



## **FDOT** **Southern Blvd. Bridges Replacement Project Update** **Friday, May 11, 2018**

On Thursday, May 17, the temporary bridge for the Southern Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project will open to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The vertical lift span bridge will open with one lane of traffic in each direction and a sidewalk for pedestrians on the north side.

To prepare for the traffic switch from the existing bridge to the temporary bridge, Flagler Drive north of Southern Boulevard will have temporary closures from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. Police officers will maintain local traffic through the intersection as paving is performed at the intersection of Flagler Drive and Southern Boulevard. In addition, the Southern Boulevard Causeway and Southern Boulevard from Flagler Drive to Washington Road will have single-lane closures from 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, to 6 a.m. Thursday, May 17. Flaggers will maintain two-way traffic – one direction at a time – in the remaining open lane as crews restripe the roadway. Marine traffic will not be impacted during these times.

Traffic will switch to the temporary bridge at 6 a.m. on May 17 (see attached map). The temporary bridge will remain in operation for approximately two years as the existing bridge is demolished and the replacement bridge built. The temporary bridge will have a vertical clearance of 14 feet in the closed position and 65 feet in the open position with a 125-foot navigable channel. The bridge will maintain an opening schedule of twice per hour at 15 minutes and 45 minutes past the hour. There may be half-channel closures during construction.

The Southern Boulevard (SR 80) Bridges Replacement Project includes replacing the existing bascule (draw) bridge and tide relief bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway (ICWW) and Lake Worth Lagoon between the Town of Palm Beach and the City of West Palm Beach. The project limits are between Washington Road in West Palm Beach and State Road A1A/South Ocean Boulevard in Palm Beach. New decorative lighting, pedestrian features, traffic signals, signage and drainage are included. A temporary bridge will be built north of the existing bridge to maintain traffic while the replacement bascule bridge is under construction. Active construction began April 3, 2017 and will last until early 2021. The estimated construction cost is \$93 million.

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