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## Southbound I-95 Express Lanes Plastic Pole Installation Begins December 2, 2009

**Miami, FL** – Motorists will soon see plastic poles going in along southbound I-95 between Miami Gardens Drive / NW 186<sup>th</sup> Street and I-395 / State Road (S.R.) 836, as part of Phase 1B of the 95 Express project. **On Wednesday, December 2, 2009**, workers will begin installing plastic poles to establish a barrier between two new southbound express lanes and the four local lanes. **The distance between the entrance and the exit point will change nightly as the installation proceeds. Upon installation, motorists will not be able to drive through or around the plastic poles to move between the express facility and local lanes.**

The plastic poles will be installed at night (9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.) over a one-week period, or until all the poles are in. Workers will start at the north end and proceed southward. Once all the poles are in, motorists will access the new southbound express lanes from southbound I-95, just south of Miami Gardens Drive, S.R. 826, S.R. 7, the Golden Glades Park-and-Ride lot, Florida's Turnpike and NW 151<sup>st</sup> street.

Motorists can exit the southbound express lanes by taking the S.R. 112 westbound flyover towards Miami International Airport (MIA) or by continuing south to end of the plastic poles, just north of I-395 / S.R. 836. Motorists will not be able to go east on I-195 / Julia Tuttle Causeway from the new southbound express lanes.

### **Drivers are urged to plan ahead and follow these simple safety tips:**

- Use local lanes if your trip calls for exiting I-95 north of S.R. 836
- If you unintentionally enter the express lanes, stay calm. Do not stop or attempt to change lanes. Proceed south to where you can exit the express lanes safely.
- If you are in the local lanes, do not cross the plastic poles to get into the express lanes

This work is being performed in conjunction with the 95 Express Project (FIN No.: 415456-1-52-01), which began in February, 2008, and is scheduled for completion spring 2010. The estimated cost of this project is \$122 million. This is the first of two projects that will establish "express" toll lanes on I-95 between I-395 / S.R. 836, in Miami-Dade County, and I-595 in Broward County.

Motorists are encouraged to call 511 before they drive or log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) 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 95 Express, please visit [www.95express.com](http://www.95express.com) or call the 24-hour Hot Line at 1-877-95X-FDOT (1-877-959-3368).

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