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ROADWATCH UPDATE

December 7, 2023 to December 13, 2023

1. Road Work/Maintenance/Improvement

US 41/Cleveland Avenue from Winkler Avenue to SR 82/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard: Crews will be installing and relocating utilities and constructing medians.

- Motorists should expect side road closures from Winkler Avenue to Victoria Avenue throughout the duration of the project.
- Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures and detours on US 41/Cleveland Avenue during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours Monday through Friday throughout the duration of the project.

Additional work includes installing drainage structures, pedestrian signals, upgrading signals and lighting, and resurfacing existing highway. The project will be constructed in three segments. Each segment will have most of the construction completed prior to moving to the next segment. Crews will work on the west side of the road initially and when that work is completed, they will shift to the east side of Cleveland Avenue/US 41. **The expected project completion is late 2023**. For additional information, please contact Katelyn Carmona at katelyn.carmona@exp.com.

Corkscrew Road Widening Project – Phase I Construction Project: The project widens Corkscrew Road to six lanes from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Fire House Lane, and to four lanes from Fire House Lane to Bella Terra Boulevard. The project includes adding on-road bike lanes, some sidewalk, installing new drainage, and constructing a wildlife crossing approximately 1000 feet west of the entrance to Cypress Shadows Boulevard. This crossing will coincide with a regional flow-way that crosses Corkscrew Road at that location. The Village of Estero will be installing shared use paths, lighting, and landscaping as

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phasing allows. Drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists are urged to use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. Please be aware of shifts in travel lanes and bike lanes, sidewalk detours, miscellaneous turn lane closures, and uneven pavement throughout the project.

Please use caution and drive with courtesy and patience throughout the project area. Residents are entering and exiting communities on both sides of Corkscrew Road.

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- The contractor continues to complete concrete work including curb and gravity wall. Motorists should expect concrete trucks entering and exiting the roadway.
- Construction of the wildlife crossing/bridge structure will conclude this week. Crews are expected to clean and demobilize over the next week to prepare for paving.
- Earthwork and sodding continue throughout the project. Motorists should be aware of construction equipment and vehicles operating close to the roadway.
- Crews are working to complete the connections for the updated traffic signals at Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and Stoneybrook Golf Drive. Please be aware of workers near the roadway.
- Left turn lanes from Corkscrew Road are unavailable into Wild Blue Boulevard, Cypress Shadows Boulevard (The Preserve at Corkscrew), Midnight Blue Boulevard, and Bella Terra Boulevard. Left turns are still permitted, however they will be made from the travel lane. Where possible, barrels and other devices have been shifted to allow for as much room as possible for vehicles.
- The sidewalk on the south side of the road from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Stoneybrook Golf Drive has been opened to pedestrians. Please be aware that some areas are a temporary surface. The Village of Estero is constructing the shared use path.

The work activities above are scheduled to occur, however unforeseen underground conditions and weather may affect this schedule.

WORK PERFORMED BY OTHERS:

- GL Homes is actively working in the RiverCreek Community site across from Wild Blue Boulevard. Motorists should expect delays and use caution as construction vehicles enter/exit the roadway.
- The Village of Estero is constructing the shared use path on the south side of the road from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Stoneybrook Golf Drive. The Village is currently designing the path to extend to the east property line of Bella Terra and on the north side of the road to east of Grandezza.

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MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT. Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and leaving the roadway. Estimated completion is early 2024. Project cost is approximately \$23M. The contractor is Cougar Contracting, LLC. For further questions, please visit the project website at http://corkscrewroadwidening.com or contact Jennifer Dorning by email at Jennifer.Dorning@atkinsrealis.com or by phone at (239) 338-7723.

Sanibel Causeway Emergency Restoration: As a part of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Emergency Restoration of the Sanibel Causeway, crews continue work on McGregor Boulevard and the Sanibel Causeway from Port Comfort Road to Sanibel Island. **The causeway islands surrounding the temporary roadway are an active work zone and are currently closed for public access, including from the water.**

