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## George Bush Bascule Bridge in Delray Beach to Reopen

On Thursday, March 3, George Bush Bascule Bridge, built in 1949, experienced a significant malfunction during an opening. The spans were raised; however, they were unable to close, and remained in the open position. Maintenance staff was notified, responded, and worked through the night, determining the cause of the malfunction to be damage to the original machinery, more specifically, a main shaft and gear section of the drive system.

All replacement components have been fabricated and installed. Three weeks of extensive testing and an inspection period followed while the mechanics of the bridge were continuously adjusted and fine-tuned.

The bridge has now been deemed safe and will re-open and be fully operational no later than 5 P.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022. Intermittent bridge closures are to be expected as continued monitoring is planned.

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