

# Lee County Department of Transportation

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## **ROAD WATCH UPDATE**

New Update September 21st, 2015

## Florida SouthWestern State College – College Parkway & Summerlin Road:

Lee Designs will be working on signage for Florida SouthWestern State College at the southwest corner of College Parkway and Summerlin Road on Wednesday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The construction crew will begin work at 7:00 p.m. and be finished by 6:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to seek an alternative route. For further questions, contact Jeff White at 239-278-4245 or 239-707-4826.

## Eastbound Cypress Lake Drive from east of Costco Plaza to US 41 Closed Overnight from 7 p.m. Monday, September 21 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, September 22 (weather permitting)

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 16, 2015 – During the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. Monday, September 21 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, motorists should expect eastbound Cypress Lake Drive to be closed while crews install a water main under Cypress Lake Drive just east of the Costco Plaza and west of US 41. Motorists traveling eastbound on Cypress Lake Drive to US 41 or to Daniels Parkway, may use Summerlin Road to Gladiolus Drive (south) or to College Parkway (north) to reach their destination during this closure. The Costco Plaza entrance on Cypress Lake Drive will remain open during this work. This closure is expected to last one night; however, this schedule may change due to underground conditions and inclement weather.

This work is part of the Lee County Utilities' US 41 Transmission Mains Project that replaces water main lines along the west side of US 41 from Old Gladiolus Drive to Cypress Lake Drive. The proposed utility improvements will reduce pipe breaks and provide service that is more reliable. This project is expected to be completed by spring 2016.

If you have further questions about the project, please contact Lee County's Public Information Officer for this project, Jennifer Dorning, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071, (toll-free) 877-496-1076 or via email to <a href="mailto:idorning@cella.cc">idorning@cella.cc</a>.

#### Road Maintenance This Week

**Striping Maintenance:** Lee County DOT will be performing a moving operation with traffic delays on **9-17-15 through 9-23-15** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on:

Buckingham Road
Cape Coral Parkway (replacing RPM's)
Hancock Bridge Parkway
Ortiz Avenue
Pine Island Road
Pondella Road
Stringfellow Road

**Intersection Work:** Intermittent lane closures and delays are possible on **9-17-15 through 9-23-15** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on the following roadways:

Daniels Parkway
Lee Boulevard
Pine Ridge Road
Six Mile Cypress Parkway (Metro Parkway – Daniels Parkway)

DOT will perform intersection work at the Cape Coral Bridge Toll Plaza with intermittent lane closures and possible traffic delays (weather permitting) on Thursday, September 24th, from 7:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.

For questions relating to the above road maintenance projects, contact Randy Hart at 533-9500.

#### Traffic Signal Work - Cape Coral:

Lee County DOT will be performing overhead traffic signal work at Pine Island Road (SR 78) and the Hancock Bridge Parkway intersection on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area as the traffic signal will be dark. The Cape Coral Police Department will direct traffic at this location. For further questions, contact Efrain Cruz at 239-533-9500.

Traffic Signal Upgrades will be done during the evening hours with periodic lane closures the week of September 14<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Country Club Drive and SE 10<sup>th</sup> and Country Club Drive at SE 9<sup>th</sup> Street. For further questions, contact Jason Ownbey at 941-833-9346.

#### DOT work slated near Colonial Boulevard and Summerlin Road:

Motorists who frequent the Midpoint Memorial Bridge and the Colonial Boulevard-Summerlin Road intersection will experience nighttime lane closures on Colonial Boulevard beginning the week of September 21, 2015.

A Lee County Department of Transportation contractor will extend the eastbound turn lane that many motorists use after they've crossed the bridge from Cape Coral into Fort Myers and want to U-turn west to get to McGregor Boulevard, which has no exit from the Midpoint. Traffic in the turn lane frequently backs up at busy times, interfering with through traffic on eastbound Colonial. When construction is finished, more motorists will be able to safely queue up for the U-turn.

Work will require the inside through lanes on Colonial (eastbound and westbound) be closed. But any work that mandates lane closures will happen at nighttime between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Also, the turn from westbound Colonial into Royal Palm Square will be closed when construction is underway. Westbound motorists wanting to turn into the square will see supplementary signs directing them to make a U-turn under the McGregor Boulevard overpass.

Work is expected to be completed within eight weeks, but the work involving lane closures will be completed in three to four weeks. Signs advising of the construction will be posted this week. When construction is done, the westbound turn lane into Royal Palm Square will re-open.

The LeeWay service center at 1366 Colonial Blvd. will remain open with normal hours during construction. Motorists arriving there to handle transponder pass renewals are asked to be aware of the roadwork and observe message boards. For customers coming off the Midpoint Bridge heading eastbound on Colonial Boulevard, drivers will need to turn right on Summerlin Road, turn right on Royal Palm Square, and then turn right on Via Royale to access the LeeWay Service Center. LeeWay customers have until Oct. 31 to take care of the renewal process. Letters reminding them to renew will go out Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Contact Sarah Clarke at (239) 533-8718 with project-related questions. For LeeWay information, visit <a href="http://www.leegov.com/dot/tolls/lw\_facilities">http://www.leegov.com/dot/tolls/lw\_facilities</a> or call 239-533-9297.

**Park Road Slip Line – Fort Myers:** Lee County DOT will be performing a Slip Lining job to resolve a cross drain issue at 5990 Park Road. The work is scheduled to start September 15<sup>th</sup> and be completed by September 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be intermittent lane closures in the east and west bound lanes as the work is being completed. For questions relating to this project, contact Sam Updike or Bill Juhl at 239-533-9400.

