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## **Traffic Restrictions Lifted on Mid-Bay Bridge**

**Chipley** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has lifted traffic restrictions on the Mid-Bay Bridge (State Road 293) in Okaloosa County and opened the structure to traffic 1 a.m. Thursday, June 27. Restrictions on oversize and overweight vehicles in excess of 80,000 pounds (40 tons) on the Mid-Bay Bridge (State Road 293) in Okaloosa County will remain.

Traffic was previously limited to two-axle vehicles including cars, trucks, SUVs, school buses and limited EMS and first responder equipment only.

Phase One permanent repairs to replace eight post-tensioning tendons, which are prestressed steel cables inside the bridge that reinforce concrete, are complete. Crews will continue maintenance operations with no anticipated lane closures.

FDOT engineers and Mid-Bay Bridge Authority consultants have inspected the bridge and performed tests to verify that the bridge is structurally sound. FDOT's number one priority is the safety of the traveling public and routine bridge inspections are one tool the department uses to provide a safe and efficient transportation system.

The Mid-Bay Bridge, a 3.6-mile two lane toll bridge spanning the Choctawhatchee Bay, was built in 1993 and averages 22,000 vehicles per day.

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