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Blackburn Point Swing Bridge will reopen this afternoon

The Blackburn Point Swing Bridge will reopen to vehicular traffic by 2 p.m. today, June 18, after repairs to the historic 83-year-old bridge were completed more than a week earlier than scheduled. The bridge connecting the Sarasota County mainland to the north end of Casey Key has been closed since May 26.

The \$489,000 project made substantial mechanical improvements to the 142-foot-long span, including replacement of the bridge center pivot bearing and drive mechanism, the rack and pinion, drive train and wheel assembly. The repairs did not change the appearance of the bridge.

The contractor is Infrastructure Corporation of America (ICA). Headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn., ICA has regional offices in Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida, including one in Sarasota.

Constructed in 1925-26, the Blackburn Point Swing Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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