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Drawbridge Lockdowns to Begin in Advance of Hurricane Elsa *In Monroe County*

MIAMI, Fla. – In preparation for Hurricane Elsa, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Monroe County, will begin locking down the Snake Creek Bridge eight hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds (39 mph or higher). The bridge will be closed to marine navigation once lockdown is complete and will remain closed for the duration of severe weather and until the drawbridge and waterway can be assessed for damages.

Mariners who need to navigate through the Snake Creek drawbridge are advised that the bridge may not be operating on normal publicized schedules as early as 36 hours prior to the forecasted storm arrival. The drawbridge will not be operating upon arrival of gale-force winds (34 knots or higher) or following a mandatory Monroe County evacuation order.

Mariners are encouraged to frequently check the USCG Notice to Mariners for updates and additional information at Sector Key West, homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/key-west

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