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Overbrook Road Bridge to close temporarily during construction

The Overbrook Road Bridge in Englewood will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic March 29-April 10 for replacement of utility connections for the Englewood Water District. A second planned closure is scheduled June 1 until the end of August for replacement of the bridge.

During the closures, traffic will be detoured via Alamander Avenue to Manasota Beach Road. Electronic message boards will notify motorists of the closures. Preliminary work on the bridge has begun, and there may be intermittent lane closures when the bridge is open during construction. Flagmen will be in place to direct traffic.

Built in the late 1950s, the deteriorating bridge is functionally obsolete and at the end of its design life. It will be replaced by a longer and wider structure that will accommodate a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side, 11-foot-wide travel lanes, two 6-foot-wide shoulders and new bridge seawalls and water and sewer connections.

APAC-Southeast Inc. is the contractor for the \$1.287 million construction project. Funding for most of the project is provided by the penny sales tax. The utilities portion -- \$300,227 -- is funded by the Englewood Water District.

For more information about the Overbrook Road Bridge project, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Road Program Construction.