

FACT SHEET



The latest information the Palmetto Expressway is just a click away!

- Weekly Lane Closures
- Public Meetings
- Project Updates
- Project Photos

Helpful Tips

- Give yourself A little extra time to reach your destination
- Obey all Signs posted within the construction zone
- Watch for Variable Message Signs that Provide timely information about upcoming detours and lane closures

Service Patrol

During construction, the FDOT will provide free assistance to motorists who experience car trouble. This service will operate 24-hours a day during weekdays and 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. on the weekends.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY (S.R. 826) EXPANSION INCLUDING Bird Road (SW 40 Street), Miller Drive (SW 56 Street) and the Don Shula Expressway (S.R. 874) INTERCHANGES (FIN No.: 249035-1-52-01)

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Palmetto Expressway Expansion Project including the Bird Road (SW 40 Street), Miller Drive (SW 56 Street.) and the Don Shula Expressway (S.R. 874) Interchanges began construction in **November 2008**. The construction limits are from just north of SW 72 Street (Sunset Drive) to just north of Bird Road.

Project Description:

- The addition of one new travel lane along the Palmetto Expressway from just north of SW 40 Street/Bird Road to just south of SW 56 Street/Miller Drive in each direction;
- The addition of one new travel lane along the Don Shula Expressway from the SW 56 Street/Miller Drive overpass to the Palmetto Expressway in each direction;
- The addition of one new east and westbound travel lane along Bird Road from the main entrance to Tropical Park to just east of the Palmetto Expressway;
- Reconstruction of all ramps to and from the Palmetto Expressway at Bird Road, Miller Drive, and S.R. 874;
- Reconstruction of the Palmetto Expressway bridges over Miller Drive, Bird Road, and S.R. 874;
- Construction of a new pedestrian bridge to replace the existing pedestrian bridge north of Bird Road;
- Installation of new 8" water mains along SW 76 Court between SW 59 Street and SW 57 Terrace; along SW 76 Avenue between SW 35 Street and SW 37 Street; and west of the Palmetto Expressway from SW 35 Terrace to SW 32 Street;
- Constructing a new storm water drainage system throughout the project area;
- Installation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) cameras along the project limits and arterial Dynamic Message Signs on SW 72 Street/Sunset Drive and SW 40 Street/Bird Road as well as northbound (S.R. 826) Palmetto Expressway;
- Providing numerous enhancements along the project including new street signs, new street lighting as well as new traffic signals along Bird Road and Miller Drive; and
- Additional landscape along the project limits.

Project Benefits:

- Less congestion and improved operations along one of Miami-Dade County's most vital corridors;
- Improved traffic flow to and from the Palmetto Expressway on Bird Road and Miller Drive;
- Improved storm water drainage and water quality from storm water runoff; and
- Enhanced pedestrian features.

Schedule: The project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2012. The department has included an incentive if the contractor completes the project ahead of schedule. However, this schedule could change due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Maintenance of Traffic: Existing travel lanes will remain open during hours of peak traffic demands. Lane closures will be done predominantly at night, therefore minimizing traffic disruptions. The public will be kept informed via variable message signs, the project web site and through media outlets.

Estimated Cost: \$177 million