- From 7:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023 through 6:00 AM on Monday, December 11, 2023, motorists should expect ONE LANE OPEN to two-way travel during ALL HOURS. Flaggers are scheduled to assist drivers as crews work around the clock to restore the causeway bridge approaches. Motorists should plan for traffic delays and allow additional travel time on all weekends November and December.
- During the hours of 6:30 AM 11:00 AM, motorists leaving Sanibel should expect eastbound McGregor Boulevard to be reduced to one lane from just east of the toll plaza to Port Comfort Road. This closed lane will be used as a dedicated lane for concrete delivery trucks arriving to the project. Concrete trucks will be escorted by FHP when using this lane. During this time, motorists traveling to Sanibel should expect FHP to intermittently stop traffic to allow concrete trucks to cross westbound travel lanes to reach the staging area.
- From Sunday, December 10, 2023 to Monday, December 11, 2023, motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours of 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM from Port Comfort Road to east of the toll plaza for crews to pave the roadway.
- Beginning no earlier than 10:00 AM, motorists traveling westbound to Sanibel on McGregor Boulevard should expect segments of the outside through lane from Port Comfort Road to the toll plaza to be closed for crews to install guardrail.
- Beginning at 7:00 AM, motorists traveling westbound to Sanibel on McGregor Boulevard should expect segments of the turn lane to Punta Rassa to be closed to traffic for crews to install guardrail. Motorist can continue to turn right to Punta Rassa.

- Motorists should be aware that through December, portions of the travel lanes near the bridges on the Causeway will be narrowed to 10 feet with a one-foot shoulder and barrier wall on each side. Oversized loads will only be permitted during the nighttime/overnight hours with this restriction.
- Through the end of the year, motorists should expect isolated flagging operations, an uneven road surface, periodic shoulder closures, workers and equipment close to the road, and numerous dump trucks entering and exiting Punta Rassa to deliver project supplies.

Many oversized vehicles are crossing the causeway to assist with recovery efforts on the island. Please be patient as travel may be slower than usual. Bicyclists are encouraged to utilize another mode of transportation to travel the causeway and pedestrians are not permitted on the Sanibel Causeway. Expect shoulder closures throughout the project.

MOTORISTS ARE REMINDED TO OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH. Please use caution and watch for workers and construction vehicles entering and leaving the roadway. For further questions, please contact Jennifer Dorning by email at Jennifer.Dorning@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (239) 338-7723. Please visit www.swflroads.com/SanibelCauseway for additional information.a

Striping Maintenance: Lee County DOT will be performing a moving operation with traffic delays on **December 7, 2023 to December 13, 2023** between the hours of **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

Summerlin Road	New York Drive
Colonial Boulevard	Underwood Drive
Cape Coral Parkway	Alameda Avenue
Del Prado Boulevard	

Intersection Markings: Intermittent Lane closures and delays are possible **December 7, 2023 to December 13, 2023** between the hours of **9:00** .**M to 4:00 PM** (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

Corkscrew Road (Excludes Ben Hill Griffin	Winkler Road
Parkway – Alico Road)	
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Night Work Scheduled for Thursday December 7, 2023 and Friday December 8, 2023: LCDOT will be refreshing the pavement markings at various locations along Gladiolus Dr between the hours of **8:00 PM to 4:00 AM** (weather permitting). Motorists are advised to use cation as intermittent lane closures and delays are expected.

Bonita Beach Road West of US 41 to Kings Kew Road Bonita Springs – Fort Myers (B220294DWJ - Countywide Sidewalk Repair Project): Scott Commercial Contracting LLC will be performing sidewalk repair improvements beginning Monday, May 1, 2023, and continuing through December 31, 2023 (except for on holidays). Removal of and repair of damaged concrete sidewalk will be performed under county contract B220294DWJ on both the north and south sides of Bonita Beach Road west of US 41 to Kings Kew Road in Bonita Springs as directed by Lee County personnel. The outside (right) lane of westbound traffic on Bonita Beach Road just after US 41 will be the first area subject to lane closures utilizing FDOT indexes 102-615 & 102-613. Also, the sidewalk north of Bonita Beach Road will be closed and detoured as needed as outlined in FDOT Index FDOT 102-660. Periodic lane closures for westbound and eastbound lanes of Bonita Beach Road will occur between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM on weekdays. For further information, please contact Shaine Green at (239) 340-8695 or shaine@team-scott.com. Scott Safety LLC will provide maintenance of traffic services (239) 340-8695.

Bonita Beach Road East of Interstate 75 East to Radio Tower Road Bonita Springs - Fort Myers (B220294DWJ - Countywide Sidewalk Repair Project): Scott Commercial Contracting LLC will be performing sidewalk repair improvements beginning Monday, December 4, 2023, and continuing through March 31, 2024 (except for on holidays). Removal of and repair of damaged concrete sidewalk will be performed under county contract B220294DWJ on both the south and north side of Bonita Beach Road East of I-75 to Radio Tower Road in Bonita Springs as directed by Lee County personnel. The outside (right) lane of westbound traffic and east bound traffic on Bonita Beach Road just East of Interstate 75 will be the areas subject to lane closures utilizing FDOT indexes 102-615 & 102-613. Also, the sidewalk on the north and south sides of Bonita Beach Road will be closed and detoured as needed as outlined in FDOT Index FDOT 102-660. Periodic lane closures for westbound and eastbound lanes of Bonita Beach Road will occur between the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekdays. For further information, please contact Shaine Green at (239) 340-8695 or shaine@team-scott.com. Scott Safety LLC will provide maintenance of traffic services (239) 340-8695.

