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Bridge of Lions and Temporary Bridge Closed for 15 hours March 16-17, 2010

ST. AUGUSTINE – The Bridge of Lions and the adjacent temporary bridge will both be completely closed to all motorist and pedestrian traffic for 15 hours beginning at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evening, March 16, 2010 and ending at approximately 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. At that time, the rehabilitated Bridge of Lions will be open to traffic. During this closure, the SR 312 bridge may be used as an alternate route.

In addition to the bridge closures, access to Anastasia Boulevard at the east end of the bridge will be closed at Dolphin Drive, St. Augustine Boulevard and Gerado Street. Motorists needing to access Anastasia Boulevard from the Davis Shores neighborhood can use Zorayda Avenue or other alternate easterly access points.

An opening ceremony will be held at the west end of the rehabilitated Bridge of Lions at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, March 17, 2010, prior to opening the Bridge to traffic. Please visit the City of St. Augustine's website at www.staugustinegovernment.com for more information on the opening ceremony.

Marine traffic will only be affected during the opening ceremony from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, when the bridge will not open for vessels too tall to travel beneath the span in the closed position.

The Bridge of Lions Rehabilitation project, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), began in February 2005. The temporary bridge was completed in May 2006. The rehabilitated Bridge of Lions will open March 17, 2010 and will be followed by removal of the temporary bridge, roadwork, and completion of the parks at the east and west ends of the Bridge of Lions. For more information regarding the bridge rehabilitation, please visit our website at www.FDOTBridgeofLions.com or contact Laurie Sanderson in the public information office at (904) 825-3647 or at info@FDOTBridgeofLions.com.

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