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### **State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Express Lanes Open Soon** *Installation of Express Lanes Markers Begins in July*

**Miami, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will begin installing Express Lane Markers (ELMs) along southbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway in July between NW 154 Street and West Flagler Street, in Miami-Dade County. The ELMs will be installed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for about three weeks.

Express lanes entrance and exit locations will be posted on overhead signs. Do not drive over the ELMs to get in or out of the express lanes.

Overhead toll rate signs will advise drivers of the posted toll amount. Tolls will be collected electronically. Drivers using the express lanes must have an active SunPass, or other interoperable transponder – no exceptions, no TOLL-BY-PLATE.

Tolls in the southbound direction will be \$0.00 until all ELMs are installed in the southbound direction. Once all the southbound ELMs are installed, workers will start installing ELMs in the northbound direction between West Flagler Street and NW 154 Street. Tolls in the northbound direction will be \$0.00 until all northbound ELMs are installed.

For more information about the Palmetto Express project, please contact Community Outreach Specialist Marta Rodriguez at (305) 592-6026 or go to: [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).

Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they drive, or log on to [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. Please drive cautiously.

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