday through Friday throughout the duration of the project, weather permitting.**

Additional work includes: Installing drainage structures, pedestrian signals, upgrading signals and lighting, and resurfacing existing highway. The project will be constructed in three segments. Each segment will have the majority of construction completed prior to moving to the next segment. Construction will begin on the first segment from Winkler Avenue to Carrell Road. Crews will work on the west side of the road initially and when that work is completed, they will shift to the east side of Cleveland Avenue/US 41. The expected project completion date is the end of spring 2022. For additional information, contact the Public Information Consultant for the project, Kris Cella, at 239-337-1071 or kcella@cella.cc. The Contractor is Ajax Industries of Florida, LLC.

Intersection Markings: Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible **9-10-20 through 9-16-20** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

Colonial Boulevard (McGregor Blvd to US 41)

Fowler Street

For further information, please call Randy Hart at 239-533-9500.

Traffic Signal Maintenance: On **Wednesday, September 16, 2020**, Lee County DOT will be working on the signal at the intersection of Ballard and Ortiz Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motorists are urged to use caution, as the signal will be dark. The Fort Myers Police Department will be providing traffic control. For further information, please contact Efrain Cruz at 239-533-9500.

Treeline Avenue: Lee County DOT will be performing ditch maintenance on Treeline Avenue beginning Tuesday, September 15 and should be completed Friday, September 18, 2020. The work will begin each morning at 9:00 am and will cease at 4:00 pm. There will be a lane closure and Lee County DOT will have flaggers to help control traffic. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Slusar at 239-533-9400.

Enterprise Parkway at Lockett Road – Fort Myers (ROW2020-00466): Caloosa Site Development, Inc. will be performing roadway and sidewalk improvements **beginning July 14, 2020 and continuing through September 30, 2020.** Asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, concrete curbing, and drainage improvements will be performed. The work will encompass the northbound lane of traffic immediately after the turn from Lockett Road. Lane closures are not anticipated, but motorists are encouraged to exercise caution in this area, as trucks and construction vehicles will be exiting the area with regularity. For further information, please contact Dustin Tanner at (239) 332-4008 or dustin@caloosaside.com. Traffic Control Products of Florida will provide maintenance of traffic services (239) 334-2525.

SR 865/Six Mile Cypress Parkway from Penzance Boulevard to Daniels Parkway: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect southbound lane closures during daytime hours, while crews install pole lines, weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays. Flaggers will maintain both directions of traffic. Motorist should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 82 from Arcadia Street to Shawnee Road: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m., while crews inspect the road, weather permitting. Motorist should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

Special Events

None scheduled for this dateline.