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Ortega River Drawbridge at S.R. 211 cleaning and painting begins Monday

Jacksonville – As part of the Ortega River Drawbridge rehabilitation project, channel restrictions will begin Monday, May 14 to safely complete cleaning and painting work under the drawbridge through mid-July, depending weather and unforeseen circumstances.

The channel will be open for marine traffic at all times and work will occur on one side of the channel at a time. During this timeframe, the bridge will be on single leaf operations and mariners are advised to transit with caution as there will be floating equipment in the waterway. Mariners requiring a double leaf opening should contact the bridge tender four hours in advance.

When necessary, a one-time, ten consecutive day full bridge closure will be required to complete the electrical and bridge painting work, which is not accessible while maintaining vehicular traffic. Electronic message boards will be displayed in advanced to advise motorists and pedestrians before the work occurs.

Astron General Contracting Co. Inc., is scheduled to complete the \$1.7 million rehabilitation improvements by late December 2018, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The Ortega River Bridge is a bascule drawbridge was built in 1927 and is raised and lowered approximately 7,000 times a year.

For more information regarding construction projects, please visit www.nflroads.com or contact FDOT personnel at 904-831-FDOT.

