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FDOT to Reduce Speed Limit on Overseas Highway
Between Mile Marker (MM) 77 and MM 80

Miami, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces it will reduce the speed limit along State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway from 50 mph to 45 mph, between MM 77 and MM 80 by July 19, 2019.

On June 21, representatives from FDOT attended a meeting coordinated by Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay to discuss overuse of the Fills, the roadway and adjacent land along Overseas Highway connecting Upper Matecumbe and Lower Matecumbe Keys.

Attendees included Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez, FDOT District Six Secretary James Wolfe, State Attorney Dennis Ward, State Representative Holly Raschein's District Director Sarah Craven, Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay and Islamorada Mayor Deb Gillis. Representatives from Florida Fish and Wildlife, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the National Park Service and the Florida Highway Patrol also attended.

“Governor DeSantis and I are committed to ensuring the safety of our roadways. The residents and visitors of the Florida Keys will benefit from the proposed speed reductions on State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway because they will serve as lifesaving road measures for all drivers,” said Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez.

“FDOT has been working closely with the Village of Islamorada and Monroe County Sheriff's office to address safety concerns in this area,” says Secretary James Wolfe. “We committed to conducting a traffic study through the area and the results indicate that it would be prudent to reduce the current speed limit to 45 mph.”

At the meeting, Secretary Wolfe made several commitments to improve safety along the Fills including: conducting a traffic study to evaluate the 50-mile-per-hour posted speed limit; and installing audible striping in the center. Audible striping makes noise when tires go over them, alerting drivers when they drift into the center of the road. Audible striping will be installed by the end of this year.

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