



# 95 EXPRESS



## FACT SHEET

- 95 Express is an innovative congestion-relief project that will introduce express lanes and bus rapid transit from I-395 in downtown Miami to Broward Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.
- The project got its momentum from an Urban Partnership Agreement which awarded \$62.9 million on August 14, 2007 to the Miami area.
- This region was one of only five to win funding of the 26 that were in competition.
- The federal award required that projects use the Four Ts: Tolling, Transit, Technology and Telecommuting, and 95 Express incorporates them all.
- Moving on a very fast track, construction of phase 1A began in February 2008.
- Phase 1A, northbound between SR 112 and the Golden Glades Interchange, opened in December 2008.
- Phase 1B, southbound from Golden Glades to I-395 and northbound to SR 112, is expected to be completed by late 2009.
- The cost for both phase 1A and 1B will be \$122 million.
- Phase 2, north- and southbound between the Golden Glades and I-595 is expected to open in 2011, subject to bonding authority.
- 95 Express will operate as High Occupancy Toll /Bus Rapid Transit separated from regular traffic lanes, that drivers can choose to use when their time is more valuable than the toll they might pay.
- Tolls will fluctuate, the goal being to keep traffic moving at approximately 45 - 50 miles per hour.
- Registered vanpools, registered carpools of three or more riders, registered hybrids vehicles, motorcycles and emergency vehicles can use the lanes without paying a toll, as can Miami-Dade and Broward County Transit buses.
- 95 Express will offer a seamless connection for transit users who commute between Miami-Dade and Broward counties and make up 18% of travelers in the HOV lane during peak periods.
- 95 Express will provide regional connectivity and serve as the backbone for future expansion projects connecting major transportation facilities in both Miami-Dade and Broward County.



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- Of the \$62.9 million awarded by the U.S. DOT to the Florida Department of Transportation, \$19.5 million will go for transit.
- Twenty-three new hybrid electric buses will be purchased from the Urban Partnership Agreement funds and two will be purchased with state funds.
- Travel time will be reduced by nearly half for users of the 95 Express buses and the frequency of bus service will be increased, in effect putting twice as many buses on the road.
- 95 Express will benefit the environment by encouraging the use of vanpools and carpools and by reducing congestion.
- For those drivers who can't take advantage of a ride-sharing program, the express lanes will offer a choice of paying a toll and riding at approximately 45 - 50 miles per hour.
- The tolls will be used to fund
  - Portion of the construction cost of Phase 1.
  - Operations and maintenance costs of the express lanes and the enhanced transit service.
  - Florida Highway Patrol enforcement and Road Ranger support.
  - Paying off locally issued bonds (if issued) used to supplement Phase 2 construction costs.
- Studies have shown that express lane users come from all income groups as people understand they offer a choice when needed.
- 95 Express will provide increased roadway capacity for transit users and drivers alike, and will be a major reliever of traffic congestion on one of the region's major north-south arteries.