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FPL work to affect Estero Boulevard from Lovers Lane to Madera Road

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 24, 2016 — Beginning tonight (Monday, Oct. 24), Fort Myers Beach motorists should expect delays while traveling through the mid-island portion of Estero Boulevard as Florida Power & Light (FPL) begins replacing the power poles to strengthen its facilities on Fort Myers Beach. The work is anticipated to improve service reliability related to severe weather.

This work will occur on Estero Boulevard between Lovers Lane and Madera Road. Crews will replace existing poles with stronger concrete poles and add additional poles at select locations. Once the new poles are installed, crews will begin transferring the utility lines over to the new poles and removing old poles. Vegetation and tree trimming or removal of trees that can interfere with or damage power lines and equipment may be required to ensure the integrity of the power lines.

FPL contractors will need to close the southbound lane and the center turn lane, as the equipment needed for the job must be staged on the roadway to lift and set the poles in their new locations.

FPL contractors will close the lanes between 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. weeknights. Lane closures will be limited to the areas the contractors will be actively working on that night. Flaggers will alternate traffic directions frequently, but motorists can expect delays. Work involving closure of both the southbound lane and center turn lane is expected to be complete by early 2017.

Contact FPL's Chuck Lambing at 239-633-5935 with project-related questions.

This work is independent of the Estero Boulevard Improvement Project currently under construction from Crescent Street to Madera Road. Details about that project are available online at www.reFRESHFMBeach.com or by calling 239-337-1071.