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Road Watch Update

November 19 – November 25, 2020

Linhart, Magnolia, Holly Utility Rehabilitation Project

The City of Fort Myers is scheduled to replace water mains and sanitary sewer pipe and install some storm drainage on the following roadways:

- Linhart Avenue (Cortez Boulevard to US 41)
- Magnolia Street
- Holly Road
- McCann Street
- Maple Avenue
- Sunset Road (Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street)
- Sanders Street
- Nelson Street (Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street)
- Hanson Street (just east of Holly Road to Sunset Road and Nelson Street to US 41)

The project also includes new sidewalk on side streets and will replace sidewalk disturbed by the construction. The project is expected to be complete in early 2022.

Linhart Avenue

Crews are expected to start work on Linhart Avenue at Cortez Boulevard and work east toward U.S. 41. Linhart Avenue will be closed to through traffic during construction. Through motorists should follow posted detour signs. Local traffic will be accommodated.

Residents and businesses may need to access your 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 may be 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 info@fortmyersutilities.com.

Crag Street Watermain Improvements

The City of Fort Myers is installing a waterline along Crag Street between Palm Avenue and end of roadway. Closures will occur along Crag Street between Palm Avenue and End of Roadway while crews perform utility work on the roadway. Cranford Avenue will be closed on Sunday, November 22nd between Hanson Street and Meadow Lane for the crossing of Cranford Avenue with the Waterline. Motorists should use extreme caution. This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions.

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 30th. 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 30th. 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.

ORTIZ AVE FINAL PAVE NIGHTTIME/OVERNIGHT BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Beginning at 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., Wednesday, November 18 through Monday, November 23 (excluding Friday and Saturday nights) crews are scheduled to mill and final pave Ortiz Avenue roundabout and north and south of the roundabout.

- Motorists may experience traffic lane reductions and lane shifts during this work and should expect delays.

- Two lanes of traffic are currently 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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, CREWS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ALL NORTH AND SOUTH BOUND LANES OF THE ORTIZ AVENUE ROUNDABOUT.

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 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 CAnderson@mitchellstark.com.

Striping Maintenance: Lee County DOT will be performing a moving operation with traffic delays on **11-19-20 through 11-25-20** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- **Commerce Lakes Drive**
- **Penzance Boulevard**
- **Treeline Avenue**

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

Intersection Markings: Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible on **11-19-20 through 11-25-20** 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/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Knight Street to Palm Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours, weekdays while crews work in the median, 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.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865 and SR 867): Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible 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 20, 2020

RDA presents Music Walk – River District Alliance presents their monthly Music Walk Event from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The streets that will be closed from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. are First St. from Monroe to Jackson St., Broadway from Main to First St., Dean St., and Hendry St. from Bay St. to Main St. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

November 22, 2020

Pendas Law Firm Turkey Giveaway – The Pendas Law Firm will hold their annual Turkey Giveaway on Sunday, November 22nd at their office on Evans Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Evans Avenue will be closed from Winkler Avenue south to Colonial Boulevard from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

November 28, 2020

Quinones Ceremony- Quinones Wedding Ceremony will be held on Saturday November 28, 2020 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. At Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. First St. between Jackson and Lee St. will be closed from 1:00pm to 7:00pm along with the sidewalk on the north side of the road. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**