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This <u>ROAD ALERT</u> was prepared by the Collier County Growth Management Division to inform the community about scheduled road construction and road maintenance projects along major roadways in Collier County where lane closures are planned or traffic flow may be affected.

COLLIER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

Airport-Pulling Road between Orange Blossom Drive and U.S. 41 – On Airport-Pulling Road between Orange Blossom Drive and U.S. 41 expect intermittent lane closures in short segments southbound to continue for approximately two weeks from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., weather permitting, as crews remove and replace sidewalk. Signs will be posted directing pedestrians to utilize the sidewalk on the other side of the road during this needed sidewalk replacement work. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist motorists traveling through the area.

Ave Maria Boulevard from Oil Well Road to Bellera Walk Boulevard – Ave Maria Boulevard will continue to be closed to traffic from Oil Well Road to Bellera Walk Boulevard for approximately one month as crews from the Oil Well Road Construction Project construct intersection improvements. Detour signs will be posted. The planned detour is to utilize Oil Well Road to Camp Keais Boulevard to Pope John Paul Boulevard into the Ave Maria community. Electronic message signs, lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will also be used to assist motorists.

Pine Ridge Road and Forest Lakes Boulevard Intersection – At the intersection of Pine Ridge Road and Forest Lakes Boulevard expect intermittent lane closures in all directions to continue for approximately one week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, as crews work on the mast arms. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist drivers traveling through the area.

Pine Ridge Road and Shirley Street Intersection – At the intersection of Pine Ridge Road and Shirley Street expect intermittent lane closures in all directions to continue for approximately one week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, as crews work on the mast arms. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist motorists traveling through the area.

Radio Road between Livingston Road and Airport-Pulling Road – On Radio Road between Livingston Road and Airport-Pulling Road expect eastbound and westbound traffic to continue to be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each for approximately two months, weather permitting. Eastbound traffic will be reduced from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and westbound traffic will be reduced from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as crews make median improvements. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist motorists traveling through the area.

Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Grand Lely Boulevard/Skyway Drive Intersection – At the Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Grand Lely Boulevard/Skyway Drive intersection expect intermittent lane closures in curb lanes in both directions to continue for approximately one week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, as crews modify sidewalk to install ramps. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist drivers traveling through the area.

Rattlesnake Hammock Road between Hibiscus Drive and Doral Circle – On Rattlesnake Hammock Road between Hibiscus Drive and Doral Circle expect eastbound intermittent lane closures to continue for approximately three weeks from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weather permitting, as crews work on the Lely Area Stormwater Improvement Project. Flagmen, lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist motorists traveling through the area.

Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Polly Avenue Intersection – At the Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Polly Avenue intersection expect intermittent lane closures to continue for approximately one week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting, as crews install new traffic signal mast arms. Advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist drivers traveling through the area.

Rattlesnake Hammock Road between Royal Wood Boulevard and Mandalay Circle – On Rattlesnake Hammock Road between Royal Wood Boulevard and Mandalay Circle expect traffic to continue **TO BE REDUCED FROM FOUR LANES TO TWO LANES** for approximately two weeks, 24 hours per day, as crews construct the Santa Barbara Boulevard Extension. **The speed limit in this area has been reduced to 25 MPH.** Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist drivers traveling through the area.

Vanderbilt Beach Road between Bay Laurel Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road – On Vanderbilt Beach Road between Bay Laurel Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road expect both eastbound and westbound intermittent lane to continue for approximately three months from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, as crews construct intersection and roadway improvements. Lighted arrow boards, advance warning signs and barricades will be used to assist motorists traveling through the area.

Whitaker Road between Sunset Boulevard and Polly Avenue/Santa Barbara Boulevard Extension – Whitaker Road between Sunset Boulevard and Polly Avenue/Santa Barbara Boulevard Extension will continue to be CLOSED EXCEPT FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC for approximately one month, 24 hours per day, as crews complete work on the Santa Barbara Boulevard Extension. DETOUR SIGNS WILL BE POSTED. Electronic message boards, advance warning signs and barricades will also be used to assist motorists.

WORK BY OTHERS:

S.S. Judge Jolley Bridge on S.R. 951 between Capri Boulevard and Marco Island – Work is underway to construct the new parallel two lane bridge to Marco Island. Sub-structure construction and utility relocations are on-going. Traffic has been shifted to the west near the Marco Island Yacht Club entrance to allow crews to perform work on the east side of the bridge approach on Marco Island. Access to the Marco Island Yacht Club is maintained. There will be intermittent lane closures. Motorists are advised to use caution driving in the construction zone. The contractor is Johnson Bros.

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