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**Lee County DOT advises east Lee residents to be aware of change in traffic pattern at Buckingham and Gunnery roads during roundabout construction**

Fort Myers, FL, June 9, 2025 – The Lee County Department of Transportation is pleased to announce crews are entering the second phase of construction for the Buckingham and Gunnery roads roundabout and is urging motorists to use caution as traffic patterns change.

Buckingham Road will be closed from Gunnery Road to Sunset Road beginning June 16. This means:

- Southbound Buckingham Road traffic will be redirected via a detour to Gunnery Road, then turn right at Sunset Road, then left back onto Buckingham Road to continue south.
- Northbound Buckingham Road traffic will be redirected via a detour to turn right onto Sunset Road, then left onto Gunnery Road, to continue onto Buckingham Road north.
- Traffic traveling north on Gunnery Road to access Buckingham Road south, should turn left on Sunset Road prior to the Gunnery Road and Buckingham Road intersection

Additionally, temporary traffic signals will be installed at two intersections:

- Buckingham Road and Sunset Road
- Gunnery Road and Sunset Road

Sidewalks will remain closed during this phase. Work is expected to occur during weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; however, some night and weekend work may be necessary. This project is expected to be completed during Spring 2026.

Lee County Commissioners awarded a \$4.8 million contract to V & H Construction, Inc. to construct the new roundabout. The project is partially funded with almost \$4.6 million in federal funding.

Roundabouts offer operational advantages compared with traditional intersections, including reduced delays, lower maintenance costs, adequate capacity for varying traffic, longer lifespan and fewer severe crashes. Vehicles yield rather than stop, which keeps traffic moving, especially during off -peak hours, which enables continuous traffic flow in all directions, allowing motorists to navigate without stopping This results in fewer delays, opposed to signal cycles or red lights of a traditional signalized intersection.

For general project questions or to receive construction updates, please visit the project website at [www.buckinghamgunneryroundabout.com](http://www.buckinghamgunneryroundabout.com).

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