Gateway Boulevard at Griffin Drive/Fairway Lakes Drive: Lee County is constructing a roundabout at Gateway Boulevard and Griffin Drive/Fairway Lakes Drive. Work continues to install utilities and construct the roundabout. Motorists should expect traffic shifts and lane closures through the duration of the project. Motorists should expect the following conditions at the intersection of Gateway Boulevard and Griffin Drive/Fairway Lakes Drive:

- Gateway Boulevard will remain reconfigured to have one northbound and one southbound lane in each direction.
- The current configuration at Griffin Drive will remain as right turn only. Motorists who want to travel southbound on Gateway Boulevard from Griffin Drive, will need to turn right heading northbound and U-turn to head southbound.
- There will be no left turn from Gateway Boulevard to Griffin Drive. Motorists who want to travel eastbound on Griffin Drive, will need to travel southbound through the intersection and make a U-turn at Timber Ridge Drive.
- Fairway Lakes Drive will remain closed at the intersection.
- The posted speed limit has been reduced to 25MPH through the work zone. The existing posted speed limit of 35MPH will remain the same outside of the work zone.

Expect large construction vehicles in the area and watch for contractors in the field. The contractors will use Variable Message Boards (VMB) to notify the public about any traffic pattern changes during construction. The contractor is Wright Construction Group. The project is expected to be complete in one year. Work is estimated to be complete spring of 2024. Work is expected to occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM; however, some night and weekend work may be necessary. If you would like to receive updated or have questions about the project, please visit the website www.GatewayRoundabouts.com. or contact: Kris Cella, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc., public outreach consultant at 239-337-1071 or email: KCella@cella.cc.

Big Carlos Pass Bridge Project – Construction Project: The project builds a new bridge over Big Carlos Pass, from Estrellita Drive on Fort Myers Beach to the Lovers Key State Park bayside entrance on Lovers Key. The new bridge will replace the existing moveable bridge over Big Carlos Pass with a fixed span bridge that will provide a vertical navigation clearance of 60 feet. The new bridge will be constructed on the Gulf side of the existing bridge, and will include one travel lane in each direction, bicycle lanes, a six-foot-wide sidewalk along the north side of Estero Boulevard, and a 10-foot-wide shared use path along the south side of Estero Boulevard. A parking area with access to the Lovers Key State Park will be included on the southeast side of the bridge. The project also includes relocation of existing infrastructure for Lee County Utilities and Bonita Springs Utilities.

Boaters are reminded to avoid the construction equipment and the temporary trestle that is in the water. Please use the channel when traveling through Big Carlos Pass. To contact the bridge tender, please call: 239-955-3973.

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- Crews continue driving and installing pile as a part of the construction of the trestle. The contractor will be building the bridge from this temporary trestle. Pile driving will continue through the duration of the project.
- Fishing from the Big Carlos Pass Bridge is restricted due to construction activities.
- Crews will continue clearing vegetation and performing earthwork throughout the project area.
- Motorists should expect reduced speeds throughout the project area. Please follow the posted speed limit signs and plan for slowed traffic in the project area. Draw bridge will remain in operation during construction and motorists should be prepared to stop.
- Pedestrians will be directed to use sidewalk on one side of the roadway through the construction area.

Drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists are urged to use extra caution when traveling through the work zone as workers and construction vehicles are entering and leaving the roadway. Estimated completion is summer 2026. Project cost is approximately \$90.8 M. The contractor is Superior Construction. For further questions, please visit the project website at https://bigcarlosbridgeproject.com/ or contact Jennifer Dorning by email at Jennifer.Dorning@atkinsrealis.com or by phone at (239) 338-7723.

Lee Boulevard from Sixth Court to Edwinstone Boulevard (ROW2022-01150): Pike Electric will be working on the overhead power lines. The projected start date is **November 27, 2023**. The Westbound far right lane, 500 feet at a time, will be subject to a lane shift from **7:00 PM to 6:00 AM**. The projected end date is **January 5, 2023**. Area Wide Protective will be providing MOT services. For further information, please contact Brian Williams with Pike at 239-225-8037 bwilliams@pike.com. For further information on MOT, related inquiries please contact Sam Bell at 239-240-9410, sambell@awptraffic.com.

