



BRIGHTLINE & FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY LAUNCH BRIDGE SCHEDULE APP & WEBSITE FOR ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE

Technology allows mariners, businesses, and recreational boaters to plan their travel along the waterway based on railroad bridge openings

Miami, Fla. (August 18, 2023) – Today, Brightline and the Florida East Coast Railway announced the launch of the St. Lucie Bridge Schedule App and Website for mariners. The tech platforms communicate real-time schedule information providing the community with predictability and reliability of bridge openings. **To download the bridge app, search for “Bridge Schedule” in the Apple and Android app stores, or visit <http://www.bridgeschedule.com/>.** The app and website went live in coordination with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) temporary deviation on August 15.

In addition to the bridge app and website, Brightline installed variable message signs on each side of the bridge, which are interconnected to the railroad signal system. The signs display a countdown to each bridge closure and opening. Brightline also recently constructed a bridge monitor house, and a bridge monitor is located on site between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day. **The bridge monitor is the main point of contact for daily waterway usage and can be reached via VHF Channel 9 or by phone at 772-403-1005.**

The companies hired a Manager of Waterway Communications who will liaise directly with the marine communities in South Florida and the Treasure Coast. The Manager of Waterway Communications is a USCG-licensed captain and is based in South Florida.

Brightline and the Florida East Coast Railway have been working with local stakeholders on the development of these measures. One of the top requests from marine users has been greater predictability of the railway bridge’s operations. The app and website provide forecasts as well as real-time updates for the bridge so users can plan their trip along the waterway, knowing when the bridge will be open and closed.

The bridge app and website already include closure information for the New River Bridge in Fort Lauderdale.

Brightline and the Florida East Coast Railway have partnered on these notification measures and worked closely with the USCG and area stakeholders on a new temporary deviation that will guarantee mariners more than 50 percent access to the waterway.

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About Brightline

Brightline is the only provider of modern, eco-friendly, higher-speed rail service in America. The company currently serves Miami, Aventura, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, with the Orlando station beginning service in September, 2023. Brightline was recognized by Fast Company as one of the Most Innovative Companies in Travel and included in Condé Nast Traveler’s 2023 Hot List for the best new ways to travel. Offering a guest-first experience designed to reinvent train travel and take cars off the road, Brightline plans to bring its award-winning service to additional city pairs and congested corridors across the country that are too close to fly and too long to drive, with immediate plans to connect Las

Vegas to Southern California. For more information, visit www.gobrightline.com and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

About Florida East Coast Railway

The Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) is a Class II regional railroad that owns all of the 351-mile mainline track from Jacksonville, FL down to Miami. It is the exclusive rail provider for PortMiami, Port Everglades and Port of Palm Beach.

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