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The I-95 Express lanes will open for business on Friday and The Miami Herald is here to answer your last-minute questions about the project.

The state's grand experiment converting the underenforced High Occupancy Vehicle or HOV lanes into High Occupancy Toll or HOT lanes on Interstate 95 is finally ready to begin.

Tolls will officially begin in the northbound express lanes between downtown Miami and the Golden Glades interchange at 6 a.m. Friday.

The idea is that the tolls will rise, especially during the weekday afternoon rush hours, when traffic is heaviest and fall when vehicles are freely flowing.

For more information, check out our daily Q&A, call 877-959-3368 or click on www.95express.com.

Through Thursday, The Miami Herald will publish a Q&A to deal with some of the more frequently asked questions about the new toll. The entire Q&A is available on the Herald's website: www.MiamiHerald.com.

Q. Can't they make another entry/exit point -- say, somewhere between the 95th and 103rd street exits?

A. Good question.

Original plans called for an entry/exit merging point between the 95th and 103rd street exits in Miami Shores. But all of the computer models and engineering studies found that it would have only made congestion worse. The area was too tight to support all of the weaving, so it was eliminated.

Q. OK. So when do I need to get over to the right to avoid getting stuck in the toll lanes?

A. If you're approaching from the south, stay to the right near the exit for State Road 112, also known as the Airport Expressway, and Interstate 195 (the Julia Tuttle Causeway).



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If you're coming from the west on State Road 112, watch the signs right after the tollbooth. Local traffic that needs to exit before the Golden Glades must stay to the right. The express lane begins on the old HOV ramp to northbound I-95 on the left.

Q. Can I get in the express lanes from the Julia Tuttle Causeway?

A. Not legally. If you live in Miami Beach and want to use the express lanes to get to Florida's Turnpike or the Palmetto Expressway (State Road 826) or points north, you maneuver south from the beach side and enter I-95 North via I-395,(the MacArthur Causeway). Translation: The Express won't be worth it to most people whose journey starts north of 23rd Street.