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Roosevelt Bridge Repair Update

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has completed the design plans to restore 6 lanes of traffic on the Roosevelt Bridge and construction will begin as soon as tonight. The project consists of work to repair one span of the southbound bridge, minor work inside both bridges, restoration of the medians on U.S. 1 at each end of the bridge, and restoring Dixie Highway to its original condition. The estimated cost of the project is \$9.3 million.

Work on the project will be conducted 7 days a week and is expected to be completed by the end of December. However, at this time, FDOT expects that the southbound bridge can safely reopen to traffic by late October/early November with two lanes of northbound traffic and two lanes of southbound traffic initially and weight restrictions can also be lifted.

Upon reopening the southbound bridge, the contractor will restore the medians on U.S. 1, allowing for 6 lanes of traffic on U.S. 1, three lanes in each direction, by late November. Dixie Highway will be restored to its original condition near the end of the project after all temporary shoring has been removed from the bridge. All portions of the project timeline are contingent upon the weather.

The cause of the corrosion on Roosevelt Bridge is still under review. FDOT has completed the vast majority of bridge material sampling and is now in the process of analyzing the samples.

Intermittent off-peak lane closures will be needed 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.

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