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## **State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway over Niles Channel**

*Roadway Project Begins the Week of August 1*

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**Monroe County, FL** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a bridge repair and rehabilitation project along SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway over Niles Channel from Summerland Key (MM 25.396) to Ramrod Key (MM 26.261) in the Lower Keys, Monroe County. The project will cost an estimated \$1.4 million and will take roughly 10 months to complete.

Work to be performed includes:

- Repairing and restoring columns
- Cleaning concrete surfaces
- Sealing minor cracks
- Adding corrosion protection to existing foundations or drilled shafts

To complete this work safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes during the night. Tasks will be done in stages and lane closures will be scheduled to keep traffic moving. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions. For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or Construction Public Information Specialist Paulette Summers at 786-510-3921 or go to the website at [www.fdotmonroe.com](http://www.fdotmonroe.com).

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in construction zones.