North Lee County Wellfield Expansion Phase IIIA Project – Fort Myers (ROW2022-00030): Nalle Grade Road between Slater Road to Nalle Road - RPU will be commencing the Raw Water Main tie-ins via open cut and testing of the Raw Water Main from July 17, 2023, through December 22, 2023. Work will be performed along Nalle Grade Road from Slater Road heading east towards Nalle Road. Eastbound lane along Nalle Grade Road from Slater Road to Nalle Road will be subject to temporary daily lane closures. Traffic will be maintained with flagmen and opened up daily. Working hours shall be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Any questions, please contact Victor Menocal at <a href="maintained-with-road-write-write-with-road-write-with-road-write-with-road-write-with-road-write-write-with-road-write

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North Lee County Wellfield Expansion Phase IIIA Project – Fort Myers (ROW2022-00030): Nalle Road between Sedgefield Road to Nalle Grade Road - RPU will be commencing the Raw Water Main tie-ins via open cut and testing of the Raw Water Main from October 15, 2023, through January 30, 2024. Work will be performed along Nalle Grade Road from Sedgefield Road heading south towards Sedgefield Road. Northbound lane along Nalle Grade Road from Sedgefield Road to Nalle Road will be subject to temporary daily lane closures. Traffic will be maintained with flagmen and opened up daily. Working hours shall be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Any questions, please contact Victor Menocal at <a href="maintained-windows-new-color: white-instance-windows-new-color: white

Winkler Road from Villmoor Lane to Myerlee Country Club Boulevard (Permit ROW2022-01107): Pike Electric will be working on the overhead power lines. The projected start date is November 27, 2023. This section of Winkler Road will be subject to lane closures with flaggers, 300 feet at a time, from 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The projected end date is December 15, 2023. Area Wide Protective will be providing MOT services. For further information, please contact Brian Williams with Pike at 239-225-8037 bwilliams@pike.com. For further information on MOT related inquiries, please contact Sam Bell at 239-240-9410, sambell@awptraffic.com.

Lehigh Acres Mast Arm Replacements & Intersection Improvements Project: Lee County DOT and its contractor American Infrastructure Services (AIS) will begin improvements to three separate intersections in Lehigh Acres, Florida. The Intersections are as follows: 1. Homestead Road N and Beth Stacey Boulevard, 2. Homestead Road N and Plaza Drive, and 3. Joel Boulevard and Bell Boulevard. The improvements include mast arm and signal replacement, asphalt milling and resurfacing, ADA improvements, drainage improvements, sod, and road striping.

- Homestead Road N & Beth Stacey Boulevard and Homestead Road N & Plaza Drive:
 - On Wednesday, December 06, 2023, there may be outside lane closures from 9:00 AM to
 3:00 PM as crews install the mast arm uprights.
 - On Wednesday, December 06, 2023, and Thursday, December 07, 2023, from 9:00 PM to 5:30 AM crews will be installing the mast arms. Law Enforcement will be onsite to stop traffic as needed for the installation of each mast arm.
- Joel Boulevard and Bell Boulevard:
 - On Wednesday, December 06, 2023, and Thursday, December 07, 2023, from 9:00 PM to 5:30 AM crews will be installing the mast arms. Law Enforcement will be onsite to stop traffic as needed for the installation of each mast arm.

The work activities above are scheduled to occur, however unforeseen conditions and weather may affect this schedule.

The project began on **Monday**, **August 14**, **2023**, and is estimated to be complete in **May 2024**. Motorists and Pedestrians are urged to use extra caution when traveling through the work zones. For further information, please contact Ryan Kirsch at <u>LCDOTProjects@leegov.com</u>

Estero Boulevard between Eucalyptus Court and Estrellita Drive- Fort Myers Beach (ROW2023-00705): Blue Streak LLC. will be performing directional boring, handhole placement, fiber pulling and restoration continuing from November 17, 2023, through December 15, 2023. Fiber facilities will be placed within the right of way. All work will be completed within the right of way. Lane closure and sidewalk closures will be required and a moving MOT plan for such closures will be submitted appropriately through our vendor SCOTTS Safety. Working hours will be from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM on weekdays. For further information, please contact Nicholas Novo at (305) 915-9127 or nnovo@bluestreakllc.com.

