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## **State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway Three New Roadway Improvement Projects in Marathon**

*Begin the Week of April 24*

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**Monroe County, FL** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin three roadway improvement projects during the week of April 24, 2017. All three projects will extend along SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway: from south of 33 Street/MM 48.70 to 37 Street/MM 49.03; from the north end of the 7 Mile Bridge to south of Knight’s Key Boulevard/MM 47; from Sombrero Beach Road/MM 50.0 to Coco Plum Drive/MM 54.6. The combined construction cost is an estimated \$3.3 million and will take roughly eight months to complete.

Work to be performed includes:

### **South of 33 Street/MM 48.70 to north of 37 Street/MM 49.03**

- Repaving and restriping the road
- Widening the roadway to add a two-way turning lane
- Modifying the intersection at 33 Street from a T-intersection to a four-way intersection
- Installing new drainage, curb and gutter, and sidewalks
- Updating signage and pavement markings
- Designating the outside travel lanes to be shared with bicycles known as a “sharrow”
- Replacing the existing Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail on the north and south side with concrete sidewalk

### **North end of 7 Mile Bridge to south of Knight’s Key Boulevard/MM 47**

- Repaving and restriping the road
- Replacing existing guardrail along the northbound shoulder
- Widening the northbound shoulder
- Adding a pedestrian ramp at the end of the Trail
- Installing bike pavement markings to northbound and southbound shoulders
- Adding a traffic counting station

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**Sombrero Beach Road/MM 50.0 to Coco Plum Drive/MM 54.6**

- Installing supplemental signal heads at six intersections
- Enhancing existing signal heads at Coco Plum Drive
- Replacing the traffic signal controller at 89 Street and Coco Plum Drive

Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions. For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or Construction Public Information Specialist Paulette Summers at 786-510-3921 or go to the website at [www.fdotmonroe.com](http://www.fdotmonroe.com).

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in construction zones.