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Fruitville Road project will close SWFWMD main entrance for a month

Starting Tuesday, Oct. 20, construction of the county's Fruitville Road improvement project east of Interstate 75 will require the temporary closing of the entrance to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) office at 6750 Fruitville Road. The closure is expected to last about a month.

The office can still be accessed from its Coburn Road entrance, south of the Fruitville Road intersection. Signs will be posted to direct visitors.

The reason for the closure is the installation of waterline and stormwater pipes as part of the Fruitville Road improvement project from Coburn to Debrecen roads. Begun in September, the project includes widening and reconstruction of the roadway from two to four lanes, with the addition of 4-foot-wide bicycle lanes, streetlights, 10-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, intersection improvements, a water main and stormwater pipes, inlet structures and stormwater ponds. The project is expected to be completed in the winter of 2010.

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