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Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation Project Begins the Week of September 25

State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway/Old Seven Mile Bridge

Monroe County, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a bridge repair and rehabilitation project the week of September 25, 2017. The project limits extend along SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway/Old Seven Mile Bridge from Knights Key MM 39.8 to Pigeon Key MM 46.6 in Monroe County. The project will cost an estimated \$33.3 million. The work will last roughly four years and includes the following:

- Repairing concrete columns
- Repairing steel beam including painting
- Removing retired water main
- Repairing the bridge deck
- Installing pedestrian/bicycle railing
- Adding signing and pavement markings along the bridge

Pedestrian access to the bridge as well as the underpass will be prohibited during the project. Appropriate signage will be displayed advising patrons of the **ONLY** areas which can be safely accessed until construction is fully complete, which are the pavilion park and ten parking spaces. Project information will be posted weekly on the department's website.

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 Community Outreach Specialist Paulette Summers at 786-510-3921 or go to the website at www.fdotmonroe.com.

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to 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.