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TREASURE ISLAND CAUSEWAY DRAWBRIDGE CLOSED THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th

TREASURE ISLAND (August 2, 2005) – The Treasure Island Causeway Drawbridge will be closed for an all-day concrete pour on Thursday, August 4th from 8:30am to 7pm.

As in previous causeway bridge closures, no westbound traffic will be allowed past 79th Avenue on Causeway Isles. Traffic will be detoured to Causeway Boulevard North or South. Eastbound causeway traffic will be detoured 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 a total of 450 cubic yards of concrete will be poured at the new westbound bridge span. "Pier 8 is the bridge tender's housing pier where we'll be pouring the lower level walls. At Pier 7, a concrete slab will be poured for the bridge machinery. The Pier 6 pour is a roadway support pour." In all, a 50 truck caravan will continuously supply concrete to the bridge construction site at Boca Ciega Bay, between Treasure Island and St. Petersburg.

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.