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RoadWatch Update for the Week of October 25, 2026

S.R. 70 from Lorraine Road to Bourneside Boulevard: Construction project: This project includes widening S.R. 70 from Lorraine Road to Bourneside Boulevard from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane or six-lane divided roadway, depending on the location, construction of roundabouts on S.R. 70 at Uihlein Road, Del Webb Boulevard, and Bourneside Boulevard, intersection improvements at the existing signalized intersection of Greenbrook Boulevard and Lorraine Road, construction of four bridges over two Braden River crossing locations, new drainage system, construction of 10-foot shared use paths, street lighting, and landscaping, and installation of new fiber optic cable connecting the two signalized intersections to Manatee County's regional Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS).

Recently, bicyclists and pedestrians have been observed entering the work zone and using shared-use paths within the project limits. Although these areas may appear finished, construction activities are still ongoing. These areas are not open to the public and may contain open excavations, fresh asphalt, or uncured concrete, posing significant safety hazards to anyone not affiliated with the project. These roadways and shared-use paths within the work zone are clearly marked as closed with signage. Additionally, vehicles have been observed driving through closed side streets while workers are present, creating a serious risk of injury or accident.

This week's work will consist of:

- Excavation of the pond on the north side of S.R. 70, west of Uihlein Road.
- Removing forms for the approach slabs for the easternmost S.R. 70 westbound bridge. Tying steel and forming traffic railings.
- Forming and placing concrete for cast in place drainage structures between Post Blvd. and Garnet Trail.
- Grading base material for future westbound S.R. 70 roadway and shared use path between Uihlein Road and Garnet Trail.
- Grading base material at Polo Trail.

Polo Trail at S.R. 70 is closed for approximately 30 days to allow crews to construct Polo Trail and the future westbound lanes at the entrance. During the closure, no vehicles will be permitted to use Polo Trail. A full detour is in place, and message boards are posted to guide motorists through the area. Polo Trail is anticipated to reopen in early November, weather permitting.

Bourneside Boulevard at S.R. 70 is expected to be closed for approximately 90 days to allow crews to construct the north side of the Bourneside Boulevard roundabout. During the closure, only emergency vehicles will be permitted to enter or exit Bourneside Boulevard via S.R. 70. All other traffic will be detoured. A full detour will be in place, and message boards will be posted to guide motorists through the area. Bourneside Boulevard is expected to be closed starting on November 9th, weather permitting.

The estimated completion date for construction is summer 2027.

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