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*Board of County Commissioners*

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### **Lakeshore Drive Interchange Seasonal Road Closure Near Mid-Bay Bridge**

**Bluewater Bay - Niceville, Fla.** – For the fourth year in a row, White Point Road and Lakeshore Drive will be closed to through traffic on Saturday afternoons from May 29 - September 4, 2021.

The closure takes place each year between Memorial Day and Labor Day to maintain traffic safety and relieve residents on these roads from congestion brought about, primarily by southbound tourism traffic, on State Road 293 toward the Mid-Bay bridge, taking detours through residential neighborhoods. The Saturday afternoon closures will take place from approximately noon to 6 p.m. Planning authorities want to remind motorists that the start and end time are approximate due to fluctuations in traffic volume.

“The seasonal lane-closure has improved traffic flow year-after-year, thanks to the cooperation and advanced planning of multiple agencies; notably the good work of the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s deputies who monitor and enforce the traffic changes,” said Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners Vice Chairman Mel Ponder. “Keeping the community informed and planning ahead are pertinent to the safety of motorists and residents alike.”

Message boards along State Road 20 and State Road 293 will activate at approximately 11 a.m. on closure day, alerting motorists of the temporary closure. Okaloosa County Sheriff’s deputies will manage the blockade and patrol the area.

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