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Ramp Closures at Various Locations Along State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway and I-95 Begin March 18

As Part of FDOT's Wrong-Way Driving Initiative

MIAMI, Fla. – Beginning Monday, March 18 through Wednesday, March 20, the following ramps along SR 826/Palmetto Expressway and I-95 will be closed during nighttime hours to conduct testing of the new Wrong-Way Driving detection systems:

- Monday, March 18 Northbound I-95 off-ramp to NW 151 Street (Exit 11) will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Continue north along I-95 and take off-ramp to eastbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway (Exit 12B)
 - Turn right onto NW 2 Avenue
 - o Turn right onto NW 165 Street/NW 6 Avenue to access NW 151 Street
- Monday, March 18 Southbound I-95 off-ramp to Opa-locka Boulevard (Exit 10B) will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Continue south along I-95 and exit right at NW 125 Street (Exit 10A)
 - Turn right onto NW 7 Avenue to access Opa-locka Boulevard
- Tuesday, March 19 Southbound I-95 off-ramp to NW 81 Street (Exit 7) will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Exit right at NW 69 Street (Exit 6B)
 - Turn right onto NW 7 Avenue to access NW 81 Street
- Tuesday, March 19 Northbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway off-ramp to SW 8 Street/Tamiami Trail will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.
 - Drivers can:
 - Continue north along SR 826/Palmetto Expressway and exit right at West Flagler Street
 - Turn left on SW 87 Avenue to access SW 8 Street
 - Drivers can also:
 - Continue north along SR 826/Palmetto and exit left at West Flagler Street
 - Turn right onto SW 67 Avenue to access SW 8 Street

- <u>Wednesday, March 20</u> Northbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway off-ramp to West Flagler Street will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Continue north along SR 826/Palmetto Expressway and exit right at NW 72 Avenue/Milam Dairy Road
 - o Turn right onto Milam Dairy Road to access West Flagler Street
- Wednesday, March 20 Northbound SR 826/Palmetto Expressway off-ramp to NW 36 Street will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Continue north along SR 826/Palmetto Expressway and exit right at NW 58 Street
 - o Turn right onto NW 72 Avenue/Milam Dairy Road to access NW 36 Street

Backup Location:

- Wednesday, March 20 Southbound I-75 off-ramp to NW 138 Street/Hialeah Gardens Boulevard will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Drivers can:
 - Continue south on I-75 and take Exit 1AB to Miami International Airport/SR
 826 Palmetto Expressway
 - Continue right and take Exit 1B to SR826 Palmetto Expressway South/Miami International Airport
 - Exit at NW 122 Street and turn right
 - Continue straight along NW 122 Street to access NW 138 Street/Hialeah Gardens boulevard

Drivers might experience delays traveling through the area and should seek alternate routes if possible. Please use caution when traveling through construction zones.

Please follow all posted signage and note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unexpected conditions.

For more information, please contact FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349, or Construction Community Outreach Specialist Dayana Sanjurjo at (786) 239-8862 or Dayana.Sanjurjo@dot.state.fl.us. For additional information about this or other FDOT projects, please visit www.southflroads.com.

Drivers are encouraged to log on to www.fl511.com before they travel to get real-time traffic and lane closure information. The Florida Department of Transportation reminds motorists to always drive safely and avoid distractions while driving. Remember to put down cell phones. Florida law restricts motorists from using a wireless device in a school zone or an active construction zone.

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