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State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway at Cow Key Channel Bridges

Bridge Project Begins the Week of July 9

Monroe County, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a safety improvement project along SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway at Cow Key Channel Mile Marker 4.1 in the City of Key West. The project will cost an estimated \$200,000. The work will last roughly three months and includes the following:

- Installing reinforcement beams to the underside of both northbound and southbound Cow Key Channel Bridges at spans 3 and 4. Upgrading guardrail to current standards
- Installing new spans along both bridges

IMPORTANT: All boat traffic using Cow Key Channel to cross under SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway will be affected. Boaters will need to use span 2 (the far west side span opening). Boaters are strongly encouraged to exercise extreme caution when traversing in this area and use idle speed. No work will be conducted within span 2 and it may remain open to smaller vessels that transit this channel.

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.