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Edgewater Drive open to traffic Friday, May 19

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (May 17, 2017) – Edgewater Drive is scheduled to reopen from Harbor Boulevard to Midway Boulevard the evening of Thursday, May 18 and will be open to traffic Friday, May 19.

Edgewater Drive may be subject to intermittent lane closures as final operations are completed through June. Please drive with caution and obey traffic signs.

A new traffic signal at Harbor Boulevard and Edgewater Drive will become operational on the evening of Thursday, May 18.

Phase 2 Improvements expanded two miles of Edgewater Drive from two lanes to a divided four-lane residential boulevard. The Sunrise Waterway, East Spring Lake and West Spring Lake bridges were replaced, and roundabouts were added at Midway Boulevard, Lakeview Boulevard, W. Tarpon Boulevard and Port Charlotte Boulevard to improve traffic flow.

Charlotte County Utilities installed a new water and sanitary sewer main along with an irrigation main during the construction process. The project also incorporated aesthetic elements, including sidewalks, grass median and landscaping, decorative lighting and Texas Classic bridge railing.

“Our goal with Edgewater Drive improvements was to create a neighborhood roadway rather than a thoroughfare,” said Charlotte County Project Engineer Chuck Koons.

In planning the Edgewater Drive improvements, Charlotte County Public Works sought to improve safety and mobility for the traveling public, including drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians; preserve and enhance the economic, historic, scenic and natural qualities of the roadway system; enhance mobility for local residents for day-to-day activities; and improve a critical corridor that provides a hurricane evacuation route from coastal to inland areas.

Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements were funded by the 1-percent local option sales tax referendum approved by Charlotte County voters in 2008. The Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements are budgeted at \$28.2 million.

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