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TREASURE ISLAND BASCULE BRIDGE GRAND OPENING AUGUST 25, 2007

The City of Treasure Island celebrates one of its most long-awaited moments, the official opening of the new Treasure Island C.W. "Bill" Young Bascule Bridge.

WHEN:

Saturday, August 25, 2007 at 10am

WHERE:

Grand opening events take place at the east (St. Petersburg) end of the bridge.

PARKING:

St. Petersburg side: Park on Causeway Boulevard North or South between 79th and 80th Streets. Enter at 80th Street. Treasure Island side: Park on Paradise Lane, not on the grass. Do not park on the causeway or at the Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

9am – Causeway and bridge closes to vehicular traffic.

East end closure: 79th Street & the causeway. West end closure: Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club entrance. If you are arriving from west of the bridge (beach side) get to the east side before 9am. Otherwise, it's a trip around when the bridge closes to traffic at 9am.

PHOTO-OP - 10am – Remarks from officials

From the stage at the east end of the bridge. Speakers include Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young, Treasure Island Mayor Mary Maloof, TI Public Works Director Don Hambidge, Jim Phillips of EC Driver (bridge engineering firm), John Meagher of Johnson Bros. (bridge main contractor) and Ambassador Mel Sembler. Additional speakers scheduled for brief comments.

PHOTO-OP - 10:45am – Ribbon cutting

At the east end of the bridge, in the median. An area directly in front of the ribbon will be roped off for photo ops. Immediately after ribbon-cutting, runners and bikers from local athletic clubs sprint and pedal over the four lanes of the new bridge.

PHOTO-OP - 10:55am – Dedication and plaque unveiling

On the roadway at the bridge tender tower. The Treasure Island City Commission voted on July 17, 2007 to name the new bridge the Treasure Island/C.W. "Bill" Young Bascule Bridge. Congressman Young's office was instrumental obtaining \$50-million in federal transportation funds.

PHOTO-OP – 11am – Bridge Opening for boat parade

In the bridge tender tower. Congressman Young will operate the controls to open the bridge for the boat parade. **Les Lathrop (727-367-4511)**, Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club Dockmaster, organizes the parade. The parade passes through the channel from north to south. The east end leaves of the bridge will remain down and can be used as a prime viewing area of the boat parade.