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Road Watch Update

November 05 – November 11, 2020

City Walk – West First Street Road Closure

West First Street from Altamont Avenue to Virginia Avenue will be closed next week while crews perform utility work in the roadway. The road will be closed from 7:00am to 3:30pm daily from Monday, November 9th thru Friday, November 13th. Please watch for detour signage to lead you around the closure.

Silver Hills – West First Street Sidewalk Closure

The sidewalk on the north side of West First Street between Altamont Avenue and Virginia Avenue will be closed starting Monday, November 9th until Friday, November 20th. Please look for detour signage to lead you around the closure.

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.

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.

First Street Overhead Utility Work

Crews will be working on overhead utilities until **November 20, 2020** along First Street/Palm Beach Boulevard 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.

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.

HANSON STREET AND VERONICA S. SHOEMAKER BOULEVARD FINAL PAVE NIGHTTIME/OVERNIGHT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Beginning at 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., Wednesday, November 11 through Monday, November 16 (excluding Friday and Saturday nights) crews are scheduled to mill and final pave the following areas:

- Hanson Street from Work Drive to Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard
- Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard roundabout and just north and south of the roundabout

Motorists at driveways and side streets may experience ingress/egress delays when the paver is at your driveway or side street. Motorists may experience traffic lane reductions during this work and should expect delays.

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

ORTIZ AVENUE

- Two lanes of traffic are maintained on the east side of the Ortiz Avenue with one lane in each direction from Bruce Herd Lane (Eastwood Golf Course entrance) north one mile.
- The speed limit has been reduced to 20 mph through the Ortiz Avenue future roundabout.
- **Beginning Monday, November 9, crews are scheduled to pave the closed Ortiz Avenue lanes.**

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should use extreme caution.

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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 Carrell Road closed at US 41/Cleveland Avenue on Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10.**
- **Motorists should expect side road closures from Winkler Avenue to Victoria Ave 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.

Plantation Road, Fort Myers (ROW2020-00469): Mitchell & Stark Inc. will be performing landscaping, irrigation main installation, directional boring, and paving on Plantation Road in the northbound inside lane, between Idlewild Street and Bonavie Cove Drive, for a future left-turn lane at the entrance to The Carlton of Fort Myers. Work will begin on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020** and continue **through Saturday, November 21, 2020**. Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the work area from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mitchell & Stark will provide maintenance of traffic services. For further information, please call Chris Anderson at 239-250-9789 or email CAAnderson@mitchellstark.com.

Striping Maintenance: Lee County DOT will be performing a moving operation with traffic delays on **11-5-20 through 11-11-20** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- **Commerce Lakes Drive**
- **Penzance Boulevard**

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

Intersection Markings: Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible on **11-5-20 through 11-11-20** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- **Six Mile Cypress Parkway**

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

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

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

November 2020

Farmers Market Event and Relocation

Weekly Farmers' Market is 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.

November 6, 2020

Taste of Lee- Load in will begin on Friday November 6th on Heitman, Edwards and Monroe St., the roads will be closed starting at 12:00 pm. Event is being held on Saturday from 11am to 6:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

November 6, 2020

Art Walk - River District Alliance will present their monthly Art Walk event on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The following roads will be closed from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm: First Street will be closed from Broadway Ave. east to Lee St. and Lee St to Royal Palm Ave. The side roads of Dean St. from First to Bay St., Hendry from Main St. to Bay St. and Jackson St. from Main St. to Bay St. will also be closed. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**

November 7, 2020

Pal Football at Stars Complex- PAL Football games will be on the fields on Prince St. from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Prince St. from Edison to South will be closed from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure

November 9- 15, 2020

Fort Myers Boat Show- Additional roads will be closed starting on Monday November 9th and remain closed until November 16. Roads are, Heitman St. east to Hendry St. for the remaining set up for the Fort Myers Boat Show. The Boat Show will begin on Thursday, November 12, 2020 from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily thru Sunday November 15. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**

November 13- 14, 2020

The Standard Restaurant- will be celebrating their 5-year anniversary with events on November 13th and 14th. On Friday November 13th will be the Drag Queen Show from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. On Saturday, November 14th will be Bike Show from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. For both events Broadway between First St. south the Main St. will be closed from 5:30pm until 10:30pm. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**

November 14, 2020

Social Gathering at Hideaway- The Hideaway Sports Bar will hold a social gathering for motorcycle enthusiasts on Saturday night from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Dean St. will be closed from First St. north to Bay St. from 5:30pm to 11:00pm. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**

November 15, 2020

Celebration of Life- Cowboy Up Saloon will hold a celebration of life on Sunday, November 15th from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Hendry St. from north of Lee County Parking lot to Main St. will be closed from 2:00 pm to 12:00 am. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**