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State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway Capacity Project Lane Closures

Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22

MIAMI, Fla. – Drivers will experience lane and shoulder closures near SR 826/Palmetto Expressway while crews continue testing the soil and surveying the area from Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 22, 2022.

- The W 20 Avenue shoulder (east and west of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway) from SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Road to NW 122 Street/W 68 Street will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- One lane on W 20 Avenue (east and west of SR 826/Palmetto Expressway) from SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Road to NW 122 Street/W 68 Street will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (specific to survey locations).
- One lane on NW 77 Avenue from SR 25/US 27/Okeechobee Road to SR 932/NW 103 Street/W 49 Street will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (specific to survey locations).

Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unforeseen conditions. Drivers should anticipate delays and seek alternate routes if possible.

The Palmetto Expressway Capacity Improvement Project includes modifying the southbound flyover from westbound NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to southbound SR 826 and widening the SR 826 bridge over NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to create an additional general-purpose lane. In addition, the express lane entrance at NW 154 Street/Miami Lakes Drive will be relocated to NW 103 Street/W 49 Street to allow access to the express lanes from NW 154 Street and NW 122 Street/W 68 Street. Construction began in April 2022 and will last about 30 months. This project will cost an estimated \$66 million.

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.

For additional information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349 or contact Community Outreach Specialist Maria Camacho at (305) 731-7699 or Maria.Camacho@qcausa.com. You can also visit the project website at: www.826palmetto.com.

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