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RoadWatch Update for the Week of October 25, 2026

S.R. 70 from Bourneside Boulevard to Waterbury Road, Bradenton: Construction project: This project includes widening S.R. 70 from Bourneside Boulevard to Waterbury Road from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway, Safety features will include roundabouts to be constructed at 197th Street East/Lindrick Lane, 213th Street East, 225th Street East/Panther Ridge Trail and County Road 675/Waterbury Road. The project will also include the installation of a new drainage system, new curb and gutter, construction of 10-foot shared-use paths and five-foot paved shoulders on both sides of the roadway, street lighting throughout the project and landscaping inside the roundabouts.

This week's work will consist of:

- Backfilling to newly constructed box culvert crossing SR 70 east of 225th Street.
- Grading roadway base material on 197th Street and existing SR 70. Installing sidewalk and curb.
- Forming and placing concrete for drainage structures between Bourneside Blvd. and Lindrick Lane on the south side of SR 70.
- Installing drainage pipe and structures at the new box culvert east of 225th Street and across existing SR 70 west of 197th Street.
- Removing existing utility conduit on the north side of SR 70 west of 197th Street.

197th Street at S.R. 70 is closed for approximately 45 days to allow crews to construct the north side of the 197th Street roundabout. During the closure, only emergency vehicles and school buses will be permitted to enter or exit 197th Street via S.R. 70. All other traffic will be detoured. The Manatee County School Board will be coordinating all school bus route and pickup changes during the closure. A full detour is in place, and message boards are posted to guide motorists through the area. 197th Street is expected to reopen in mid-November, weather permitting.

The estimated completion date for construction is summer 2027.