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FDOT Issues Update on Roosevelt Bridge Repair

Tallahassee, Fla. – FDOT and its contractor continue to make great progress on the repairs to the Roosevelt Bridge. Weather permitting, the southbound span of the Roosevelt Bridge is scheduled to reopen to two lanes of traffic the weekend of November 7.

While the testing results on the samples from the bridge are not fully complete, initial findings have noted that a contributing factor to the corrosion at locations in the bridge is water seepage through small cracks on the bridge decks. As a result, FDOT is currently having its contractor complete deck sealing on the southbound bridge, taking advantage of the fact it is already fully closed due to the ongoing repairs of span 1.

Upon initial reopening, estimated to be the weekend of November 7, both the northbound and southbound bridges will be limited to two lanes of traffic. This configuration will allow for the completion of median modifications and the proactive step of also sealing the deck of the northbound bridge.

In addition, truck restrictions in place on the US-1 corridor will be removed and the 5-ton gross vehicle weight restriction will be lifted, allowing multiple axle vehicles and trucks of all legal weights to traverse the bridges. Detours will be removed and regular tolls on the Florida Turnpike will be restored between MP 133 (Monterey Rd) and MP 142 (Port St. Lucie Blvd.).

The effort to seal the bridges will protect the structures and help ensure corrosion as well as major closures do not occur in the future. When adding this extra proactive protection to the scheduled work, the estimated date to restore the bridge to six lanes of traffic is now January.

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