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## State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway Capacity Project to Begin Week of March 14

MIAMI, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a capacity project the week of March 14, 2022, along SR 826/Palmetto Expressway from south of NW 36 Street to north of NW 154 Street/Miami Lakes Drive. This project will cost an estimated \$66.05 million and will take approximately 30 months to complete.

The project includes modifying the flyover from westbound NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to southbound SR 826 and widening the SR 826 bridge over NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to create a permanent additional general-purpose lane. It also includes relocating the express lane entrance access at NW 154 Street/Miami Lakes Drive to NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to allow access to the express lanes from NW 154 Street and NW 122 Street/W 68 Street.

Construction will be done in stages with temporary lane closures and detours scheduled to avoid special community events and peak periods of traffic. Southbound full closures will be necessary at times. Temporary sidewalk closures and detours along the frontage roads will be in place when necessary. Access to and from adjacent neighborhoods and businesses will be maintained during construction.

Please note this this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions. For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349, or Construction Community Outreach Specialist Maria Camacho at (305) 731-7699 or visit [www.fdotmiamidade.com](http://www.fdotmiamidade.com).

Drivers are encouraged to log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) before they travel to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is one of the most effective ways to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in construction zones.

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