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Sarasota County Cone Zone

May 28-June 3, 2012

The following is a summary of Sarasota County construction, repair and maintenance projects that are expected to have an impact on local traffic or public areas during the one-week period beginning Monday, May 28, and continuing through Sunday, June 3. This summary includes all road or lane closures approved by the county engineer.

For more information about county construction projects and road and lane closures, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000. This information also can be found on the county website, www.scgov.net; just click on "County Road Projects" on the left. At this site, you also can find the current status of state roadway projects in District 1, which includes Sarasota County, in the weekly RoadWatch Update issued by the Florida Department of Transportation.

North Cattlemen Road from Richardson to DeSoto roads, Sarasota: This week, northbound and southbound traffic on North Cattlemen Road will use the newly constructed roadway north of the Richardson Road intersection. The intersection of North Cattlemen and Richardson roads is now a three-way-stop controlled intersection. Also this week, the contractor will be breaking up the old roadway to rebuild the new northbound lanes for North Cattlemen Road. There will be intermittent lane closures, with flaggers directing the traffic while trucks and construction equipment enter and leave the roadway. There is no access for traffic and pedestrians north of Brown Lane. Motorists are urged to use caution in this area and watch out for heavy equipment and delivery trucks entering and leaving the roadway, as well as changing traffic patterns, lane closures and flaggers. Within the Nathan Benderson Park area, no access is provided north of the pedestrian bridge. The road project for extending North Cattlemen Road from Richardson to DeSoto roads includes the construction of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, 4-foot-wide bicycle lanes and a 10-foot-wide sidewalk along the entire west side of the roadway. In addition, there will be two-30 foot span bridges, lighting, medians, concrete curb and gutters, stormwater pipes, inlet structures, stormwater ponds and water and sewer transmission pipes to enhance the county's utility network. Completion is expected in spring 2013.

Manasota Beach, Manasota Key: Construction of improvements to Manasota Beach is under way. Pedestrians and motorists should use caution while traveling through the area. Project improvements include new restroom and shower facilities, as well as parking area improvements. Temporary restrooms and showers will be available for the duration of the project. The parking area on the west side of Manasota Beach Road remains closed. Parking will be available at the parking area on the east side of Manasota Beach Road. Final completion is scheduled in October 2012.

Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase 1, throughout Sarasota County:

The installation of new signal controller cabinets at 121 intersections throughout the county has been completed. Over the next few weeks, workers will make adjustments to the signals at intersections throughout the county. Other work associated with this project includes conduit installation and fiber installation to forge a countywide network of intersections that will link to the Manatee County Traffic Control Center. The conduit and fiber installations will be done during the day. There will be delays and disruption in the coordination of signals during integration; the improvements will not be in place until the project is finished. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in early fall 2012.

Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase 2, throughout Sarasota County:

The installation of new signal controller cabinets and fiber optic cable is under way for 26 intersections throughout the county. The work associated with this project includes conduit installation and fiber installation to forge a countywide network of intersections that will link to the Manatee County Traffic Control Center. The conduit and fiber installations will be done during the day. There could be delays and disruption in the coordination when the signal cabinet installation begins; the improvements will not be in place until the project is finished. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall 2012.

City of Sarasota projects

S. Washington Drive to south end of Boulevard of the Presidents, St. Armands Key:

Access to the south end of Boulevard of the Presidents from S. Washington Drive will be closed from 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, for approximately two weeks. The closure is needed for directional drilling and connection of a force main to an existing manhole. Traffic will be detoured around this area by using Jackson Drive and Van Buren Place.

Bird Key Park, Bird Key: Bird Key Park will close temporarily Tuesday, May 29, at approximately 6:30 p.m. until dawn on Wednesday, May 30, for work on a water and sewer force main utilities project.

Osprey Avenue from Mound Street north to Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota: Osprey Avenue from Mound Street north to Ringling Boulevard is temporarily closed as part of an improvement project to build a new lift station in nearby Luke Wood Park. The closure started April 30 and is expected to last 60 days while new underground sewer lines are connected. Only local traffic to businesses and residences is permitted. Detour signs direct motorists to use northbound Orange Avenue and southbound U.S. 301.

