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New Bike Box at State Road (SR) 968/SW 1 Street and SW 2 Avenue

MIAMI, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) installed a new bike box at the intersection of SR 968/SW 1 Street and SW 2 Avenue. A bike box is a green pavement marking installed at intersections to reduce conflicts between people bicycling and driving. It is a green box on the road with a white bicycle symbol inside. People bicycling can stop in the green box to wait for a green signal. People driving wait behind the green box for the signal to turn green. At a bike box people driving cannot make a right turn on a red signal.

The recently installed bike box facilitates bicycle travel from the exclusive bicycle lane along the south side of SW 1 Street west of SW 2 Avenue to the exclusive bicycle lane along the north side of SW 1 Street east of SW 2 Avenue.

This new bike box installation is part of the SR 968/SW 1 Street Bridge Replacement Project over the Miami River in the City of Miami. The SW 1 Street Bridge is the only local eastbound connection to downtown Miami. The new bridge eases congestion for vehicular traffic and improves navigation along the Miami River by replacing substandard functional and safety features and increasing Miami River horizontal and vertical clearances. The project is on schedule to be completed in late 2021 with an estimated cost of \$71.5 million.

This scope of work includes replacing the existing bascule bridge; a new bridge tender control house; new bridge approach spans; reconstructing the roadway; widening the channel; installing an exclusive bicycle lane; raising and reconnecting the existing catwalks to the historic adjacent building; providing sidewalk connections to the bridge deck and Miami Greenway under the new bridge; installing pedestrian gates; relocating utilities; updating sidewalks, ramps and pedestrian crossings to current standards; and, improving stormwater drainage and lighting.

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 Senior Community Outreach Specialist Sergies Duarte at (305) 216-3617 or go to the website at www.fdotmiamidade.com. Drivers are encouraged to 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.

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