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Camden County ... St. Mary's River Bridge on U.S. 17/State Route 25 Closed For One Year

Kingsland, Georgia – The St. Mary's River Bridge on U.S. 17/S.R. 25 on the Georgia-Florida state line will be closed for about a year for repairs starting April 8.

- **WHEN:** Monday, April 8 for approximately one year.
- WHERE: St. Mary's River Bridge on U.S. 17/S.R. 25 in Camden County at Georgia/Florida state line.
- **WHAT:** Georgia Department of Transportation announces Florida DOT will be closing the St. Mary's River Bridge on US 17 at the Georgia-Florida state line on April 8 for approximately one year for a renovating project. The \$3.5 million project includes replacing and fixing damaged steel and refurbishing mechanical components of the bridge. The project contract specifies 330 days to complete the work and allows for extra time to be added for weather delays, holidays and unforeseen technical issues.

The bridge was built in 1927. An average of 8,600 vehicles a day travel across the bridge in both directions.

The detour route will be signed as follows:

- Motorists traveling southbound on U.S. 17/S.R. 25 should take State Route 40 /East King Avenue to Interstate 95; turn left at the on ramp for I-95 South to reconnect with U.S. 17 in Florida.
- Motorists traveling northbound after entering Georgia on I-95 should take Exit Ramp 3; turn right on State Route 40/East King Avenue to reconnect with U.S. 17/S.R. 25.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at <u>www.511ga.org</u>. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit <u>www.dot.ga.gov</u> or subscribe to our Press Release <u>RSS feed</u>. You also may follow us on <u>Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT</u>) and <u>Twitter (http://twitter.com/gadeptoftrans</u>).

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