

Week of May 21, 2017

MANATEE COUNTY

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(Sarasota/Bradenton): Construction Project:

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Detour – Eastbound and Westbound University Parkway CLOSED under I-75 at the I-75/University Parkway Interchange:

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Temporary intermittent single and double lane closures are in place at night/overnight on eastbound and westbound University Parkway from Cooper Creek Blvd. to Market Street Sunday, May 21 through Friday, May 26 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m.

The contractor is implementing the diverging diamond traffic pattern, installing water main and storm drain throughout the project, excavating earth material, paving University Parkway and the on and off-ramps, placing permanent striping, constructing sidewalk and curb & gutter, painting the panels for the noise wall, installing permanent signalization, installing guardrail, and installing permanent signage. **Watch for trucks entering and leaving the highway and uneven pavement. Watch for changes in the speed limit. Speeding fines double when workers are present.**

Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on northbound and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening of University Parkway, widening of I-75 bridges over Errie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i75/university/>

I-75 from Moccasin Wallow Road to the Hillsborough County Line: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing I-75, making drainage improvements, installing guardrail, and adding new signage and pavement markings. The pavement along Moccasin Wallow Road at the I-75 interchange is also

being reconstructed. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2018.

US 301 from 19th Street to 60th Avenue: Construction project: Crews are removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway; installing guardrail and new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. AJAX Paving Industries of Florida LLC, is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2017.

US 301 at the Hernando Desoto Bridge: Construction project: Crews are installing pile jackets, making concrete repairs and repairing the bridge fender system. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Portions of Riverwalk along the seawall will be closed from early May through the end of August while crews are working on the seawall. Inland Construction and Engineering, Inc., is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

SR 789 at the Longboat Key Drawbridge: Bridge maintenance project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent north and southbound lane closures from 9 p.m. each night to 4 a.m. each morning Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 684/Cortez Road at 20th Street W: Construction project: This project is to perform pedestrian improvements at the SR 684/Cortez Road at 20th Street W intersection; including, new pedestrian crossing ramps, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals. This week, crews will work on final punch list and site cleanup. Variable message signs are in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Motorists should anticipate lane closures and should use caution while traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is spring 2017. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

SR 70 from 301 Boulevard to Tara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway and making signal upgrades. Expect daytime and/or nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. Daytime construction work continues along SR 70 reconstructing concrete curbs and sidewalks for ADA improvements. Expected completion is late summer 2017. The contractor is Superior Asphalt, Inc.

SR 70 at Greenbrook Boulevard West: Construction project: Crews are installing a new traffic signal, crosswalks with pedestrian signals, and street lighting at the intersection. Motorists should expect daytime or nighttime lane closures; therefore, drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. This week, crews will be working on activating the traffic/pedestrian signals and lighting, and installing the road striping. Crews will also begin the punch list items and site cleanup. Expected completion is spring 2017. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

SARASOTA COUNTY

County Road 765/Jacaranda Boulevard and County Road 772/East Venice

Avenue Roundabout: Construction project: This project is to perform improvements to the roundabout at the County Road 765/Jacaranda Boulevard and County Road 772/East Venice Avenue intersection; including realigning of lanes, adjusting turning curves, and installing new pavement markings and signage. Drivers should anticipate nighttime lane closures between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. This week, crews will work on laying asphalt and prepare for road striping. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is spring 2017. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

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US 301/Tamiami Trail at 17th Street: Construction project: This project is to perform pedestrian improvements at the US 301 at 17th Street intersection; including, new pedestrian crossing ramps, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals. Drivers should anticipate nighttime lane closures between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. This week, crews will work on final punch list and site cleanup. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is spring 2017. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

Business US 41 from Palermo Place to Venice Avenue: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, constructing new sidewalk and installing new bus pads. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures while crews are working. Estimated completion is summer 2017. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

US 41 from SR 789 to Ritz Carlton Drive and sidewalk located along the north side of SR 789 from Sunset Drive to US 41 will remain closed until construction of the development located at the corner of US 41 and SR 789 is complete. Pedestrians should follow the established detour.

