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Construction begins on major stormwater upgrades at Little Five Points downtown

Sarasota County is beginning construction on a major project to relieve structure and street flooding in the Little Five Points (Herald Square) area of downtown Sarasota. The \$913,300 project, which is expected to be complete by November, will improve stormwater pipes and street drainage along Orange Avenue, Oak Street, Pineapple Avenue and Alderman Street. In addition, a water quality inlet baffle box will be installed to reduce pollution flowing into Sarasota Bay.

Construction will require deep excavation, temporary detours and road closures, heavy machinery dewatering activities and some night work. Residents and merchants will receive advance notification of construction activities whenever possible and all affected areas will be restored to their original conditions following the storm pipe replacement.

All businesses will be able to remain open during construction. Safe pedestrian access, parking and business delivery access will be maintained throughout construction. There will be temporary road closures with marked detours. Any necessary utility interruptions will be scheduled between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. in order to minimize impact to residents and businesses.

Funding for the project is provided through a Southwest Florida Water Management District cooperative grant and established Hudson Bayou Basin stormwater assessments.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Little Five Points Stormwater Improvement Project.

Media note: A PDF of the construction area is attached.

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