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### **OSPREY AVE. BRIDGE SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED JAN. 21 & 22**

Sarasota, FL: The Osprey Avenue Bridge over the Hudson Bayou will be temporarily closed tomorrow and Thursday, January 22 with subsequent traffic restrictions (vehicle and boat) for the next month. The temporary closure and restrictions are necessary while crews conduct an extensive inspection of the bridge prior to the City soliciting bids to hire a new contractor for the Lift Station 87 project.

The bridge is scheduled to reopen on Friday, January 23 with *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 on or near 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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