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PRESS RELEASE

Causeway Maintenance Project to Demobilize on Weekends

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The maintenance project conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway will begin demobilizing equipment and removing the lane closure on weekends starting this week. The contractor has agreed to remove all equipment from the causeway and re-open the right eastbound lane for the upcoming weekend (June 24-26) and the 4th of July weekend (July 1-4), and negotiations are taking place to demobilize all of the remaining weekends of the summer.

The maintenance project has narrowed the bridge to just one lane heading toward the Island and has created significant traffic issues. The removal of the equipment will start at approximately noon on Fridays which should help alleviate some of the traffic issues that visitors to South Padre Island have experienced over previous weekends.

Project equipment will be demobilized starting at approximately noon on Friday's and remobilize on the following Monday morning. For the 4th of July weekend, the process of demobilizing will start on Friday July 1 and then remobilize on Tuesday July 5.

The process of demobilizing the equipment on the weekends will cause delays in the project but it is still schedule to be completed before Labor Day weekend.

The Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway maintenance project consists of removing any rust, repairing eroded areas and re-painting the metal beams that support the highest point of the causeway. The project is considered regular maintenance that is completed every 10-15 years to preserve the integrity and extend the overall life of the bridge.

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