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Road Watch Update

February 17 – February 23, 2022

Virginia Avenue Waterline Replacement

Beginning the week of February 7, 2022 Robert's Drilling will be replacing the existing watermain along Virginia Avenue between the Caloosahatchee River and W First Street. Virginia Avenue will be closed from the Caloosahatchee River to W First Street. Traffic lanes will be reduced to 10ft lanes along Virginia Avenue between W First Street and McGregor Boulevard throughout the duration of the construction. This project is expected to be completed in April 2022.

Local traffic will be accommodated. Motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists should use caution and be aware of construction equipment and vehicles working in the project area.

Crane Operation – AC Unit Installation

February 22, 2022, Hendry St. from Main St. to First St. will be closed starting at 6 a.m. till noon for a crane. The crane will be placing ac units on the roof. The road will be blocked with barricades and the sidewalk to east will be closed while lifting. Contact is Steve Keck with Lead Mechanical Services **239-210-8557**.

First Street Canopy Repair

Crews will be repairing and replacing the Canopy at the rear of the building located at **2267 First Street**. The sidewalk along the south side of Bay Street between Hendry and Jackson Street will be intermittently closed and traffic will be rerouted while a canopy restoration is completed. The work is estimated to take 45 to 60 days to complete. Once the canopy is completed, they will also be painting the side of the building that may take an additional 30 days. Stephen R Bowen Contracting 239-574-8636.

Cortez Boulevard - Overhead Powerline Project

Pike Electric will be working on overhead powerlines under permit # CFM-FPL-2022-002 at **Cortez Blvd from Woodlawn Avenue to Coconut Drive**. The project is scheduled to start **2-10-22** and will require a lane closure with flaggers along Cortez Blvd. This is roughly a two-month project that will completed by 4-11-22, for any further information please contact Brian Williams at 239-225-8037, bwilliams@pike.com.

Area Wide Protective will provide MOT , for any further information on MOT please contact Sam Bell at 239-240-9410, sambell@awptraffic.com.

McGregor Boulevard and Osceola Drive - FPL Powerline Installation

Irby Construction will be working in the Osceola and McGregor Blvd area for FPL. They will be closing south (west) lane for work, making the median the new temporary south bound travel lane. This work is scheduled to be completed **March 16, 2022**. The contact for any issues is Paul Jones 941-467-0410 with Irby Construction.

Caloosahatchee Connect Project

The City of Fort Myers contractors will build a water reclamation facility at the South Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAWWTP) on Matthew Drive. Construction of a new reclaimed water transmission main pipeline will span from the SAWWTP on Matthew Drive, along Barkley Circle, then across Summerlin Road to Royal Palm Square Boulevard to Edwards Kontinos Drive to the connection point in the greenspace on San Marcos just south of Midpoint Bridge to the City of Cape Coral.

The portion of the reclaimed water pipe being installed begins in 2022. 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.

Alliance for the Arts/Edwards Kontinos Drive

- Crews are installing the dewatering system, excavating and installing reclaimed water main pipe at the Alliance for the Arts property and Edwards Kontinos Drive.
- Motorists should expect intermittent access closures to the Alliance for the Arts properties during this work.
- Motorists may need to alter their usual route to access Alliance for the Arts properties.
- This closure will remain in place until work is complete.

Barkley Circle

- Beginning Monday, February 14, Barkley Circle will be closed just south of the First Assembly of God Church entrance at Summerlin Road.
- Motorists may access the First Assembly of God Church from Summerlin Road during this work.
- Motorists may access Barkley Circle from Matthew Drive during this work.
- This closure will remain in place until work is complete.

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.

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@CaloosahatcheeConnect.com.

Ballard Road from Poinsettia Drive to Nuna Avenue and Nuna Avenue from Ballard Road to Glenwood Avenue Lane Closures

Pike Electric will be working on the overhead power lines. The projected start is **January 25, 2022 and continue through February 28**. Said sections of road will be subject to a lane closure with flaggers between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Area Wide Protective will be providing MOT services. For further information, please contact Brian Williams with Pike at 239-225-8037 bwilliams@pike.com. For further information, MOT related please contact Sam Bell at 239-240-9410, sambell@awptraffic.com.

Evans & Edison Avenues Lane Closure

Starting **January 07, 2022** the northbound right turn lane on Evans Avenue at Edison Avenue will be closed to repair a railroad crossing signal.

