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Road Watch Update

October 15 – October 21, 2020

Hanson Street Sidewalk and Drainage

Beginning mid-October, contractors for the City of Fort Myers are scheduled to **install drainage improvements and sidewalk** on the north side of Hanson Street from U.S. 41 east to Montclair Avenue. The project is expected to be completed in early 2021.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working 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.

Old Metro Parkway (SR 739) from Warehouse Road to Hanson Street - Traffic Flow Change

Beginning **Monday October 5, Old Metro Parkway will be a One-Lane SOUTHBOUND** road only for the duration of construction.

Motorists will access Old Metro Parkway only from Hanson Street and all internal traffic will be directed south on Old Metro Parkway to Metro Parkway.

- **Motorists on Metro Parkway wanting to access Old Metro Parkway will be detoured as follows:**
 - **Metro Parkway northbound traffic** will follow the detour beginning at the Old Metro Parkway/Metro Parkway intersection north onto Evans Avenue; east (right) on Hanson Street; then south (right) on Old Metro Parkway.
 - **Metro Parkway southbound traffic** will follow the detour beginning at the Old Metro Parkway/Metro Parkway intersection then south on Metro Parkway; east (left) on Winkler Avenue; north (left) on Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard; west (left) on Hanson Street; then south (left) 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.

Bay Street Utility Relocation Project

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

Hendry Street Southbound Lane Temporary Closure

Through Monday, **October 26, Hendry Street southbound lane will be closed to motorists from Edwards Drive to Bay Street.** This closure will remain in place during daytime and nighttime hours until the work is completed.

Bay Street Temporary Closure

Continuing through **Monday October 26, Bay Street from Dean Street to Hendry Street will be closed to motorists.** This closure will remain in place during daytime and nighttime hours until the work is completed.

Motorists should expect intermittent closures to vehicular traffic from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Bay Street in the following areas:

- From just east of the Florida Repertory Theater parking lot entrance to Jackson Street.
- From Jackson Street to Lee Street.

Sidewalks will remain open during street closure. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution.

Seaboard Street Overhead Utility Work

Crews will be working on overhead utilities until **October 23, 2020** along Seaboard Street from Michigan Avenue north to First Street / Palm Beach Boulevard. Lane closures are expected; crews are working Monday through Thursday. 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 23, 2020** along First Street from Seaboard Street to Fowler Street. Lane closures are expected; crews are working Sunday through Thursday. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution.

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.**

Through motorists should follow posted detour signs. **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.
- Residents and businesses will be directed to Cranford Avenue for access. **The following roads on the east side of Evans Avenue will be closed at Evans Avenue:**
 - **Michigan Avenue**
 - **Guava Street**
 - **Dr. Ella Piper Way**

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.

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.

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.

This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions. 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.

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 Winkler Avenue closed on the west wide of US/41 Cleveland.**
- **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.

Street Lighting Maintenance:

Business 41: The week of **Monday, October 19, 2020 through Friday, October 23, 2020:** Lee County DOT Traffic will be performing street lighting maintenance on Business 41 from the foot of the Edison Bridge to North Fork Drive. Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the northbound and southbound outside lanes from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Street Lighting Maintenance:

Colonial Boulevard/Midpoint Bridge/Veterans Parkway: The week of **Monday, October 26, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020:** Lee County DOT Traffic will be performing street lighting maintenance on Colonial Boulevard/Midpoint Bridge/Veterans Parkway from Solomon Boulevard to Del Prado Boulevard. Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the eastbound and westbound lanes from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Buckingham Road at SR 82 (ROW2019-00848): Lee Mar Building and Construction Corp. will be installing drainage improvements and adding east and west turn lanes on the northeast corner of Buckingham Road and SR 82. The project will start on **Friday, September 18, 2020 and will be completed in November 2020.** Motorists are urged to use caution in the work zone, as there will be lane closures and lane shifts from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bob's Barricades will provide MOT (maintenance of traffic). For further information, please contact James Thompson, at Lee Mar, at 239-481-2613 or Jimmy@LeeMar.US

Intersection Markings: Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible **10-15-20 through 10-21-20** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- Boy Scout Drive
- Colonial Boulevard (McGregor Blvd to US 41)
- Six Mile Cypress Parkway

- Fowler St (East Mall Dr – Hunter Terrace)

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

Plantation Road and Penzance Boulevard: PowerTown Line Construction will be removing and installing poles for FPL on the east side of Plantation Road, from Penzance Blvd. north to Idlewild Street; also on the south side of Penzance Blvd, from Plantation Road east to Six Mile Cypress. Work began Monday, June 29, 2020, and will run through November 1, 2020. Crews will work daily from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Scott's Safety will supply MOT (maintenance of traffic). For further information, contact Richard Messner at 813-955-1976.

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 Buckingham Road to Forum Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during daytime hours, while crews add a turn lane, weather permitting. 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.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Riverside Drive to US 41: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews replace power poles, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution and expect delays.

Special Events

October 2020

Farmers Market Event and Relocation

Weekly Farmers' Market **will start on Thursday October 8, 2020** and will be **located on Broadway between Main Street and Second Street (south)**. It will be held every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The roads will close at 6:30 a.m. for set up and remain closed until 2:00 p.m. for teardown. Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.

First Christian Church Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat - First Christian Church of Fort Myers will have Trunk or Treat Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tournament Street from McGregor Blvd. to Victoria Street will be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the parking lots will be re-opened after 7:00 pm. Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.