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**State Road (SR) 934/NE 79 Street West Bridge Closed to Navigation**

*July 27 until August 24, 2020*

**Miami, Fla.** – In response to a request from the Florida Department of Transportation, the U.S. Coast Guard has given FDOT authorization to temporarily deviate from the drawbridge operation regulation 33 CFR 117.261 (mm-1) that governs the West 79 Street Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), mile 1078.0, at Miami, Florida.

Under the temporary deviation, the West 79 Street Bridge may remain closed to navigation from 12 p.m. July 27, 2020 until 12 p.m., August 24, 2020, with an alternate route via the East 79 Street Bridge, Miami Beach Channel. The bridge can be opened with a four-hour notification to the bridge tender. U.S. Coast Guard will announce the temporary change to the bridge operating regulations in the Local Notice to Mariners via a Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

On June 30, the west 79 Street bridge was struck by lightning. Workers repaired the resulting damage, but the lightning strike impacted other parts of the bridge. The Department and its contractors are working diligently to address the issues.

For additional information, please contact FDOT District Six Communication Manager Tish Burgher by calling (305) 796-0785 or by emailing [tish.burgher@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:tish.burgher@dot.state.fl.us). Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or visit [fl511.com](http://fl511.com) for real-time traffic and lane closure information.

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