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Update on Golden Gate Parkway at Santa Barbara Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Bridge construction that was planned to start in early October was delayed about six weeks due to the effects of Hurricane Ian. Traffic will be diverted from four lanes to two lanes while half the bridge is replaced, then diverted to the newly constructed segment in about six months so that the other half of the bridge may be removed, and the other half of the bridge can then be constructed.



When completed, the new bridge will not only have two travel lanes eastbound and two travel lanes westbound, but it will also include two 12-foot-wide sidewalks, one on each side of the bridge. These improvements are anticipated to enhance mobility and maintain connectivity for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

- Click [here](#) for additional information about the project.
- Click [here](#) to view a brief video explaining the bridge replacement process.

Veterans Memorial Boulevard Extension Construction Update



Veterans Memorial Boulevard Extension (from Livingston Road to the new Aubrey Rogers High School) is approximately two-thirds complete and progressing well. The four-lane, median divided roadway will have eleven-foot travel lanes (two lanes in each direction), a raised median (variable in width), five-foot-wide on-street bike lanes, and concrete sidewalks on both sides of the roadway with curb and gutter. The eastbound travel lanes will align with the existing roadway. The eastbound sidewalk will align with the existing sidewalk along the south side of the roadway. Two new signalized intersections will be installed, one at the Veterans Memorial Elementary School

and one at the future high school.

The project team has completed the new westbound lanes and is finalizing reconstruction of the existing eastbound travel lanes from Veterans Memorial Elementary School to Livingston Road. The reconstruction of the intersection to the Veterans Memorial Elementary School is complete. The project is expected to wrap up in summer 2023.

CAT Has a New Park and Ride Parking Lot for Passengers!

Collier Area Transit opened its new Park and Ride lot located on Livingston Road just north of Immokalee Road. The lot can be used for commuters coming in from Lee County or eastern Collier County to park their vehicles and hop on the bus to travel to their destination. Commuters can safely park their cars and avoid the stress of driving while they enjoy free Wi-Fi.



Resources for Teaching Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety to Children

FHWA provides free resources to help educators, parents and others who care about pedestrian/bicyclist safety to introduce the topic to children and youth. Available online, resources include age appropriate educational videos (ages 5 through 18), quizzes, and educator materials. Go to [FHWA's Education and Outreach webpage](#), and select "Pedestrian Safer Journey" or "Bicycle Safer Journey."



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