US 41/Venice By-Pass from Gulf Coast Boulevard to Bird Bay Drive: Construction project: Crews continue installing utility and storm drain systems and constructing temporary pavement.

Traffic Shift: Northbound traffic on US 41 between Venice Avenue and Bird Bay Drive will shift to the newly constructed northbound lanes overnight Sunday, May 14.

Expect intermittent nighttime/overnight northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. throughout the project limits while crews are working. Motorists should be mindful of the construction signs in place and traffic control officers and use caution while traveling through the project area. Bergeron Land Development is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2018.

US 41 over Myakkahatchee Creek: Construction project: Crews are constructing new pedestrian overpasses over Myakkahatchee Creek; improving drainage; installing guardrail, and constructing

new sidewalk. Expect daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Cone & Graham, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

US 41 from Browning Street to 11th Street: US 41 from Browning Street to 11th Street: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway; installing new drainage; installing highway lighting, curb and gutter; constructing new sidewalk, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on US 41; US 301; Fruitville Road, and Orange Avenue while crews are working. **Crews are constructing a new right turn-lane from northbound US 41 to Fruitville Road. Once constructed, the existing right turn-lane will be closed to traffic. Crews will then construct a pedestrian island and improve drainage. Nighttime/overnight northbound outside lane closures are also expected from 9 p.m. each night to 6 a.m. each morning while crews are working.** Preferred Materials, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2017.

US 41 from Pecan Lane to Laurel Road: Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. through Thursday, May 25. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 789 at New Pass Bridge: Construction project: Crews are updating the Bridge Tender house, electrical and mechanical components, and traffic gates on New Pass Bridge. Sidewalk improvements are included as well. As part of ongoing construction and to test the new electrical and mechanical components, the contractor is required to open the bridge four times per day. In an effort to minimize impacts to the public, the contractor will complete the required daily four openings between 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Monday through Sunday. If the required number of openings cannot be obtained during this time period the contractor will use openings during the day during normal boat traffic. The testing period is expected to last through mid-May. Quinn Construction is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2017.

SR 789/John Ringling Parkway at Bird Key: Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing sidewalk, installing landscaping and irrigation. Expect possible daytime lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, May 26. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 776 between Dartmouth Street and Jacaranda Boulevard: Maintenance contracts project: Crews are performing storm water pipe cleaning through late May. Expect intermittent daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Use caution and expect possible delays.

SR 758/Bee Ridge Road/Osprey Avenue from Siesta Drive to Dunn Drive:

Construction project: **The traffic will shift this week** from Beneva Road to Bond Place into its final configuration. All lanes will be open other than intermittent lane closures in the westbound outside

north lane to complete inlet and curb work in the area. Be aware that there will be *temporary lane closures* in the bi-directional turn lane while the crews re-stripe the roadway for the new configuration. Please use extreme caution when accessing that lane. The bi-directional turn lane is also closed east of Shade to mark the traffic shift near the bridge.

Traffic is shifted to the south from Shade Avenue east to Beneva Road as crews continue finishing the storm drainage and paving restoration in selected areas on the north side of the roadway. The north sidewalk is closed in these locations and pedestrians will be directed to the new sidewalk on the south side of Bee Ridge Road.

Please stay alert for other intermittent lane closures as well as slow moving construction vehicles throughout the project. Motorists should plan additional travel time and exercise caution as the construction operation progresses across driveways and side streets.

Side Street and Driveway Advisories: There will be intermittent side street closures throughout the east and west ends of the project as crews finish installation operations and ready the roadway for paving. Please stay alert for those temporary closures and for traffic control devices or flagmen that will direct drivers.

The project consists of significant drainage improvements, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, reconstructing sidewalk, and installing new signalization in some areas. The project also includes construction of eleven (11) pedestrian refuge islands on Bee Ridge Road between Dunn Drive and US 41. Expected completion of the \$17 million project is fall of 2017.

SR 72 at Proctor Road: Maintenance permits project: Crews are constructing a turn lane and driveway. Expect daytime intermittent lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 26. Use caution and expect possible delays.