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### **Major Traffic Shift on Westbound I-395 and Opening of New Ramp to I-395 Begins December 21**

MIAMI, Fla. – On **THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21**, a new traffic pattern will be implemented for drivers on westbound I-395 and for those drivers entering I-395 from the Downtown Miami area. Drivers on westbound I-395 will be diverted to new bridges after passing Biscayne Boulevard. Drivers heading north on I-95 will now exit on the right side of the roadway and those heading south will exit to the left. Drivers heading west to SR 836 will continue straight.

Drivers in the Downtown area will now have more options to access westbound I-395 via the new entrance ramp located at North Miami Avenue. Drivers on NE 13 Street will continue straight across NE 1 Avenue and North Miami Avenue to access the new ramp while drivers heading north on NE 1 Avenue will turn left after passing under I-395. Drivers will now also have access to the new westbound I-395 ramp by turning right at a new signalized intersection after passing NE 14 Street. Click [HERE](#) to view a video with additional information on the new traffic pattern.

This new traffic pattern will allow the contractor to remove the existing eastbound I-395 bridges to begin foundation construction for the new, higher capacity I-395 that will enhance safety, mobility and access. Please note that this schedule may change due to bad weather or other unforeseen conditions. The work is part of the I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project that will reconstruct the I-395 corridor from the SR 836/I-395/I-95 (Midtown) Interchange to the MacArthur Causeway Bridge.

For additional information, please contact the Florida Department of Transportation Communications Office at 305-470-5349 or Community Outreach Specialist Oscar Gonzalez at 786-280-0983. Additional project information can be found on the project website, [www.I-395miami.com](http://www.I-395miami.com).

Drivers are encouraged to log on to [www.fl511.com](http://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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