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Major roadway, drainage improvements underway on 22nd Ave. S.

Project in Gulfport is first in a series of planned enhancements

- Project on 22nd Avenue South in Gulfport will alleviate flooding, add sidewalks and resurface roadway
- Motorists can anticipate lane closures and detours in the project area – 55th Street to 51st Street South
- Project is the first in a series of planned improvements for 22nd Avenue South to be funded by the Penny for Pinellas

A major road project is underway along 22nd Avenue South (Gulfport Boulevard) in Gulfport from 55th to 51st Street South that will alleviate long-term roadway flooding, add sidewalks and resurface a heavily-used section of the road.

Pinellas County is installing 25 stormwater inlets and manholes and more than 2,000 feet of stormwater pipe as well as adding over 2,000 feet of a new 8-foot wide sidewalk along the busy road to enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Motorists should expect some delays and traffic detours during construction, which is anticipated to be completed in 2018.

This project, funded by \$1.68 million from the Penny for Pinellas 1-percent sales tax, is

the first of several under consideration for the roadway.

The county is currently performing a “Complete Streets” analysis of 22nd Avenue South from 34th Street South to 58th Street South to identify the needs of all travelers, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

Construction plans are also in progress to complete the sidewalk on both sides of 22nd Avenue South, with ramps, driveways and pedestrian signals to connect the existing network of sidewalks along the corridor.

These plans have been prioritized for funding with future Penny for Pinellas funds, if the sales tax is renewed by voters. On November 7, voters will consider a 10-year renewal of the Penny, from 2020-2030, to support a variety of infrastructure projects identified by the community.

Since 1990, more than 50 percent of the county’s portion of the Penny has supported roads, bridges and trails countywide, with major projects including the Bayside Bridge, Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail, and expansion of Keystone, Bryan Dairy, Belcher and Keene Road, among others.

Other proposed roadway projects under consideration for future Penny funding include the Dunedin Causeway Bridge, Beckett Bridge in Tarpon Springs, Starkey Road, 102nd Avenue, East Lake Road, Forest Lakes Boulevard and many others.

Citizens can find information on current road projects countywide at: www.pinellascounty.org/PublicWorks/work_locations.htm.

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