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U.S. Coast Guard to limit 79th Street East and West drawbridge openings this June

North Bay Village, FL – The U.S. Coast Guard has announced they will limit openings during peak hours on both the East and West drawbridge on 79th Street. This comes after elected officials in North Bay Village pursued a federal adjustment that would allow the bridges to open only once an hour during peak hours Monday to Friday (except Federal holidays.) The change becomes effective June 11, 2023.

The previous schedule ordered both bridges to open every hour and every half hour during rush hour Monday to Friday. North Bay Village Commission requested the change from the U.S. Coast Guard after residents experienced tremendous inconvenience throughout the year. Earlier this year, residents shared their feedback to the U.S. Coast Guard, urging them to make the schedule change permanent. Officials from the U.S. Coast Guard received hundreds of comments in support of change.

This action is intended to assist with reducing vehicular traffic congestion in the area. The upcoming change will now reduce commute times for residents, visitors and ease congestion throughout the Village.

North Bay Village is leading the way in environmental stewardship, we are uniquely positioned geographically and philosophically to tackle environmental issues facing our region. NBV is on the frontlines of sea level rise and climate resilience is a survival issue for us, not just a talking point. The Village received the Master Plan of the Year Award by the countywide and statewide chapters of the American Planning Association in 2021. Our NBV100 Plan focuses on proactive measures addressing climate change and embracing the waterfront.