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ROAD WATCH UPDATE October 12 – October 18, 2017

Gunnery Road and 8th Street SW Intersection Improvement Project

Public information meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 18 - The Lee County Department of Transportation plans a public information meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the East County Regional Library at 881 Gunnery Rd. N., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971, to discuss intersection improvements at Gunnery Road and 8th Street SW.

The improvements to the Gunnery Road and 8th Street SW intersection include a northbound right turn lane on Gunnery Road and eastbound and westbound left turn lanes on 8th Street SW. The project also includes the addition of bike lanes, sidewalks and a new traffic signal. The project boundaries on 8th Street SW are from Gretchen Avenue east to Floyd Avenue S. and the project boundaries on Gunnery Road are from the Gunnery Road intersection south approximately 400-feet. Improvements to the existing stormwater drainage system on the east side of Gunnery Road will be expanded to accommodate the new northbound right turn lane.

The public is invited to stop by between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to view the plans and speak with project representatives about the improvements.

US 41 & Herons Glen/Avendia Del Vera: A signal contractor will be working on the installation of the new traffic signal at US 41 and Herons Glen/Avendia Del Vera. On the night of October 12, the contractor will be flying the mast arms over the travel lanes of US 41. The work will begin approximately at 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. During this time, there will be periodic lane closures and Police Officers will be on-site to direct traffic. For further questions, call Mike Padgett at 239-533-9500.

Drainage Pipe Work - Bonita Beach Road: Lee County DOT will be repairing the drainage pipe under Bonita Beach Road between Arroyal Road and Spanish Wells Road October 11th through October 13th from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motorists should use caution as crews will be working in the south side of the east bound lane with lane closures. For further questions relating to this project, contact Steve Fort at 239-839-2839.

1. Road Work/Maintenance/Improvements:

Burnt Store Road from Diplomat Parkway to Van Buren Parkway: Construction Project: This project consists of the initial widening of Burnt Store Road to four lanes (ultimately the future design is for six lanes with a two-lane frontage road). The project also includes installation of conduits under the road for the City of Cape Coral. Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours, weather permitting. Motorists should follow detour signs.

- The speed limit is reduced to 45 miles per hour. Motorists should use caution as construction vehicles enter and exit the roadway.
- Motorists should expect northbound and southbound nighttime/overnight lane closures along Burnt Store Road from Wednesday, June 21 through Saturday, July 22 as crews construct turn lanes, shoulders, and sidewalk.
- Van Buren Parkway at the intersection of Burnt Store Road: Northbound and southbound Burnt Store Road motorists must use the new connecting ramp just north of Van Buren Parkway to access Van Buren Parkway.
 - Westbound Van Buren Parkway motorists must also use this ramp to access Burnt Store Road. Motorists should follow detour signs and use extreme caution while driving in this area.
- Diplomat Parkway at the intersection of Burnt Store Road: Northbound and southbound Burnt Store Road motorists must use the new connecting ramp at NW 12th Terrace to access Diplomat Parkway. Westbound Diplomat Parkway motorists must also use this ramp to access Burnt Store Road. Motorists should follow detour signs and use extreme caution while driving in this area.
- NW 12th Terrace at the intersection of Burnt Store Road: This intersection will close TEMPORARILY. This road closure will remain in effect for the duration of

the project. Motorists should access NW 31st Place via NW 9TH Terrace. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.

- NW 14th Terrace at the intersection of Burnt Store Road: This intersection will CLOSE PERMANENTLY. Motorists should access NW 14th Terrace via NW 16th Street. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.
- NW 17th Lane at the intersection of Burnt Store Road: This intersection will CLOSE PERMANENTLY. Motorists should now use NW 16th Street to access the neighborhood. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.
- NW 19th Terrace from Burnt Store Road to NW 31st Place will CLOSE PERMANENTLY. Motorists should now use NW 18th Terrace to access the neighborhood. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.

This north segment from Diplomat Parkway to Van Buren Parkway costs \$15.3 million and the City of Cape Coral's utility conduits are \$550,000. The contractor is Quality Enterprises, USA, Inc. The project is expected to be complete fall 2017. For further questions, please contact Kris Cella or Lisa Macias at 239-337-1071.

