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DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #40 FOR WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4, 2025

District One is twelve counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, and Sarasota.

BARTOW, Fla. – This weekly report is prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to inform the public about upcoming road work in Southwest Florida. Below are the work schedule and lane closure locations for major state road projects.

Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones.

As a reminder, travelers can visit www.FL511.com from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state. If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

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POLK COUNTY

I-4 at SR 33 (Exit 38): Construction project: Project improvements include reconstructing the existing interchange, reconstruct I-4 bridges over SR 33, widen and resurface SR 33, wildlife crossings over I-4 and under SR 33, and noise walls on SR 33. This week, crews will work on clearing vegetation, installing barrier wall, and paving temporary asphalt.

- On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. crews will close eastbound Exit 38 on I-4 overnight to remove a high mast foundation along Ramp B. A detour will be in place starting from eastbound exit 33 on I-4 routing to exit 38 to return to eastbound I-4. A back-up date of Wednesday, October 1, 2025, will be in place in case of weather delays.

- Motorists should expect single lane closures on I-4 during nighttime/overnight hours from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. bound through the duration of the construction.

- Motorists should expect double lane closures on I-4 during nighttime/overnight hours from 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the construction.

- Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 33 during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through the duration of the construction.

- Motorists should expect lane shifts on I-4 and SR 33 through the duration of the construction.

- Drivers should exercise caution and be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the interstate through the duration of the construction.

Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Estimated completion is summer 2029.

I-4 at CSX Railroad Bridge approximately 1200 feet West of Kathleen Road (Exit 31): Construction project: This project includes replacing the existing 250-foot bridge with two new 400-foot bridges to provide for CSX double tracking and will accommodate future expansion of I-4. The westbound I-4 entrance ramp from Kathleen Road (Exit #31) will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 3, 2025.

Northbound motorists on Kathleen Road will be detoured to the eastbound I-4 on ramp where they will travel eastbound to the next exit at US 98 (Exit #32) and re-enter the interstate westbound.

Southbound motorists on Kathleen Road will be detoured east on Griffin Road to US 98, turn left (north) on US 98 to enter I-4 westbound at US 98 (Exit #32).

US 98 from South of Griffin Road to Sharon Drive: Construction project: This project includes milling and resurfacing, repairing and improving drainage, improvements at Pyramid Parkway, special emphasis crosswalks, enhanced lighting, upgraded signal equipment, new northbound signs identifying the I-4 ramps, and painted bike lanes for emphasis.

- Expect nightly lane closures north and southbound as crews continue installing drainage. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

- Daytime lane closures may be necessary north of I-4 as crews place concrete and lighting.

- Pedestrians should follow the sidewalk detours and temporary crosswalks to safely travel throughout the project.

For more information on this project, visit www.swflroads.com/project/445468-1

US 98 from West Socrum Loop Road to CR 54: Construction project: The improvements under this project include widening US 98 to a 4-lane divided

highway, creating roundabouts at the Big Cypress Boulevard and SR 471 intersections, relocating utilities, improving drainage, adding pedestrian crosswalks, and building shared use paths from W Socrum Loop Road / Hall Road to just north of Rock Ridge Road.

- Periodic lane closures with flagging operations (up to one half mile sections at a time) on US 98 between W Socrum Loop Road and CR 54 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 3. Be prepared to stop.

- Flagging operations at the US 98 / Rock Ridge Road intersection from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, September 29 through Wednesday, October 1 nights. Be prepared to stop.

- The speed limit is reduced to 45 MPH on US 98 throughout the project limits

US 92 (West Memorial Boulevard) from Texas Avenue to North Canal Avenue: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for westbound and eastbound lane closures at night/overnight from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews work on inlet tops and concrete curbs. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 from North of Holly Hill Cut-off Road to North of Deer Creek Boulevard: Construction project: This project includes milling and resurfacing; shoulder work and signal equipment upgrades on US 27 from north of Holly Hill Cut-off Road/North Boulevard to north of Allen Brothers Boulevard/Deer Creek Boulevard in Davenport. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures for paving from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

US 27 turning onto Main Street: Maintenance permits project: Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. while Haines City Utilities contractor bores for a 20” watermain line. Watch for lane closures and be prepared to merge.

