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Portions of Honore Avenue close during construction

Honore Avenue will be closed from north of Antoinette Street to south of Potter Street until the end of August for construction to improve and extend the street. Honore Avenue was closed Friday, June 18, after residents in the neighborhoods near Fruitville Elementary School expressed concern about safety because of a traffic increase from the Honore detour.

The county's Capital Management Services is working with the Sarasota County School Board to make sure that the Aug. 20 "Meet Your Teacher" event at Fruitville Elementary School and the first day of school on Aug. 23 are not disrupted by the closure.

Residents in the Cedar Hollow community are asked to use Indian Mound Street to access Honore Avenue from their neighborhood during the closure.

Three other already announced closures resulting from the Honore Avenue project, including ones at two intersections, are already in place or planned. They are:

- The intersection of Honore Avenue and Colonial Oaks Boulevard will remain closed through Friday, July 9. Detour signs are posted.
- Honore Avenue will remain closed from south of Potter Street north to Camus Street through Monday, Aug. 20. Detour signs are posted.
- The intersection of Honore Avenue and Stokes Way will be closed beginning Wednesday, June 23. Detour signs will be posted. Upon completion of the work, Stokes Way will no longer provide access between Stokes Drive and Sharondale Drive.

As a result of the June 18 closure, bus route 15 of Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will be diverted to Cattlemen Road. There will be no bus service on Honore Avenue and Palmer Boulevard south of Fruitville Road and on Palmer Boulevard east to Cattlemen Road. Also, the southbound bus stop on Honore Avenue just north of Fruitville will be out of service for the duration. Passengers should use the prior stop on Honore Avenue.

The Honore Avenue improvement project will extend Honore Avenue from Bee Ridge Road north to Fruitville Road. Construction is under way on Phases 1 and 2 from Bee Ridge Road to Colonial Oaks Boulevard.

The project will create a three-mile, two-lane divided road with roundabouts, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, decorative streetlights, Florida-friendly landscaping and rain gardens to treat stormwater runoff. Construction is being done in three phases, and is scheduled to be completed in June 2011.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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