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FDOT to Hold Public Hearing for State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway Express Lanes Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study *From US 1/SR 5/Dixie Highway to SR 836/Dolphin Expressway*

Miami, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, will conduct a public hearing for proposed improvements to SR 826/Palmetto Expressway Express Lanes in Miami-Dade County. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the West Dade Regional Library, Auditorium 1, located at 9445 Coral Way, Miami, Florida 33165 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This hearing will begin as an open house, with a formal presentation **starting at 6 p.m.** followed by a public comment period. The study evaluated corridor improvements that will add highway and interchange capacity with the implementation of an express lane system and interchange improvements.

This public hearing is being conducted to give interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Draft project documents will be available for public review from October 17, 2019 until November 7, 2019 at South Miami Branch Library, 6000 Sunset Drive, South Miami, FL 33143; FDOT District Six Headquarters, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172; West Dade Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165 and on the project website, www.fdotmiamidade.com/826expresssouth.

Persons wishing to submit statements, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Raul Quintela, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL or at raul.quintela@dot.state.fl.us. All statements postmarked on or before November 17, 2019 will become part of public record.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or persons who require translation services (free of charge), should contact Ms. Hong Benitez, P.E. at (305) 470-5219 or in writing at 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 or by email at hong.benitez@dot.state.fl.us.

For more information on the Public Hearing, please contact Mr. Raul Quintela, P.E., Project Manager, at (305) 470-5271 or by email at raul.quintela@dot.state.fl.us. You may also visit the project website at www.fdotmiamidade.com/826expressouth.

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