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Road Watch Update September 23 – September 29, 2021

Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard

Beginning **September 2021**, the City will begin construction on the first two raw water wells identified as P-21 and P-22 located just south of the North Colonial Linear Trail between Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard and Hodges University. These wells are expected to be in production by summer 2022.

Motorists may experience intermittent lane closures and momentary traffic delays in the northbound lane of Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard just south of the North Colonial Linear Trail while crews move materials and equipment for the construction activities. Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area and entering Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevard.

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.

Orangewood Avenue Paving

Orangewood Ave. between Colonial Boulevard and Medical Lane will have intermittent road closures starting **September 22, 2021**. Hallmark Paving will be doing curbing, milling and overlay work for the City of Fort Myers on Orangewood Avenue for the next 4 weeks. The road will only be closed when work is being done, not at all times. Contact Michael Hall (239)707-9338 or Jack Hall with Hallmark Paving (239) 652-0005 for further information.

West First St. Closure – Silver Hills will need to close the roadway from Altamont Avenue to just east of the City Walk parking entrance which is east of Virginia. The closure will begin on **Monday, September 13, 2021 thru Monday, September 27, 2021**. This roadway will be closed for 2 weeks and the sidewalk traffic will be detoured at Altamonte intersection to the other sidewalk along City Walk. **Please look for detour signage to lead you around the sidewalk closure.**

East Water Storage Tank and Pump Station

Beginning **June 2021**, contractors for the City of Fort Myers will start construction of the new East Water Storage Tank and Pump Station. The facility is located at 12019 Treeline Avenue on the east side of Treeline Avenue near Silver Ridge Boulevard. The project also includes installation of off-site water main pipe along Treeline Avenue. The project is expected to be **completed November 2022**. Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area and entering Treeline Avenue.

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

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

Linhart Avenue closed to through traffic from Cortez Boulevard to Nelson Street while crews continue underground utility installation.

Magnolia Street

Magnolia Street from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street will be closed to through traffic while crews install underground utilities.

Holly Road

Holly Road from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street will be closed to through traffic while crews install underground utilities.

McCann Street

McCann Street from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street will be closed to through traffic while crews install underground utilities.

Sunset Road

Sunset Road from Linhart Avenue to Maple Avenue will be closed to through traffic while crews install underground utilities.

Nelson Street

Nelson Street from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street will be closed to through traffic while crews install underground utilities.

Maple Avenue

Maple Avenue from Sunset Road east to the end of the road will be temporarily closed while crews install sanitary sewer pipe.

Local traffic will be accommodated. Through motorists should follow posted detour signs.

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.

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 as a right-in/right-out only travel pattern 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.**

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- **Motorists should expect Linhart Avenue closed on the west side of US 41/Cleveland Avenue.**
 - **Motorists should expect Earl Road closed on the east 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 nighttime/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 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 summer 2022. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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.

RPM Replacement Project (raised pavement markers) - Contractors for Lee County, AKCA Inc., will be performing a slow moving operation with traffic delays (*weather permitting*) beginning **Thursday, September 9, 2021 during daytime & nighttime hours on the following roadways:**

- Lockett Road from Ortiz Avenue to Enterprise Parkway
- Lockett Road from Northland Road to EOP
- Treeline Avenue from Colonial Boulevard to Terminal Access Road
- North Airport Road from US 41 to End
- Broadway Avenue from Carrell Avenue to Hanson Street

For questions about this project, please contact Dan Vasiloff at (239) 533-9500.

Street lighting Maintenance:

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, Lee County DOT – Traffic will be replacing streetlights at the following locations:

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- **Colonial Boulevard from Fowler Street to McGregor Boulevard:** Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the eastbound and westbound inside lanes from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - **Colonial Boulevard westbound off-ramp to US 41:** Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the westbound inside lane from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - **Colonial Boulevard eastbound off-ramp to US 41:** Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the eastbound inside lane from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - **US 41 westbound on-ramp to Colonial Boulevard:** Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the westbound inside lane and will have the northbound left-turn inside lane closed to US 41 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - **US 41 eastbound on-ramp to Colonial Boulevard:** Motorists should use caution, as there will be intermittent lane closures in the eastbound inside lane and will have the southbound left-turn inside lane closed to US 41 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

For further information, please contact Ryan Kirsch at 239- 896-8074.

