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## **State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Overseas Highway in Islamorada**

*Landscaping Project Begins the Week of January 4*

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**Monroe County, FL** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to begin a landscaping project the week of January 4, 2016. The project limits extend along SR 5/US 1/Overseas Highway from Jerome Avenue (MM 81.47) to Smuggler's Cove Entrance (MM 85.59) in Islamorada, Village of Islands, Monroe County. The project will cost an estimated \$2 million. The work will take roughly five months to be completed, followed by a two-year period to allow the newly planted trees and other foliage to become established. The project includes the following:

- Planting trees, shrubs and sod to enhance overall aesthetics
- Installing native trees and shrubs to buffer the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail
- Removing invasive exotic vegetation as well as diseased and damaged trees

There are no lane closures or detours anticipated for this project as all work will be conducted outside of the main lanes. Should there be a need for deliveries, the contractor will ensure that construction cones are used to alert commuters, bicyclists and pedestrians of this activity.

Please note that 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 Public Information Specialist Paulette Summers at 786-510-3921 or go to the website at [www.fdotmonroe.com](http://www.fdotmonroe.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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