Billie Street, High Street and Kunze Street

December 2021, contractors for the City of Fort Myers started 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.

Billie Street - Crews are expected to install storm drain starting at the dead end and working south towards Michigan Avenue. There will be limited access during working hours. Motorist may need to access their property from a different direction.

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.

Michigan Avenue – Pole Replacement

Irby Construction will be replacing poles on Michigan Avenue for FPL on October 2, 2021 through February 2022. The eastbound lane of Michigan Ave will be subject of periodic lane closure from Raleigh St to Clotide Ave. This will be daytime hours on weekdays possibly weekends. Please contact Cole Bryan with any questions (863-268-3941) Scotts Safety will be providing all MOT (maintenance of traffic) services for this project. Call (844) 417-2688 with any questions.

East Water Storage Tank and Pumping Station

Beginning June 2021, contractors for the City of Fort Myers 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 – Friday, February 11, beginning at 12 a.m. nighttime/overnight, motorists should prepare for concrete trucks staging in the Treeline Avenue northbound turn lane between Plantation Gardens Drive and Silver Ridge Boulevard.

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

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 through the end of May.

Second Street

- Motorists should expect lane closures from Fowler Street to Palm Beach Boulevard through the end of May.
- **Second Street at the Park Avenue intersection** is currently reduced to the following lanes:
 - One left turn lane onto Park Avenue
 - Two through lanes continuing east on Second Street
 - **Thursday, 2/10, beginning at 8 p.m. crews are expected to work nighttime/overnight to stripe the intersection of Second Street and Park Avenue.**

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.

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@CFM2way.com.

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.

- **Expect Linhart Avenue closed on the eastside of US 41/Cleveland Avenue.**
- **Expect Canal Street (southside) closed at 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.**

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.

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.

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 (Hanson Street to Sunset Place)
- Sunset Place (Sunset Road to US 41)
- Nelson Street (Sunset to Coronado Road)

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.

SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Destination Drive to Forum Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent eastbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays, while crews replace utilities and perform roadway connections. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

State Roadways (US 41, SR 82, SR 739): Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect shoulder closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. while crews clean and repair ditch slopes. Motorists should use caution as crews work on the roadway shoulder area.

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

February 17, 2022

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

February 18, 2022

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

February 19, 2022

Asian Food Street Fest - Millennial Brewery will host Asian Food Street Fest on Saturday, February 19, 2022. The event will be from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with Royal Palm in front of Millennial Brewery between Second and Thompson Streets will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for both events. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around the road closures.**

February 19th and 20th, 2022

Edison Festival of Light Craft Show and Sunday Car Show – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Car Show). This year the Crafts will be in Centennial Park on Saturday (No road closures except for the parade) and add the Car Show on Sunday along Heitman Street, Edwards Drive in front of the Luminary Hotel and Monroe around the Post Office. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

Edison Festival of Light 5K Run & Grand Parade

The 5K run will be ran from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The run will start at Bay and Jackson Streets. Runners will head south to Main St. and turn right onto Main St. and west on Main St. to Cleveland Ave. Then turn onto Cleveland Ave. and continue south to Katherine St. the runners will turn around and run back to Main St. in the Downtown area. Then turn left onto Hendry St. right onto Edwards Dr. to the finish line in front of Campo Felice. Once the runners have cleared the streets the parade will start at 7:45 p.m. The parade leaves Fort Myers High School on Cortez Avenue at 7:45 p.m. turning right from Cortez Ave. to Cleveland Ave., left onto Cleveland Ave. and north into the Downtown area to Main St. and Hendry St. Then left onto Hendry St. north to Edwards Dr. right onto Edwards. The parade ends at Edwards and Jackson St. Loading and unloading after the Parade will be as such: The bands will board the school buses on Lee St. all floats will continue and turn onto Jackson St. south to City of Palms Park to unload.

Road Closure for the Parade

In order to keep vehicles out of the parade zone, some local roads in the downtown area will be closed from 8 a.m. The Fort Myers Police will close roads and access to the bridge as it gets closer to the parade. The City intends to leave Monroe, Second St. Royal Palm and Bay to the Yacht Basin and Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. open as long as possible to allow motorists to get to the parking garages. **Please watch for detour signs to lead you around road closure.**