Leisure Lane to Del Prado Boulevard N along US 41 - North Fort Myers (FDOT Permit #2022-H-192-00135): Accurate Drilling Systems, Inc. will be performing utility improvements **beginning Monday**, **October 30, 2023, and will continue through July 19, 2024**. Asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, concrete curbing, and utility improvements will be performed. US 41 will not have any lane closures. For further information, please contact Mario Acevedo at (863) 517-4124 or ace@accuratedrilling.com. Bob's Barricades will provide maintenance of traffic services 239-656-1183.

Charleston Park Neighborhood Sidewalk Repairs: Lee County DOT and their contractor, Pavement Maintenance Inc., will be repairing existing sidewalks in the specified neighborhood starting Monday, October 23, 2023, through the end of December. Work times will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motorists should use caution, as this area will have sporadic lane and sidewalk closures. Please be aware of the signage in this area. The weather may affect start times and dates. For further information, please contact acancel@leegov.com.

Village Lakes Boulevard at Lehigh Acres Park Expansion – Lehigh Acres (ROW2023-00615): Chris-tel Construction will be performing roadway improvements beginning Monday, November 27, 2023, and should be completed by December 15, 2023. Asphalt pavement, concrete curbing, and drainage

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improvements will be performed. Periodic lane closures will occur between the hours of **7:00 AM and 4:00 PM** on weekdays, but one lane of travel will always be available. Maintenance of traffic and potential for flaggers will exist. For further information, please contact Will McCusker at (239) 896-7313 or wmccusker@christelconstruction.com.

Russell Park Neighborhood Sidewalk Repairs: Lee County DOT and their contractor, Pavement Maintenance Inc., will be repairing existing sidewalks in the specified neighborhood starting Monday, November 27, 2023, through the end of December. Work times will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motorists should use caution, as this area will have sporadic lane and sidewalk closures. Please be aware of the signage in this area. The weather may affect start times and dates. For further information, please contact acancel@leegov.com.

Corkscrew Road in front of Verdana Village Ph.3 – Estero (ROW2023-00670): Mitchell & Stark Construction Company will be performing roadway improvements beginning the night of December 10, 2023, and continuing through December 13, 2023. Asphalt paving and milling of existing roadway will take place during this time. This is a two-lane road, and we will perform one lane closure at a time, complete the work and reopen that lane and close the other lane to perform the rest of the work. This work will be performed at night between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM. For further information, please contact Kody Chapman at (239) 777-3603 or kchapman@mitchellstark.com. Bob Barricades will provide MOT services.

Page Park Neighborhood Sidewalk Repairs: Lee County DOT and their contractor, Pavement Maintenance Inc., will be repairing existing sidewalks in the specified neighborhood starting Monday, December 11, 2023, through the end of December. Work times will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motorists should use caution, as this area will have sporadic lane and sidewalk closures. Please be aware of the signage in this area. The weather may affect start times and dates. For further information, please contact acancel@leegov.com.

Lee County DOT, along with their contractor Community Asphalt will be paving in the following locations: Cadis Street E., Luke Avenue S., Calhoun Street E., Calais Street E., Orena Avenue S., Loire Avenue S., Limerick Avenue. Paving will start Monday, December 18, 2023 through Thursday, December 21, 2023. Work times will be from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motorists should use caution, as this

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area will have lane closures and uneven pavement. Please be aware of the advanced warning signs in these areas. The weather may affect start times and dates. For further information, please contact paving@leegov.com.

5590 Division Drive – Fort Myers (ROW2023-01085): Caloosa Site Development, Inc. will be performing roadway work on December 12, 2023. Asphalt pavement repair will be performed. We will close one lane at a time along Division Drive. Periodic lane closures for northbound and southbound lanes will occur between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM on this day. We will be using flaggers. For further information, contact Lisa Fortner, Project Coordinator, Caloosa Site Development, Inc. at (239) 332-4008

- 2. Bridge Maintenance
- 3. Street Lighting Maintenance
- 4. Landscaping Tree Trimming
- 5. Traffic Signal Maintenance

Del Prado Boulevard and De Navarra Parkway (Cape Coral): American Infrastructure Services (AIS) will be installing a new traffic signal at Del Prado Boulevard and De Navarra Parkway. This project includes improved signalization and lighting. The project is scheduled to begin on **Monday, July 24, 2023, and is anticipated to be complete in early 2024.** To ensure the safety of motorists and construction crews, the speed limit on Del Prado Boulevard approaching the De Navarra Parkway intersection will be reduced from 50 mph to 35 mph. Left turns onto Del Prado Boulevard from De Navarra Parkway will continue to be restricted throughout construction.