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### **State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Southbound Express Lanes Open Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**Miami, Fla.** – On Thursday, August 8, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will open all southbound Palmetto Express lanes, from just north of NW 154 Street to south of West Flagler Street, and the new flyover ramp connecting southbound I-75 to southbound Palmetto Express lanes, weather permitting.

Workers will start installing express lane markers (ELMs) in the northbound direction from West Flagler Street to NW 154 Street when southbound express lanes are open. The work will be done from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and will last approximately two weeks.

Tolls in the express lanes will be \$0.00 until further notice. When toll collection begins, overhead toll rate signs will advise drivers of the posted toll amount. Tolls will be collected electronically. Drivers using the express lanes will need to have an active SunPass, or other interoperable transponder – no exceptions, no TOLL-BY-PLATE.

Express lane entrance and exit locations are posted on overhead signs. **Do not drive over the ELMs to get in or out of the express lanes.** Access points to and from the express lanes are limited. Drivers should plan their trip ahead of time and know where to get in and out of the express lanes to reach their destinations. Attached please find detailed information about the Palmetto Express access points.

The express lanes are monitored for incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your vehicle breaks down, call the Florida Highway Patrol Communication Center at \*347 for help. Remember to keep calm and stay inside your vehicle until help arrives.

For more information about the Palmetto Express project, contact Community Outreach Specialist Marta Rodriguez at 305-592-6026 or visit: [www.PalmettoExpressLanes.com](http://www.PalmettoExpressLanes.com) or [www.floridaexpresslanes.com](http://www.floridaexpresslanes.com). To learn more about SunPass, please visit [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com).

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