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TREASURE ISLAND CAUSEWAY CLOSED AUGUST 23rd & 25th

TREASURE ISLAND (August 19, 2005) – The Treasure Island Causeway Drawbridge will be closed to traffic Tuesday, August 23rd from Noon until 6pm and Thursday, August 25th from 8:30am to 7pm for concrete pier pours at the new Treasure Island Causeway Drawbridge.

Westbound traffic will detour at 79th Street to Causeway Boulevard North or South. Eastbound causeway traffic will detour at Paradise Boulevard, except for local traffic to the Treasure Island Yacht Club. Detour routes to and from Treasure Island are the Madeira Beach Causeway to the north and the Corey Causeway in St. Pete Beach to the south.

Treasure Island Transportation Director Hal Bruce said the concrete pour on Tuesday will create a slab at Pier #8 for drawbridge machinery. Thursday's pour, the larger of the two pours this week, will create walls for the drawbridge machinery room at Pier #7. "You'll begin to see more and more bridge structure tower over the road surface as work progresses," said Bruce. "It'll give you a sense of how massive this new bridge will become."

The Treasure Island Causeway Bridge will be operational for boats that need an opening. Bridge opening times are :20 past the hour, :40 past and the top of the hour, between the hours of 7am and 7pm. The Treasure Island Causeway Bridge opens on demand from 7pm to 7am.