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### **FDOT's April 1 Updates on the Pensacola Bay Bridge Recovery Efforts**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) contractors have completed demolition and pile driving efforts at pier 70 on the Pensacola Bay Bridge and are preparing the site for placement of the new trophy piece. The targeted reopening of the bridge remains the week of May 31, 2021.

FDOT is also improving the detour route on State Road 281 in Santa Rosa County by extending the southbound right turn lane on State Road (S.R.) 281 at U.S. 98 and installing a temporary traffic signal on Garcon Point Road (County Road 191) by Monday, April 5.

Multiple crews are working around the clock to complete repair projects critical to the opening of the Pensacola Bay Bridge that will uphold FDOT's commitment to provide the safe and efficient reconnection of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola communities and deliver a bridge with a 75-year design life. FDOT is regularly reviewing the contractor's schedule of the entire Pensacola Bay Bridge Project with the anticipated completion date for all improvements currently scheduled for January 2022.

Motorists should continue to use all available detour routes, which include the Garcon Point Bridge and State Road 87. At this time, tolls on the Garcon Point Bridge are suspended through Friday, April 9, 2021. Commuters can also use the Escambia County Area Transit's (ECAT) temporary bus route travel between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze free of charge.

Details on the detour routes, including graphics, FAQs, and regular updates can be found online at [fdot.gov/PensacolaBay](https://fdot.gov/PensacolaBay). Members of the public wishing to receive these updates can choose to subscribe by providing their email address on this website as well.

For additional real-time updates on the Pensacola Bay Bridge, follow FDOT District Three on social media: Twitter: [@MyFDOT\\_NWFL](https://twitter.com/MyFDOT_NWFL) and Facebook: [@MyFDOTNWFL](https://www.facebook.com/MyFDOTNWFL)

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