



Florida Department of Transportation

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POLICY

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WINTER WEATHER EVENTS

“The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.”

Public safety is the highest priority and must be maintained on Florida’s state highway system. The quality of life in the state of Florida is heavily dependent upon the free movement of people, vehicles and all types of commerce. Today’s supply chain is dependent on people and commodities arriving at their destination on time. Any closure of the Interstate System could have a huge economic impact to the state of Florida. Closures to other state highway systems could have extreme consequences related to life safety.

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation that:

1. The Interstate System bridges remain open during a winter weather event.
2. Bridges on State roads to a barrier island remain open during a winter weather event.

In carrying out this policy, the Department shall:

- Implement all appropriate countermeasures and expend extraordinary effort to prevent the accumulation of ice to keep these bridges open during a winter weather event.

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Ananth Prasad, P.E.
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