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State Road (SR) 997/Krome Avenue Roadway Project Begins

From SR 94/Kendall Drive/SW 88 Street to north of SR 90/Tamiami Trail/SW 8 Street

Miami, *FL* – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold two Construction Public Information Meetings for the upcoming roadway construction project on SR 997/Krome Avenue from SR 94/Kendall Drive/SW 88 Street to north of SR 90/Tamiami Trail/SW 8 Street in Miami-Dade County. The open house meetings will start at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, at the Dade Corners Marketplace, 17696 SW 8 Street and 5 p.m. on Monday, February 23, at the Kendale Lakes Branch Library, 15205 SW 88 Street. FDOT representatives will provide information on the project and will be available to answer questions.

The project, scheduled to begin the week of February 23, 2015, will cost an estimated \$59 million. The work will last about three years and includes the following:

Krome Avenue

- Widening the road from two lanes to four lanes
- Installing a 40-foot median
- Repaying and restriping the road and shoulders
- Upgrading drainage where necessary

SW 88 Street/Kendall Drive Intersection

- Realigning the intersection
- Repaying and restriping the road
- Upgrading signage, lighting and traffic signals

SW 8 Street/Tamiami Trail Intersection

- Realigning the intersection
- Widening the bridge over the C-4 Tamiami Canal
- Upgrading signage, lighting and traffic signals

To complete this work safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes at times. Tasks will be done in stages and lane closures will be scheduled to keep traffic moving and avoid special community events.

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 Juliette Valencia at 305-640-7462 or go to the website at www.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.