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Road Watch Update

December 30, 2021 – January 05, 2022

Billie Street, High Street and Kunze Street

Beginning December 2021, contractors for the City of Fort Myers start construction on Utility Improvements and Reconstruction of Billie Street, High Street and Kunze Street. The project includes the installation of new sanitary sewer pipes and storm drainage improvements.

Crews also will improve and expand stormwater capacity of ponds near the north end of Billie Street. Once the sewer and storm drain systems are installed, roadways will be restored. This project is expected to be completed in fall 2022.

Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area and entering Michigan Avenue.

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.

Penzance Blvd Sidewalk Improvements - Fort Myers (ROW2021-00991)

Target Builders Construction Management, Inc. along with Pavement Maintenance, Inc. will be performing sidewalk improvements beginning Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 and continuing through April 1st, 2022. Construction of a Shared-use Path will be performed in the grassy area on north side of Penzance Blvd. between Paseo Grande Blvd. and Palomino Lane. Intermittent lane closures for westbound and eastbound lanes of Penzance Blvd. will occur and motorists should use caution as workers, flagman, and equipment will be present. For further information, please contact Justin Simonetti at (239) 244-7962 or justin@targetbuilders.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 prepare for the following road closures while FPL subcontractors remove the old power poles. The date has not yet been scheduled.

- Hendry Street from First Street to Edwards Drive
- Bay Street from Dean Street to just east of Hendry Street
- Bayview Court

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should expect delays and use extreme caution

Monroe Street ADA Ramp Construction

Tobler Construction will be working Northbound on Monroe Street between Edwards Drive and Bay Street starting **December 3, 2021 and continuing through January 3, 2022**. The construction will be Northbound on the East side of Monroe Street closing off a lane and proceeding to the West side Northbound on Monroe Street. Please watch for signage and use caution in the area.

Rosa Parks Transportation Center Construction & Renovation

The Rosa Parks Transportation Center at 2250 Widman Way in the City of Fort Myers (Lee County) is scheduled to commence renovation in early November and is expected to be completed by the end of **June 2022**. The renovations will include: adding additional bus berths along Hendry Street, changing the vehicle access from Jackson Street to Widman Way, adding several on site bus berths, building canopies, accessibility upgrades and interior renovations. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area. For more project information, **contact Dawn Huff, LeeTran Senior Planner at 239-533-0233**.

Note: Transit service in and out of the Rosa Parks Station will be uninterrupted. A temporary trailer will be installed to house the Customer Service Area with Public Access to the Restrooms.

Carillon Woods Drainage Improvements

Drainage and road improvements will begin in the neighborhood on **October 11, 2021**. The project is expected to be **completed in April 2022**. Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area.

First Street and Second Street Two-Way Traffic Conversion Project.

Phase I will convert First, Second and Seaboard streets from one-way to two-way traffic. Work is expected to occur Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; however, some night and weekend work may be necessary. This project is expected to be completed in summer 2022.

First Street/Palm Beach Boulevard

- Motorists should expect the Palm Beach Boulevard inside westbound lane closed from Seaboard Street to E. Riverside Drive.
- Motorists should expect lane closures from Fowler Street to Seaboard Street.

Second Street

- Motorists should expect lane closures from Fowler Street to Palm Avenue through the end of December.
- **The week of January 10, 2022, motorists should expect a traffic pattern change on Second Street at the Park Avenue intersection. Second Street traffic will be reduced to one left turn lane onto Park Avenue and one through lane.** These lane closures will remain in place until the two-way traffic conversion.

Drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles entering/exiting streets in the project area. Motorists should expect lane shifts and intermittent closures during these activities. Some sidewalks may be closed during the project.

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Cortez Boulevard Lane Detour - Pike Electric will be working on setting a new pole for FPL at Cortez Boulevard and Oak Lane on Wednesday December 29th and Thursday, December 30th. They will be using a vacuum truck and large trucks to get this pole done therefore there will be one lane closure while they are working. Area Wide Protection and Samuel Bell (239-240-9410) will be handling the closure and flagmen for this project.

US 41/Cleveland Avenue from Winkler Avenue to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard: Construction project: Crews will be 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.**
- **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 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 most of the 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 fall 2022. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

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.

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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**.

Treeline Avenue – Beginning at 12 a.m. nighttime/overnight on the following listed dates concrete trucks will be staging in the Treeline Avenue northbound turn lane between Plantation Gardens Drive and Silver Ridge Boulevard.

- **Monday, 1/3/22** – this work is expected to last until 8 a.m.
- **Wednesday, 1/12/22** – this work is expected to last until 6 a.m.

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.

The following roads are closed to through traffic due to construction:

- Linhart Avenue from Nelson Street to US-41
- McCann Street from Linhart Avenue to the end of the road
- Sunset Road from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street
- Maple Avenue from McCann Street to east of Sunset Road
- Nelson Street from Linhart Avenue to Hanson Street

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.

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 SR 884/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 884/Colonial Boulevard during the nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. 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.

SR 80/Palm Beach Boulevard from Tarpon Street to Superior Street: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect eastbound and westbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews repair asphalt, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work on the roadway.

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

December 30, 2021

Local Farmer's Market - The Farmer's Market has been relocated to Broadway Street. Second Street north to Main Street Will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Market will open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve Countdown - River District Alliance will host the New Year's Eve Countdown Party in Downtown Fort Myers with activities beginning around 6:00 p.m. and continue until 12:30 a.m. The Ball drop will be on Hendry St. this year behind the Luminary Hotel at the intersection. Road closures will start at 10:00 am and continue until 1:30 a.m. or when the streets can safely be reopened. The streets that will close are Bay St. from just east of Parking Garage exit to just west of Jackson St., First St. from Monroe St. to Lee St., Broadway St. from Main St. to First St., Dean St. from First to Bay St., Hendry St. from Main St. to Edwards and Jackson St. from Main St. north to Bay St. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

New Year's Eve Block Party (City Tavern) - City Tavern will have their own block party the same time as the CityWide Block party in front of their Tavern from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. They will have a bar and band set up on Bay St. starting at 6:00 p.m. the roads around the City Tavern will be closed from 10:00 am to 3:00 am same as the large block party. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**