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Road Watch Update

February 4 – February 10, 2021

Cranford Avenue Speed Hump

Neubert Construction will be installing a speed hump on Cranford Avenue the week of **February 8, 2021 thru February 12** between Lemon and Orange Streets. This will involve a detour. Please follow the signage to lead you around the road closure.

Michigan Avenue Link Sidewalk

Neubert Construction will begin replacing the sidewalk on the south side of Michigan Avenue Link from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Blvd. to Zapato Avenue starting on February 8, 2021. This will involve a road closure from Michigan Ave to Marsh Avenue **February 8, 2021 through February 9, 2021**. Flaggers will guide motorists around the construction area and when there is the need to transport equipment to and from the work site.

Lafayette Street Detour

Honc Construction will be working at Truly Nolen on Edison Avenue with a required road closure starting on Monday, February 1, 2021. Lafayette Street will be closed between Cranford Avenue and Palm Avenue for a sewer main tie-in. This closure will last for 2-3 weeks but local business traffic will be able to access their driveways all other traffic will be detoured around the work.

Hanson 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 completed in early 2022.

Linhart Avenue

Crews are expected to continue work on Linhart Avenue beginning at Cortez Boulevard and work east toward U.S. 41. Linhart Avenue from Cortez Boulevard to Nelson Street will be closed to through traffic. 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 the west end of roadway. Crag Street in this vicinity is down to one lane. Motorists are to use caution. This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions.

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 **beginning Monday, January 18, 2021**. This sidewalk will be **closed for the next two months** to allow FPL work and other utilities to be completed. Please look for detour signage to lead you around the sidewalk closure.

Hanson Street Sidewalk and Drainage

Contractors for the City of Fort Myers are installing 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 complete 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

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 complete in early 2021.

Old Metro Parkway will remain 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.

Bay Street Intermittent Closures from Dean Street to Lee Street

Motorists should expect intermittent closures to vehicular traffic from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Bay Street from Dean Street to Lee Street.

Sidewalks will remain open during street closure. 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.**

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.

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.

I-75 at Colonial Boulevard: Construction project: Crews begin construction on the I-75 at Colonial Boulevard Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Project. Other improvements along Colonial Boulevard include a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the intersection of Six Mile Cypress Parkway/Ortiz Avenue and a Superstreet intersection at the Colonial Boulevard/Forum Boulevard intersection. I-75 will also be widened to provide an auxiliary lane in each direction from Colonial Boulevard to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The off-ramps at Colonial Boulevard DDI and the northbound off-ramp at SR 82 will have emergency stopping sites.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on I-75 and the on and off ramps at Colonial Boulevard and SR 82 (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) through the duration of the construction.**
- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on SR 82 (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) through the duration of the construction.**

Drivers should exercise caution and be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway through the duration of the project. The expected completion date is mid-2024. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida.

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 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.

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Special Events

February 2021

February 5, 2021

Artfest next street closings begin on Thursday, February 5th about 3:30 P.M thru Sunday at 9:00 P.M.. With this closure Heitman Street from just passed the post office large vehicle entrance to Edwards Drive will close, Monroe from Bay to Edwards will be transformed to two- way traffic on the southbound lane of Monroe for the post office and two-way traffic just for people needing to get to the hotel parking lot only. No thru traffic beyond Bay Street starting this day. **Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.**

February 5, 2021

Art Walk - River District Alliance will present their monthly Art Walk event on Friday, January 8, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The following roads will be closed from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. First Street will be closed from Broadway Ave. east to Lee St. 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 roads.**

February 6, 2021

Storch Wedding -Storch Wedding Ceremony will be held Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. First St. in front of the Sidney & Berne Davis Center between Jackson and Lee St. will be closed from 1:00 p.m. to set up the chairs for the ceremony until 7:00 p.m. for teardown. **Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.**

February 6 & 7, 2021

ArtFest - It is time for the annual ArtFest event which will be on February 6th and 7th, 2021. Saturday will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The roads will be closed for setup starting on Wednesday 6:00 a.m. and remain closed until Sunday night about 9:00 p.m. Heitman Street from Bay north to Edwards, Monroe St. from Bay St. north to Edwards, Hendry St. from Bay St. north to Edwards, Jackson St. from Bay St. north to Edwards Dr., Edwards Drive from Heitman east all the way to Lee St. will be closed except for entrance to the Luminary hotel parking garage. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

February 11, 2021

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.**

February 18, 2021

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.**