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## **FDOT's March 29 Updates on the Pensacola Bay Bridge Recovery Efforts**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Upon additional analysis of pier 70, and to safely re-open the bridge, other repair work is required, resulting in a delay in the bridge re-opening to the week of May 31, 2021.

The Florida Department of Transportation (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.

During repair efforts on the trophy pieces at pier 70, repair crews identified additional damage that warranted replacing the interior trophy piece at pier 70. The trophy piece's replacement at pier 70 is critical since the demolition, pile driving, trophy installation, beam placement and deck pouring will be required.

The full replacement of the trophy piece 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. Multiple crews are working around the clock to complete repair projects critical to the opening of the Pensacola Bay Bridge.

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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