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MIAMI -- A group of cars, vans and motorcycles, which were labeled “riding-toll-free,” traveled north on the new Interstate 95 express lanes to mark the official opening of the express lanes.

The event, held on Dec. 2 from 12:55 to 1:05 p.m., was part of the Florida Department of Transportation and its partners’ efforts to make sure the public knows how to safely use the lanes when tolling begins.

The event began at Moore Park at Northwest 10th Ave and Northwest 38th Street at 10:30 a.m. The caravan will travel northbound on the I-95 from the Northwest 10th Avenue ramp to the Golden Glades Park-n-Ride. A demonstration showed who can ride toll-free and who will pay.

The express lanes, also known as Phase 1A, will officially open at 6 a.m. on Dec. 5 and will be an alternative to the daily congestion on I-95 in Miami-Dade County, officials said. When traffic is light, the fast lanes will cost 25 cents. But during rush hour, it will cost \$2.50.

With up to 35,000 cars making the trip on I-95 from downtown to the Golden Glades each day, some drivers like the idea of getting home quick.

When the lanes were first installed there were numerous accidents because drivers were confused about where to get on and off -- something that still exist today, NBC 6's Willard Shepard reported.

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