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Toll Suspension Further Extended on Garcon Point Bridge

Suspension now in effect until 6 a.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Ocoee, Fl. – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary Kevin J. Thibault has directed Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) to further extend the toll suspension for the Garcon Point Bridge, pursuant to Executive Order 20-225. The extended suspension is in effect until 6 a.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

This extension allows the department to continue the repairs on the Garcon Point Bridge as well as the Pensacola Bay Bridge. Traffic on the Garcon Point Bridge remains limited to two-axle vehicles. Emergency service vehicles, including ambulances and fire trucks, are permitted to cross the bridge as well as sport utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, and private vehicles towing single or double axle trailers. Trucks need to continue to follow the truck detour routes. Variable message boards will be placed on both ends of the bridge to alert drivers about the temporary restrictions.

Pursuant to a lease purchase agreement with the Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority, the Department operates and maintains the Garcon Point Bridge. This includes collecting and remitting tolls to the trustee for the Authority's bondholders.

The Garcon Point Bridge will continue to serve as a temporary detour while the Pensacola Bay Bridge is closed. FDOT's assessments of the damage incurred on the Pensacola Bay Bridge as a result of Hurricane Sally are ongoing at this time.

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