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State Road (SR) 997/Krome Avenue Groundbreaking

Friday, February 20, 2015

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will join together with federal, state and local officials and their honored guests to officially break ground for the SR 997/Krome Avenue Reconstruction Project, on Friday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m. at 5800 SW 177 Avenue, in Miami-Dade County.

The event will launch the first of 12 related projects designed to improve safety and mobility along this critical north/south corridor, which has a long history of crashes from vehicles trying to pass on a two-lane undivided roadway. The proposed improvements are part of the FDOT Krome Avenue Action Plan, which was approved by the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Construction will begin the week of February 23, from SR 94/Kendall Drive to north of SR 90/SW 8 Street/Tamiami Trail. The project includes adding one lane in each direction with a 40-foot median. Lighting, signalization and drainage improvements are also included. Construction will last approximately three years and cost about \$59 million dollars.

Representatives from the Drive Safe Krome Avenue initiative will attend the event to promote safety awareness as part of the Drive Safe Krome Avenue campaign that was launched back in September 2014 by local law enforcement agencies, municipalities, the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Florida Department of Transportation.

For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or Public Information Specialist Maggie Bruno at 954-649-1519.

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