

Road Project Updates for 8/26/15

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Progress is continuing through the summer on the Edgewater Drive Phase 2 (EP2) project that will widen two miles of Edgewater Drive in Port Charlotte from Harbor Boulevard to Midway Boulevard.

CC-TV has produced a video update that features exciting aerial views of this project that will expand Edgewater Drive from two to four lanes. The video includes on-site interviews and information about project's improvements including new utilities, bridges, roundabouts to improve traffic flow, decorative lighting and landscaping, and a multi-use path on both sides of the roadway that will connect Sunrise Park with the Spring Lake Boat Ramp.

Keep up to date on EP2 and the progress toward improving Edgewater Drive—an important secondary hurricane evacuation route for residents and a vital link between east and west Charlotte County. Visit the project website www.GoEP2.com to view the CC-TV video, explore the project, find the latest news, and get on the mailing list for updates. You can also view the project video and other CC-TV original videos at the county website www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov—select CC-TV from the Popular Links and click Original CC-TV videos on the left. The “Public Works” section has the EP2 videos and more.

Edgewater Drive Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in February 2017, and Edgewater Drive access remains limited to local traffic during construction. Weather is also affecting conditions—since July 1, the Edgewater Drive Phase 2 project area has received well over 20 inches of rain. As project crews continue to address stormwater drainage, your patience is appreciated. If you have any questions about EP2, please email Info@GoEP2 or call 941-61-GO-EP2 (941.624.6372).

Midway Boulevard Widening Phase 2 update

This project will complete the widening of Midway Boulevard from Sharpe Street (just east of Harbor Drive) to the intersection of Kings Highway (about 2.25 miles). The design includes four lanes of traffic with center turn lanes, new sidewalks on both sides, and new traffic signals at Beacon Drive. Also included in the design is a closed drainage system, new pedestrian crossings at the schools, new lighting, and a new water and sewer system along the corridor. This project is funded by the 2008 local option sales tax referendum. The expected construction schedule is June 30, 2015 to the summer of 2018.

As with other road improvement projects, there will be impacts to pedestrians and vehicular traffic and these impacts will be minimized as much as possible. Temporary sidewalks, meeting ADA requirements, will be installed during construction to maintain all pedestrian access. Midway Boulevard may be closed to through traffic at times however mail delivery, emergency services and access to local residences will be maintained during construction. Visit the project website Midwayupdate.com for a project overview, the latest news, maps and detours, and get on the mailing list for updates.

The contractor is working on material submittals for county staff to review and has begun surveying the stormwater retention pond sites, installing erosion control barriers, and clearing the pond sites. Construction activities for the rest of this year will be focused on the east end of the project from the Niagara waterway (Achilles Street) to Kings Highway. Storm drainage work will continue through mid-November along Midway Boulevard in the area between Achilles Street and Shilo Street.