<u>Road</u> – Southbound traffic is shifted to the center lane while crews work on the beach side of Estero Boulevard.

<u>Gulfview Avenue to Strandview Avenue</u> – Northbound traffic is shifted to the center lane while crews work on the bay side of Estero Boulevard.

Colonial Boulevard - Mid Point Bridge – Del Prado Boulevard: Lee County DOT will be performing street lighting work in the east and westbound lanes on Colonial Boulevard – Mid Point Bridge – Del Prado Boulevard between Fowler and Country Club on October 11th and 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motorists should use caution as there will be intermittent lane closures. For questions, contact Mike Padgett at 239-533-9500.

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Estero Boulevard Construction – reFRESH Estero Boulevard/Waterlines – Lovers Lane to Albatross Street - Contractors for Fort Myers Beach and Lee County are installing new water main, and sanitary sewer force main, storm drainage, sidewalk and rebuilding roadway on Estero Boulevard from Lovers Lane to Albatross Street. **Motorists may experience daytime and nighttime intermittent one-lane traffic on Estero Boulevard. Flaggers will alternate traffic frequently, but motorists should expect delays.** Crews are expected to work Monday through Friday and most Saturdays.

Segment 2 - Lovers Lane to Madera Road:

<u>Red Coconut to Strandview Avenue</u> – Southbound traffic is shifted to the center lane while crews work on the beach side of Estero Boulevard.

Segment 3 and 4 – Strandview Avenue to Albatross Street:

<u>Strandview Avenue to Aberdeen Avenue</u> – Northbound traffic is shifted to the center lane while crews install sanitary sewer force main on the bay side of Estero Boulevard.

<u>Aberdeen Avenue to Albatross Street</u> – Southbound traffic will be shifted to the center lane while crews clear the road right-of-way on the beach side of Estero Boulevard.

For further questions, please contact Cella Molnar & Associates at 239-337-1071.

Homestead Road from south of Sunrise Boulevard to north of Alabama Road:

Construction Project: This project consists of widening Homestead Road to four lanes. This work will also improve drainage and install new underground utilities. A six-foot sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours. Project cost is \$14.4 million. The contractor is Stevens and Layton, Inc. The project is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. For further questions, contact Lisa Macias, Cella Molnar & Associates at 239-337-1071.

Page Park Water Main Improvements:

Lee County Utilities – Page Park Neighborhood from Danley Drive south to IDD Canal, and from Danley Drive/Airport Road east to 6th Street. Contractors for Lee County Utilities are replacing water mains throughout Page Park. This project will also replace some fire hydrants. Residents can expect detours during construction. The contractor will be restoring sidewalk and driveway aprons throughout the project. **These activities are subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions.** Some driveways will be temporarily closed but businesses and residences will have access throughout the project. Some sidewalks may be closed during the project. Crews are working near the roadway. Drivers and pedestrians should use

caution. Project completion is expected early 2018. For more information about this project, contact Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071.

Pine Ridge Road: Lee County DOT will be performing guardrail maintenance on Pine Ridge Road between McGregor Boulevard and Gladiolus Drive from October 9th through October 12th, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motorists should use caution, as there will be lane shifts. For questions, contact Carlos Hernandez at 239-533-9400.

2. Bridge Maintenance:

Big Carlos Bridge # **120028 Estero Boulevard:** Lee County DOT will be performing bridge maintenance on the Big Carlos Bridge starting October 9th to October 12th, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motorists should use caution, as there will be lane closures.

3. Landscape Improvements:

Tree and plant material replacements: Lee County DOT Operations will be managing tree and plant replacements at the various locations listed below with a project completion date of November 30, 2017:

- Plantation Ext. from Idlewild Drive to Colonial Boulevard
- Summerlin Road from Gladiolus Drive to Colonial Blvd.
- Palm Beach Blvd. from Prospect Ave. to Orange River Blvd.
- Hancock Bridge Pkwy. from SE 24th Ave. to U.S. 41
- Hickory Blvd.
- Del Prado Blvd. from Hancock Bridge Pkwy to Veterans Pkwy.
- Bayshore Rd from Slater Rd. to Pritchett Pkwy.
- Business 41 from S.R. 78 to Littleton Rd.
- Bonita Beach Rd. from Old 41 Rd. to Hickory Blvd.