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## **Roosevelt Bridge Repair Update**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has completed its initial assessment of the Roosevelt Bridge and has found that the broken tendons on span one of the southbound bridge are the only major structural repairs that are necessary before reopening the bridge to traffic. Today, FDOT announced that it has selected a contractor to work with the Design Team and perform the necessary repairs on span one and also other minor repairs on both bridges. These repairs are anticipated to take approximately four months, weather and material availability permitting.

Based upon their bridge repair and construction qualifications, Structural Technologies LLC will assist FDOT with finalization of the design plans and complete the necessary repairs to restore the bridge's strength, with the ultimate goal of re-opening the bridges to all vehicles and six lanes (three in each direction). The cost of the repairs will be determined once the design and scope of work are final. The bridge design is anticipated to be complete by the end of July and repair work is anticipated to begin in August.

The Department has also found corrosion at locations in both bridges, which if left unaddressed could cause issues in the future. After restoring the bridge's strength, allowing it to re-open to traffic, FDOT will then perform work to address the corrosion and preserve the bridge for decades to come. The preservation work will have little to no impact to traffic in or around the area.

The cause of the corrosion is still under review at this time. FDOT continues to collect samples from the bridges and is sending them to the FDOT materials lab for further examination. The collection of samples is a very methodical process and is taking place along the entirety of the nearly mile-long bridges.

Intermittent lane closures are possible while work is ongoing at the bridge. These closures will be communicated as soon as possible. FDOT continues to monitor traffic in and around the area and will make every effort to not impact traffic during peak travel times.

For additional real-time updates on the Roosevelt Bridge, follow FDOT District Four on social media:

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