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Dania Beach Boulevard Bridge to Reopen on April 20

Dania Beach – The reopening the Dania Beach Boulevard Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway to vehicular and pedestrian traffic is scheduled for April 20, 2016, Florida Department of Transportation officials announced. The bridge has been closed since January 12, 2016 as part of a \$5.75 million mechanical, electrical and structural renovation project.

The bridge frames and mechanical components were removed from the bridge in January and taken to the contractor's machine shop in Palmetto, FL for repairs. This work took longer than originally anticipated due to the excessive wear and corrosion that was not visible until the equipment was disassembled. These large components were delivered to the bridge Thursday, April 7 and installation of the frames and equipment began Friday, April 8. Once the frames and components are in place, the electrical system will be reconnected and testing of the equipment and bridge operation will be done prior to the reopening of the bridge on April 20.

While the off-site fabrication work was being done, construction crews worked at the bridge to upgrade the electrical system, complete architectural improvements to the control house and install new sidewalk plates and new drawbridge signals on mast arms.

The construction contract includes an incentive/disincentive to encourage the contractor to expedite the work required to rehabilitate the bridge. For each day beyond the original planned 60-day closure period the contractor was penalized \$10,000 per day up to \$110,000.

During the closure, vehicular and pedestrian traffic has been detoured to the Sheridan Street Intracoastal Waterway Bridge.

For marine traffic, the bridge will continue to operate on regular single leaf openings. For double leaf openings between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 A.M., boaters must provide a minimum four (4) hour notice. For double leaf openings between the hours of 12:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M., boaters must provide a minimum eight (8) hour notice. Requests must be made to Quinn Construction at (941) 722-7722.

For more information about the project, please contact project Public Information Officer Casey Lienen at 954-940-7585 or cliening@corrado.com.