US 17/US 98 from 9th Street NE in Fort Meade to Oak Hammock Loop in Bartow: Construction project: Project improvements include milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, signal upgrades, inside shoulder widening, bicycle keyhole lanes at the existing right turn lanes, intersection improvements at CR 640/Homeland Garfield Road that include additional lighting and pedestrian upgrades, revising the two full access median openings with directional median openings at 3rd Street NE and Pembroke Road North, and widening the median to provide a northbound to southbound U-turn lane approximately 200’ north of Pembroke Road. Expect northbound and southbound daytime lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from Bartow Road South to 9th Street NE. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 659 (Combee Road) from Carol Way Road to Dons Place: Construction project: this is a project to improve drainage along Combee Road in Lakeland. Improvements include installing new drainage structures and pipes, installing ditch bottom pavement and reconstructing asphalt in damaged areas. This week crews will work on clearing the right-of-way to begin work. Expect shoulder closures and watch for workers close to the road.

Next week, crews are expected to begin drainage improvements. South Eastside Drive will be closed at Combee Road starting Monday, October 6 to begin replacing the drainage pipe beneath the roadway. Motorists will be detoured using Combee Road and East Main Street back to South Eastside Drive. Combee Road will not be affected. Use caution and be prepared to merge or stop.

SR 572 from Airport Road to Pipkin Creek Road and SR 572 Roundabout at Waring Road: Construction project: Project improvements include resurfacing and lane widening on SR 572 and a new roundabout at Waring Road. This week, crews will work on utilities, drainage, and roadway grading.

- On July 7, 2025, crews closed the north side of Waring Road and exit 4 of the Polk Parkway. A detour route is available to access Drane Field Road eastbound and westbound from the south side of Waring Road, exit 3, and exit 5 of the Polk Parkway. The closure will be in place until late December 2025.

- Motorists should expect lane closures through the duration of the construction.

- Resurfacing project – expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

- Roundabout – expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Motorists should expect lane shifts through the duration of the construction.

- Drivers should exercise caution and be aware of construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway through the duration of the construction.

Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Estimated completion is spring 2026.

SR 570 (Polk Parkway) Resurfacing and Roadside Resurfacing Project from West of Lakeland Highlands Road to South of US 92: Turnpike Project: Polk Parkway/SR 570 is being resurfaced from west of Lakeland Highlands Road (milepost 8) to south of US 92 (milepost 17) in Polk County. Work includes paving Polk Parkway, US 98 ramps, Lakeland Highlands Road, and Winter Lake Road. This project also includes installing new guardrails, rumble strips, and highly reflective signs and pavement markings, and upgrading existing drainage. Construction will continue through mid-2026. Approximate cost: $20 million. For more information or questions about the project and/or traffic impacts contact Louis Grisoglio at Louis.Grisoglio@dot.state.fl.us.

SR 570B (Central Polk Parkway): Turnpike project: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is constructing Central Polk Parkway/State Road (SR) 570B, a new, four-lane (two lanes in each direction) tolled roadway. This new stretch of roadway will begin at Polk Parkway/SR 570 and Winter Lake Road/SR 540 and extend approximately 6.5 miles to US 17/SR 35. Expect lane closures and intermittent work on SR 540 (Winter Lake Road). Use caution and be prepared to merge. The westbound Polk Parkway exit ramp to Winter Lake Road (Exit 14) is expected to remain closed through late 2025. Westbound Polk Parkway/SR 570 traffic wishing to access Winter Lake Road/SR 540 (Exit 14) is directed to exit at US 92 (Exit 17), travel east on US 92 to Recker Highway/CR 655, travel southeast on Recker Highway to Spirit Lake Road, and travel south on Spirit Lake Road to access Winter Lake Road. This is a Florida Turnpike Enterprise project. For more information or questions about the project and/or traffic impacts contact Louis Grisoglio at Louis.Grisoglio@dot.state.fl.us.

Central Florida Wrong-Way Vehicle Detection Technology Implementation Project: Turnpike Project: Wrong-Way Vehicle Detection Systems (WWVDS) are being enhanced throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Polk, Orange, and Brevard counties. Work includes increasing the amount of wrong-way signage, roadway reflectors and pavement markings in locations along Florida's Turnpike/SR 91, Beachline Expressway/SR 528, Polk Parkway/SR 589, and Veterans Expressway/Suncoast Parkway/SR 589. Construction will continue through late 2025. Approximate cost: $11 million. Expect ramp closures and detours. For more information or questions about the project and/or traffic impacts contact Louis Grisoglio at Louis.Grisoglio@dot.state.fl.us.