State projects

Interstate 75 (I-75) from north of River Road to north of State Road 681: The improvements under this contract consist of widening Interstate 75 inside of the median to six lanes from north of River Road to north of State Road 681. The project also includes realignment of the Interstate 75 southbound lanes from north of Cow Pen Slough to Laurel Road, construction of new southbound bridges over Cow Pen Slough and Salt Creek, widening of northbound and southbound bridges over Curry Creek and Fox Creek, and interchange improvements at Laurel Road, Jacaranda Boulevard, and River Road. On Tuesday-Saturday, May 29-June 2, the contractor will continue with the installation of new storm sewer drainage pipe, the transportation and placement of fill dirt (embankment), and the excavation for the new roadway and new lateral roadway ditches. These activities require temporary nighttime lane closures on I-75 Tuesday-Saturday, May 29-June 2, between the hours of 8 p.m.-5 a.m. On Tuesday, May 29,

the contractor will conduct nighttime paving operations throughout the project corridor. Weather permitting, this activity is expected to last five nights. Motorists may experience traffic shifts and temporary intermittent lane closures at the River Road, Jacaranda Boulevard and Laurel Road interchanges. Construction activity also is under way in the median off of Interstate 75 at the bridges over Salt Creek, Curry Creek, Cow Pen Slough, and Fox Creek. Additional activities include the maintenance of plastic tarp (silt fence), for the purpose of erosion control, installation of sod, and the clearing of debris from north of River Road to north of State Road 681. These activities are expected to last for several months. In observance of Memorial Day, construction activities will be suspended from Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28. Motorists are advised to obey the speed limit and exercise extreme caution for their own safety as well as the safety of the construction workers. Weather permitting, this project is expected to be complete in the summer of 2012.

U.S. 41 Business from the U.S. 41 Bypass to Tampa Avenue, Venice: From 7 p.m.-6 a.m. through Thursday, May 31, there will be alternating northbound and southbound lane closures on U.S. 41 Business from the U.S. 41 Bypass to Tampa Avenue while crews replenish the pavement symbols and messages. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect delays.

U.S. 41 from Bee Ridge Road to Siesta Drive, Sarasota: Construction is under way on U.S. 41 from Bee Ridge Road to Siesta Drive to widen the roadway within the existing rights of way, construct a median with a one-way direction opening and brick accents, extend left turn lanes, and modify the pedestrian crossing features and overhead signage. The contractor will not work Sunday or Monday night, May 27-28, because of the Memorial Day holiday. This week, the contractor will finish work on the concrete median separator and install brick pavers. Also, work will be done on the sidewalk on the west side of U.S. 41. Nightly lane closures will be Sunday-Thursday on northbound and southbound lanes on U.S. 41. The nighttime lane closures will occur for most of the project duration, weather permitting. This project is expected to be completed in June 2012.

Bee Ridge Road from U.S. 41 to Cattlemen Road, Sarasota: There will be overnight lane closures eastbound and westbound on Bee Ridge Road from U.S. 41 to Cattlemen Road from 7 p.m.-6 a.m. until Monday, July 2. Crews will be repairing drainage inlets and pipes. Motorists can expect possible delays.

State Road 72 (Stickney Point Road) to the east and west of the Stickney Point Bridge, Sarasota: There will be intermittent overnight eastbound and westbound lane closures from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. through Thursday, May 31, for repair of guardrails. Motorists are advised to use caution and expect possible delays.

Clark Road between west of Rand Boulevard and east of Gantt Road, Sarasota: This project will modify the existing full median opening at Rand Boulevard into a directional median opening, and modify the pedestrian crossing features and overhead signage. The contractor will not work Sunday or Monday night, May 27-28, because of the Memorial Day holiday. This week, the contractor will close the inside eastbound and westbound lanes between 9 p.m.-6 a.m. The nighttime lane closures will be Sunday-Thursday for most of the project duration, weather permitting. Project completion is expected in July 2012.

State Road 681 over the U.S. 41 bridge: This project involves bridge maintenance and steel painting. There will be single-lane closures on westbound State Road 681 over the U.S. 41 bridge. Work is expected to be finished in June.

Clark Road approximately 9 miles east of Interstate 75 within Myakka State Park, Sarasota County: The project to replace the 57-year-old bridge over the Myakka River continues this week with the reconstruction of the roadway adjacent to the new bridge. Traffic has been switched onto the new permanent bridge, which consists of two travel lanes with 8-foot-wide shoulders. Dismantling of the old bridge is under way. Motorists may encounter intermittent lane closures and occasional minor delays during daytime hours. The project is targeted for completion in July.

Clark Road from west of Saddle Oak Trail to east of Myakka Valley Trail, Sarasota: Construction is under way on Clark Road from west of Saddle Oak Trail to east of Myakka Valley Trail. The work includes removing old asphalt, (milling) and resurfacing the roadway, widening the roadway, drainage improvements, guardrail installation, sidewalks, signage and striping on State Road 72 (Sugar Bowl Road). Motorists can expect intermittent single-lane closures during daytime hours, with possible delays. Flagmen will be present as needed. Workers will be in the area Monday-Saturday. This project is expected to be completed in late spring 2012.

Clark Road from west of Proctor Road to Saddle Creek Trail, Sarasota: Work is under way on a project to remove old asphalt (milling) and resurface the roadway, turn lane construction, drainage improvements, guardrail installation and intersection improvements at State Road 72 (Clark Road) and Proctor Road. While crews are working, motorists should expect single-lane closures on Clark Road between the hours of 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2012.

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