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Florida International University Bridge Statement and Update

Tallahassee, Fla. – After the Florida International University (FIU) bridge collapse on March 15, 2018, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigation was initiated immediately. At that time, the NTSB enforced a public records restriction on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

“The Department has been working with the NTSB to proactively get the restriction lifted. We support full transparency by providing all documents related to the March 2018 tragedy that impacted the South Florida community and our entire state,” explains **FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault**. “Lives were lost and other lives have been changed forever, and we know these families, as well as the citizens of Florida, deserve answers and want closure.

“While we have worked with NTSB allowing for the release of public records that have been requested by the media related to FIU bridge, the Department will wait to comment further until the NTSB releases the final report.

“In the weeks to come, the many court cases and other various investigations will be on-going and we want to be respectful of those processes, and the families directly impacted by this tragedy,” said **Secretary Thibault**.

The FDOT has posted the most requested documents online for public access, which can be found [here](#).

If you would like to make a public records request, please email Ann.Howard@dot.state.fl.us.