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### **SW 1 Street Bascule Bridge Replacement Project Has Begun** *State Road (SR) 968/SW 1 Street from SW 7 Avenue to SW 2 Avenue*

**Miami, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has begun a bascule bridge replacement project and a detour is now in effect. The project limits extend along SR 968/SW 1 Street from SW 7 Avenue to SW 2 Avenue in the City of Miami. The project will last approximately three years. The project will cost an estimated \$67.2 million.

[Please click here for the project area and detour map.](#) [Please click here for the traffic flow map.](#)

The project includes replacing the existing bascule bridge built in 1929, providing new bridge approach spans, providing a new bridge tender house, installing new seawalls along the Miami River, providing riverwalks under the new bridge, providing sidewalk connections to the bridge deck and Miami Greenway under the new bridge, relocating utilities, improving stormwater drainage and street lighting, reconstructing the roadway, installing an exclusive bicycle lane between SW 5 Avenue and SW 2 Avenue and updating sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks.

To complete this work safely, the SW 1 Street bridge over the Miami River will remain closed throughout the life of the project. Commuters wishing to cross over the Miami River into Downtown Miami are being detoured to northbound SW 7 Avenue in order to use the W Flagler Street bridge. W Flagler Street is a two-way road between 7 Avenue and 2 Avenue. A detour will be in place along N River Drive and S River Drive when approaching SW 1 Street. Access will be maintained to all properties.

Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions.

For more information, please call Construction Community Outreach Specialist Sergies Duarte at (305) 216-3617 or [Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us) or FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349 or go to the website at [www.fdotmiamidade.com](http://www.fdotmiamidade.com).

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