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Florida Department of Transportation Launches I-95 Express Lane Warning Gate System

Miami, FL – Beginning on September 10, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will launch a new 95 Express Warning Gate System (WGS) at three express lane entrances in Miami-Dade County.

“Safety is FDOT’s number one priority and the 95 Express Warning Gate System pilot project builds upon our department’s efforts to make Express Lanes safer along I-95 Express,” said Jim Wolfe, FDOT District Six Secretary.

The new WGS is a pilot program that provides a physical barrier across the entrance to prevent motorists from entering the express lanes when they are closed for incident management, maintenance, or other unforeseen circumstances. The new gates will also allow first responders to safely clear incidents and reopen the express lanes as quickly as possible.

Warning gates have been installed at the following locations: the northbound express lane entrance from NW 10 Avenue; the northbound entrance from State Road (SR) 112; and the southbound express lane entrance from the Golden Glades Park-and-Ride Lot.

District Six SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC) operators will manage the system and activate advanced warning signs to alert drivers when the express lanes are closed. **Drivers who enter the express lanes when they are closed will be subjected to a fine.**

The new WGS is part of an ongoing construction project to replace Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices along I-95 from SR 112 to the Broward County Line. Construction began in July 2017 and the estimated construction cost is \$6 million.

For more information about the new WGS, please call FDOT’s Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or contact Construction Community Outreach Specialist Oscar Gonzalez at 786-280-0983. Information about this and other FDOT District Six projects can be found on fdotmiamidade.com.

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they travel or log on to 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.