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## Preparations for I-75 Express Lanes Construction Set to Begin

**WESTON** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin preparing the roadway for future construction at the first of four segments, Segment E, of the I-75 Express Lanes Project the week of March 10, 2014. The project limits extend along I-75 from North of Griffin Road to I-595, in Broward County. Expect periodic daytime lane closures during non-peak hours, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., while initial work is underway.

Segment E will cost an estimated \$75 million, is scheduled to be completed by late 2016 and includes the following:

- Constructing Express Lanes in the existing median
- Constructing entrance and exit ramps for the Express Lanes at various locations
- Constructing a direct connect bridge to the 595 Express Lanes
- Installing Sound Barrier Walls at various locations
- Adding a new drainage system with ponds
- Installing Intelligent Transportation (ITS) and Toll Systems
- Installing new signage, lighting and landscaping

Travel lanes along I-75 will be minimally impacted during construction, as the majority of the work will take place in the existing median and the outside roadway shoulders. However, it will be necessary to close travel lanes and conduct overnight detours during the construction of overhead bridges and access points to the Express Lanes at various times. Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions.

This work is part of the FDOT I-75 Express Lanes Project that extends 15 miles from NW 170 Street, in Miami-Dade County, to I-595, in Broward County. Work will be constructed in four segments to minimize affects to the public and is scheduled to be completed by early 2018.

This project is part of FDOT's implementation of Express Lanes along 28 miles of the State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway and the I-75 corridors, from just south of the SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, in Miami-Dade County, to I-595, in Broward County. This project will complete another section of the South Florida managed lanes network for all motorists and will improve mobility, relieve congestion, provide additional travel options, and accommodate future growth in the area.

For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (954) 777-4090, or the project Public Information Officer, Monica Diaz, at (954) 548-2754 or visit the project website at [www.75-express.com](http://www.75-express.com).

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in construction zones.

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