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95 EXPRESS MEDIA ALERT END-TO-END TESTING OCTOBER 14 & 15

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, in coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), will close the northbound express lanes and one inside local travel lane on I-95 between S.R. 836 / Dolphin Expressway and the Golden Glades from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 15 to conduct “end-to-end” testing. The NW 39th Street on ramp and the S.R. 112 eastbound flyover ramp to northbound I-95 will also be closed. This testing period is an important step in preparing the new facility for the implementation of electronic tolling.

During these closures, authorized vehicles will drive in the express lanes to “test” the recently installed tolling equipment and make sure that it is communicating with the District Six Traffic Management Center (TMC) and the FTE. ***Overhead tolling signs will display toll rates as part of this test, but actual tolling will not begin at this time. Motorists will be advised in advance when electronic tolling will begin on this new facility.***

This work is being performed in conjunction with the 95 Express Project, which began on February 18, will last approximately two years, and cost an estimated \$122 million. This is the first of two projects that will create “express” toll lanes on I-95 between S.R. 836 / Dolphin Expressway, in Miami-Dade County, and I-595 in Broward County.

Northbound Express Lanes between S.R. 112 / I-195 and the Golden Glades Interchange have been open to traffic since July with toll collection expected to begin in early November 2008. Southbound Express Lanes are expected to be open to traffic and collecting tolls by late 2009. All toll collections will be with a SunPass transponder. Motorists will pay a toll which will vary with the level of congestion to use these lanes. Express Lanes will be toll-free for express transit services as well as car pools with three or more passengers, van pools, hybrid vehicles and motorcycles that are registered with South Florida Commuter Services.

Motorists are encouraged to call **511** before they drive or log on to www.SunGuide.org to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. For construction-related questions, please contact Construction Public Information Specialist Tish Burgher at 305-499-2391. For a detailed overview of the 95 Express Project, please visit www.95express.com or call the 24-hour Hot Line at 1-877-95X-FDOT (1-877-959-3368).

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