Winkler Avenue and The Palms: Simmonds Electrical of Naples, a contractor for Lee County DOT, will be installing new vehicle detection loops at Winkler Avenue and The Palms. On **Monday, October 04, 2021** from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (weather permitting), there will be lane closure on westbound Winkler Avenue. Motorists are urged to use extra caution in this area. For further information, please contact Ryan Kirsch at (239) 896-8074.

Challenger Boulevard & Winkler Avenue, Fort Myers: Mastec Utility Services will be doing maintenance on a 900 AMP Switch Pole in front of 4600 Challenger Boulevard just east of Winkler Avenue, starting **Tuesday, October 5 through Friday, October 8, 2021**. There will be a lane closure in the eastbound lane on Challenger Boulevard from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Motorists should use caution and expect delays when work is active. Acme Barricades will provide maintenance of traffic. For further information, please contact Henry Meredith at (239) 317-4944.

Striping Maintenance: Lee County DOT will be performing a moving operation with traffic delays **on 9-23-21 through 9-29-21** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- **Boyscout Drive**
 - **Summerlin Road**
 - **Colonial Boulevard**
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Intersection Markings: Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible on **9-23-21 through 9-29-21** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

- Colonial Boulevard at Colonial Country Club Boulevard
 - Colonial Boulevard at Winn Dixie/7-11 access (west of Treeline Avenue)
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Marsh Avenue & Woodside Avenue, Fort Myers (ROW2021-00645): Irby Construction will be replacing poles down Marsh Avenue and Woodside Avenue for Florida Power & Light on **Monday, September 6, 2021 continuing through November 24, 2021.** The southbound lane on Marsh Avenue from Glenwood Avenue to New York Avenue and the eastbound lane on Woodside Avenue from Alderman Street to Fairview Avenue will be subject to periodic lane closures between 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays and possibly on weekends. For any further questions, please contact Cole Bryan at (863) 268-3941 or jbryan@irbyconstruction.com. Scott's Safety will be providing all MOT (maintenance of traffic) services for this project. Call (844) 417-2688 with any questions.

Treeline Avenue: Lee County Department of Transportation will be conducting a sidewalk repair project starting on Wednesday, May 19, and **continuing through September 30, 2021.** Work will be conducted in daylight hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be intermittent lane closures throughout the day. Any questions or concerns with this project, please contact Joey Wilson at (239) 533-9400.

I-75 at Colonial Boulevard (mile marker 136): 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 during nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the duration of 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.

US 41/Cleveland Avenue over the Caloosahatchee River: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, while crews perform maintenance on the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible 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.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 739, SR 865, and SR 867): Maintenance contract project: Crews are restriping the 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

October 1, 2021

ArtWalk - River District Alliance will present their monthly Art Walk event on Friday, October 1, 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 and Lee St. to Royal Palm. 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. Lee St. from Second to Edwards will remain open. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the roads.**

OktoberFest - Millennial Brewing Company will host OktoberFest on Friday, October 1 the October 3rd, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Royal Palm will be closed from Second Street south to Thompson Street starting on Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 6:00pm to Sunday at 8:00pm. **Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.**

October 2, 2021

Nami 5K Walk / Run - Nami Lee County, Inc. presents 5K Walk / Run on Saturday October 2, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event activities will begin at 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and be held in the vacate lot corner of First St. and Fowler St. The walk / run will start on Fowler St. between Second and First St. The route will head north. The route will be over the bridge into North Fort Myers and back. Roads will reopen at 9 p.m. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

PAL Youth Football Game- Youth Football Game will be held at the Stars Complex on Saturday, October 2nd from 7:30am to 8:00pm. Prince St. will be closed form Edison just beyond the park from 7:30am to 8:00pm

Guevara Wedding -Guevara Wedding Ceremony will be held Saturday, October 2nd, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 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 8:00 p.m. for teardown. **Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.**

October 3rd, 2021

Barber Event – Florida Arts will hold the Barber Event on Sunday, October 3rd, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. First St. in front of the Sidney & Berne Davis Center between Jackson and Lee St. will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for teardown. **Please watch for detour signs to take you around road closures.**