



S.R. 29/LaBelle Drawbridge Public Information Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2009

State Road 29/LaBelle Drawbridge Rehabilitation Project

- Public information meeting is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the LaBelle Civic Center (behind City Hall)
- Project starts June 2010

The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting an open-house information meeting to acquaint people with the rehabilitation project's estimated schedule and detour for traffic. Please stop anytime during the two hour meeting to ask questions and talk one-on-one with the project team. There will be no formal presentation.

About the project:

The job is scheduled to start June 1, 2010 and finish early 2011, weather permitting. The department's contractor will be making electrical, mechanical, and structural repairs to the bridge. This \$5 million rehabilitation project will extend the service life of the bridge approximately 15 years with continued routine maintenance. The department will hold another public information meeting in May 2010 before the project begins.

During some work activity, the State Road 29 drawbridge will be closed to motor vehicle traffic. Variable message boards will be placed at locations in Glades and Hendry Counties to alert drivers to bridge closures:

- 24/7 full bridge closure from July 5 through August 8, 2010
 - 20 nighttime/overnight full bridge closures (8 p.m. – 5 a.m.)
 - 20 nighttime/overnight one lane closures (8 p.m. – 5 a.m.)
- Flaggers will direct two-way traffic using one lane on the bridge.

Local traffic, with the exception of heavy trucks and other heavy vehicles, may use the Ft. Denaud Bridge. Motorists are advised the Ft. Denaud Bridge has a 5-ton weight restriction. The detour route during bridge closures will be State Road 78 and State Road 80 (east/west) and State Road 29 and U.S. 27 (north/south). Other routes also are available depending on destinations.

There may be some restrictions to boaters. The Coast Guard will provide notification to vessel and marine traffic.



Questions?
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