#### **Estero Boulevard Project**

**Town of Ft Myers Beach - reFRESH Waterlines Project – Times Square to Lovers Lane** Contractors for Fort Myers Beach are installing new water and gas mains on the beach side of Estero Boulevard from Times Square to Lovers Lane. Crews are currently working in two work zones on Estero Boulevard between Crescent Street and Gulf Beach Road from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

- Crew 1 is installing water and gas mains from Crescent St. to Carolina Ave.
- Crew 2 is installing water and gas mains from Pearl St. to Gulf Beach Rd.

Crews will close the southbound and center turn lane only at active work areas. Flaggers will alternate traffic directions frequently, but motorists should expect delays depending on traffic volume.

Beginning Monday, Sept.14, reFRESH Waterlines crews will install pipes for a large water main connection on Estero Boulevard between Fifth and Crescent streets. One travel lane on-island and one travel lane off-island will remain open at all times. Crews will work during daytime hours Monday through Friday. Motorists should follow detours signs; maps are posted on the project website. This work is expected to last until mid-October.

#### **Traveling to Fort Myers Beach:**

- Motorists traveling to the south end of Fort Myers Beach will use San Carlos Boulevard and veer left onto Estero Boulevard.
- Motorists traveling to the north end of Fort Myers Beach will use San Carlos Boulevard and turn right onto Estero Boulevard.

#### **Leaving Fort Myers Beach:**

- Motorists leaving Fort Myers Beach from the south end of the island will use Estero Boulevard to Crescent Street to Fifth Street to reach San Carlos Boulevard.
- Motorists leaving Fort Myers Beach from the north end of the island will use Estero Boulevard to Old San Carlos Boulevard to First Street (under the bridge) to Crescent Street to Fifth Street to reach San Carlos Boulevard.

#### <u>Traveling Estero Boulevard from one end of the island to the other:</u>

- Motorists traveling from the north end to the south end of Fort Myers Beach will use Estero Boulevard to Old San Carlos Boulevard to First Street (under the bridge) to Crescent Street to connect to Estero Boulevard.
- Motorists traveling from the south end to the north end of Fort Myers Beach will use Estero Boulevard to Crescent Street to First Street (under the bridge) to Old San Carlos Boulevard to connect to Estero Boulevard.

Contact the reFRESH Waterlines PIO Kaye Molnar, Cella Molnar & Associates at 239-337-1071 with project-related questions. This project is being done in coordination with Lee County's Estero Boulevard Improvements Project expected to begin this fall 2015.

Details about the reFRESH Waterlines and reFRESH Estero Boulevard are available online at www.refreshFMBeach.com.

### 1. Road Work/Maintenance/Improvements:

**Del Prado Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements**: Lee County DOT will begin construction for sidewalks and make ADA improvements on Del Prado Boulevard between Coronado Parkway and Palaco Grande Parkway beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Pedestrians are advised to use caution around the construction zone. This sidewalk project should be completed by early October, 2015. For further questions, contact Dirk Danley at 533-9305.

**Fort Myers, Ortiz Avenue Sidewalk Repair Project**: Lee County DOT will be repairing sidewalks along Ortiz Avenue from Palm Beach Blvd to SR 82 starting on August 6, 2015. This work will include sidewalk closures and intermittent lane closures with an anticipated completion date of September 30, 2015. For further questions contact Joey Wilson at 239-533-9413.

#### San Carlos Park - Lee Road:

Sidewalk construction: New sidewalks are being installed on the east side of Lee Road between Sanibel Boulevard and Alico Road in San Carlos Park. During construction, motorists may be directed through the work zone in a single lane by a traffic flagger. Lane closures will take place Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Work is expected to be complete on Lee Road in September, 2015.

For further questions, contact <u>Info@LeeCompleteStreets.com</u> or call the Public Information hotline at 239-826-1185.

## 2. Bridge Maintenance:

College Parkway at the McGregor Overpass Bridge # 124066: Lee County DOT will be performing bridge maintenance at the McGregor Overpass beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and should be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, weather permitting. There will be single lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions relating to this project, contact Doug Busbee at 533-9400.

**Broadway Street at the Alva Draw Bridge # 120042:** Lee County DOT will perform bridge maintenance on the Alva Draw Bridge beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, and be

completed by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, weather permitting. There will be single lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, contact Doug Busbee at 239-533-9400.

Cape Coral Bridges # 124044 and 124065: Lee County DOT will be managing the pressure washing project for the Cape Coral Bridges. The job is scheduled to start August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and finish September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, weather permitting. There will be single lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., overnight to minimize traffic delays. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Busbee at 533-9400.

**Midpoint Bridge** # **124096:** Lee County DOT will be managing the pressure washing project for the Midpoint Bridge. The job is scheduled to start August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and finish September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, weather permitting. There will be single lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., overnight to minimize traffic delays. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Busbee at 533-9400.

## 3. Landscaping:

**Homestead Road – Bethany Trace:** Lee County DOT will be trimming trees for height clearance on Homestead Road from Bethany Trace to Leland Heights, and on Joel Boulevard from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Homestead Road. This work is expected to begin on September 16, 2015 and should be complete by September 30, 2015. Lane closures may occur and DOT will provide Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). If you have further questions, contact Mike Williams at (239) 533-9400.

**U.S 41 South of Boy Scout Dr.:** Lee County DOT will be performing extensive landscape maintenance activities in the median on U.S. 41 south of Boy Scout Dr. This work is scheduled to begin September 14, 2015 and be completed by October 16, 2015. Motorists are advised to drive with caution in this work zone as there will be men and equipment working in the median with no lane closures. For further questions, contact Bob DeBrock at 533-9425.