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Pablo Road Bridge to be Replaced

ST. AUGUSTINE -- Pablo Road is scheduled to be completely closed for approximately eight months beginning Tuesday, June 1 while the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) replaces the bridge over the Ponte Vedra canal.

A detour will be in place during this eight-month closure beginning at around 7 a.m. June 1. Traffic will be detoured westbound to Pablo Drive, Pablo Road, Ponte Vedra Boulevard, Miranda Road, San Juan Drive and back to Pablo Road. Eastbound traffic will be detoured to San Juan Drive, Miranda Road, Ponte Vedra Boulevard and back to Pablo Road. Although the road will be closed at all times, crews plan to work Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The travel lanes of the existing timber bridge, built in 1978 and rehabilitated in 1988, are approximately 12 feet wide with no sidewalk. The newly constructed bridge will be a concrete structure with an asphalt overlay, sidewalk and a new timber railing. When the bridge reopens to traffic, it will include two 11-foot travel lanes with a 5 ½-foot concrete sidewalk on both sides of the bridge.

Demolition of the existing bridge and site clearing is scheduled to begin immediately. Once demolition is complete, crews will begin installing bridge supports for the new bridge. Installation will be limited to weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The FDOT is overseeing the project since federal funds are being used. The total cost to replace the bridge is \$787,536.38.

OTAK Group, Inc. of Yulee has been hired by the FDOT to build the new bridge and is expected to complete the work by early 2011 barring unforeseen conditions.

For more information on this project, contact the FDOT Public Information Office toll-free at 800-749-2967, ext. 7830.

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