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Fact Sheet

**Venetian Bridges Rehabilitation Contract
Venetian Causeway
Miami Dade County Public Works Department
Project No. 20070776**

Project Description:

The twelve (12) existing bridges are located on the Venetian Causeway, between North Bayshore Drive and Purdy Avenue and within Miami-Dade County Commission Districts 3 and 4. The Causeway provides a major link between the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach, as well as access to the residents of the islands along the Causeway. Two (2) of these twelve (12) bridges include a bascule span. Presently, the bridges exhibit severe deterioration due to their proximity to the very aggressive marine environment. In order to address these deficiencies a major rehabilitation project is underway to repair the bridges. These repairs include the arch beams, deck slabs, diaphragms and piers. The project once completed will eliminate the loading restriction for vehicular traffic and enhance safety for the public and marine traffic.

Construction Schedule:

The construction for this project is anticipated to commence on April 13, 2009 and end in October 5, 2010.

*The Construction Schedule above is weather permitting.

Methodology and Efforts:

All efforts are being made to minimize the impact from the construction activities to the residents of the area and the businesses surrounding the project. Other than short duration closures of one traffic lane to deliver materials such as concrete, vehicular traffic will be maintained in both directions during the entire project except when repairs are being done to the east bascule bridge (Bridge # 874774) which will last thirty (30) days. This thirty (30) days closure of east bascule bridge will begin in the month of April or May. During this thirty (30) days closure, all vehicular traffic will be detoured to the MacArthur Causeway (State Road A1A). The local residents will be allowed to access their residences and businesses on both sides of the east bascule bridge. The marine traffic will be allowed to pass the east bascule bridge only during the restricted time schedule allowed by the Coast Guard. Immediately upon completion of the east bascule bridge repairs both marine and vehicular traffic will be back to their normal condition. The area will be restored to its original condition immediately upon the completion of the construction activities. The restoration will include any areas impacted by the project, such as grassy areas, landscaping, and other items affected by the construction.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Delfin Molins, E.I., Public Information Officer Miami-Dade Public Works Department at 305-375-1682, e-mail delfin@miamidade.gov; or Enrique Gonzalez, Construction Quality Assurance at 305-375-2550, e-mail eeq@miamidade.gov.

Thank you for your patience!

