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The Florida Department of Transportation Begins the Golden Glades Interchange (GGI) Project

MIAMI, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise have started construction of the GGI Project, in northwest Miami-Dade County. The project will enhance regional mobility by revitalizing this major transportation hub, which includes connections to five essential roadway systems in the South Florida area: State Road (SR) 9A/I-95, SR 826/Palmetto Expressway, SR 91/Florida's Turnpike, SR 9, and SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue. Construction is scheduled through fall 2031, and the current project cost is \$908 million.

The GGI Project is part of the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative, which focuses on critical improvements to ensure that transportation infrastructure can meet the demands of current and future residents and visitors, including investments in major interstates and arterial roadways to ensure people and goods can move safely throughout the state.

"This important infrastructure project will provide critical system-to-system connections, including a direct connection from eastbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway to northbound I-95," said FDOT District Six Secretary Stacy L. Miller, P.E. "With more than 400,000 vehicles passing through this interchange daily, there is no question that the Golden Glades Interchange Project will have a significant positive impact on regional mobility, the movement of people and goods, and the quality of life for our residents and visitors."

"Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is excited to partner on this crucial regional project with our colleagues at FDOT District Six," said Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director and CEO, Nicola Liquori. "The GGI Project will modernize this cornerstone facility in South Florida and provide local drivers and visitors with an enhanced driving experience and efficient access to five essential roadways."

Project benefits include constructing 32 new bridges to enhance regional mobility and ease access between major corridors, updating lighting, improving emergency access and incident response times via new lanes and ramps, installing more than

50,000 feet of new drainage pipe, updating facilities for improved longevity, improving connections to the Golden Glades Multimodal Transportation Facility, installing wrong-way vehicle detection systems at various locations, installing 72 traffic monitoring cameras, creating employment opportunities during construction and enhancing economic activity.

To build this project safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes, sidewalks and establish detours at times. Work will be done in stages to minimize construction-related impacts. Drivers might experience delays traveling through the area and should seek alternate routes if possible.

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

For additional information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349 or Senior Community Outreach Specialist Sergies Duarte at (305) 588-6399 or Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us. For more information about this project, please visit www.Go-GGI.com.

Drivers are encouraged to log on to www.fl511.com before they travel 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.

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