

Press Release

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TREASURE ISLAND CAUSEWAY DRAWBRIDGE TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY MAY 26th

TREASURE ISLAND (May 20, 2005) - The bascule, or drawbridge, span of the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 8:30am on Thursday, May 26th. The bridge will reopen to traffic at approximately 7pm.

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.

A continuous concrete pour for the new Treasure Island Causeway Bridge requires the full closure to all traffic for approximately 12 hours, said Treasure Island Public Works Director Don Hambidge.

Approximately 50 concrete trucks will deliver 480 cubic yards of concrete for the "seal pour" on the new west end bascule pier. The pour will form the basis of the footing and seal the bottom of the tower that will house the new drawbridge machinery.

Hambidge said he expected another concrete pour in two to three weeks.

Demolition of the 67 year-old Treasure Island drawbridge began in January 2005. Two new east and west fixed bridges were opened to traffic in October 2004. Construction of the new Treasure Island Causeway Drawbridge will be completed in the spring of 2008.

Bridge construction updates and video can be viewed at the City's website www.mytreasureisland.org