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OSPREY AVE. BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTINUES; BRIDGE SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED JAN. 19 & 20

Sarasota, FL: An extensive inspection of the Osprey Avenue Bridge over Hudson Bayou will continue prior to the City soliciting bids to hire a new contractor for the Lift Station 87 project. During the inspection period through February 16, boat traffic in the bayou and vehicular traffic over the bridge will be temporarily restricted.

On Monday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 20, the bridge will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic.

On Wednesday, January 21, Osprey Avenue at the Hudson Bayou will reopen to *one lane of southbound traffic only*. This temporary traffic pattern will remain in place while the remainder of the bridge inspection is conducted over the next four weeks. The inspection is expected to be completed with two way traffic resuming by Monday, February 16.

To facilitate the safe inspection of the concrete bridge abutment below the water line, cofferdams also will be installed in the bayou. The waterway will be open to accommodate tidal flows and the ingress and egress of marine life; however, the vertical height for vessel clearance under the Osprey Avenue Bridge will be reduced to a level that will impede boat traffic.

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