SR 563 (Harden Boulevard) from West Beacon Road to Magnolia Road: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures at night/overnight from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on while crews work on inlet tops and concrete curbs. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 539 (Kathleen Road) from West Margaret Street to Pear Street: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures at

night/overnight from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews work on inlet tops and concrete curbs. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from West of Saddlebag Lake Road to East of Tiger Lake Road: Construction project: This project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, guardrail installation, lighting, bridge railing and pavement grooving. Motorists can expect daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures of the outside eastbound and westbound lanes at the Weohyakapka Creek Bridge. These closures are necessary for traffic railing wall installation, roadway widening, and drainage work. Use caution when traveling through the area and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from Peace River Bridge to East of Michigan Boulevard: materials project: Watch for slow moving vehicles as crews perform coring for material testing at night/overnight from 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, through 4 a.m., Wednesday, October 1. Use caution.

SR 60 from CR 555 (Crown Avenue/Agricola Road) to Broadway Avenue and from the Eastbound SR 60 Split to East of the Peace River Overflow Bridge: Construction project: This project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage, sidewalk and guardrail work, signal, lighting paving from Agricola Road to North Broadway Avenue. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures for striping and sign installation from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., between CR 555 (Agricola Road) to North Broadway Avenue and from Flamingo Drive to C Wilson Ranch Road. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 at the new RaceTrac in Bartow: Maintenance permits: Expect periodic daytime and nighttime/overnight lane closures as crews make updates to the roadway in front of the new RaceTrac. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 at the railroad crossing between Armour Road and Century Boulevard: Railroad project: Watch for the inside eastbound and westbound lanes (closest to the median) to be closed as crews from CSX make repairs at the tracks from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

SR 60 from Myrtle Avenue to Capps Road: Materials Testing: watch for slow moving vehicles from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, as crews perform falling weight deflection testing on the roadway. Use caution and be prepared to merge or stop.

SR 37 from Ft Green Mine to SR 674: Maintenance contracts project: Watch for southbound and northbound lane closures from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as crews replace sod on shoulders. Use caution, watch for flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to stop.

SR 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard) from Parkview Place to Griffin Road: Construction project: Project improvements include roadway reconstruction, milling & resurfacing, placing curb and gutter, installing a new drainage system, widening sidewalk, upgrading signals and lighting, and upgrading water and sewer lines for the City of Lakeland. This week workers will continue installing new water mains along the east side of Lakeland Hills Boulevard and new drainage along Julius. T. Horney.

- Julius T. Horney will be closed between Lakeland Hills Boulevard and Gilmore Avenue through late September. The closure is necessary to install new storm drainpipe and structures along the south side of Julius T. Horney. Follow posted detour signs to navigate around the closure.

- Gilmore Avenue remains closed from Parkview Place to Julius T Horney Drive through late September. The closure is necessary as crews install new water pipe, sanitary pipe, and storm drains along Gilmore Avenue. Follow posted detour signs to navigate around the closure.

- Lakeland Hills Boulevard will be reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic at night/overnight while crews continue installing drainage beneath Lakeland Hills Boulevard. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

- Watch for side street closures along the east side of Lakeland Hills Boulevard as crews work to install new storm drains and water lines. Any side street closures will utilize the adjacent side streets to route traffic east towards Gilmore Avenue to the respective closed street.

- Traffic will remain in one lane in each direction for most of the duration of construction. Use caution, be prepared to merge or stop, and plan for delays.

- The speed limit has been reduced to 35 mph during construction.

SR 17 (Scenic Highway) and South 3rd Street from East Bullard Road to Johnson Avenue: Construction project: This project includes making drainage improvements, reconstructing asphalt, milling and paving the roadway, constructing sidewalk, and reconstructing some driveway aprons. This week, crews will place asphalt. Expect lane closures with flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to merge or stop.

County Line Road over Peace River Bridge: Construction project: This project includes replacing the County Line Bridge over the Peace River in Polk and Hardee Counties. The new bridge will have two 12-foot lanes with additional eight-foot shoulders. This week crews will continue earthwork, drainage, and

roadway. Countyline Road remains closed at the Peace River. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

- Eastbound: Head north or south on US 17 to Hardee Street and east on Hardee Street to Lake Branch Road. Head southeast on Lake Branch Road to Platt Road and head north back to County Line Road.

- Westbound: Head east or west on County Line Road to Platt Road. Head south on Platt Road to Lake Branch Road and head west to Hardee Street. Turn left (west) on Hardee Street to US 17. Turn right (north) on US 17 back to County Line Road.

  More information on this project and graphics of the signed detours can be found at www.swflroads.com/project/439441-1.

Haines City Sidewalks along Hornet Drive, East Grace Avenue/Hornet Drive, South 20th Street and East Hinson Avenue: Construction project: This project includes construction of four new sections of sidewalk that will link to existing sidewalks, improving accessibility for students walking to school and from nearby neighborhoods. This week crews are completing sidewalk with no planned lane closures.