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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY EXPANSION INCLUDING CORAL WAY (SW 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET) AND TAMIA MI TRAIL (SW 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET) INTERCHANGES

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Palmetto Expressway Expansion Project including the Coral Way (SW 24<sup>th</sup> St) and Tamiami Trail (SW 8<sup>th</sup> St) interchanges began construction on **June 6, 2005**. The construction limits begin about ½ mile south of Coral Way to ¼ mile north of SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

This project will include the following activities:

- Reconstruction and widening of the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826), including the addition of one general use lane and one (northbound and southbound) lane;
- Reconstruction of all ramps, and the access ramp bridge to Coral Way over the Coral Gables Canal;
- Reconstruction of the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826) bridge over Coral Way and widening of mainline bridge over SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Reconstruction (relocation) of the pedestrian overpass over the southbound Coral Way exit ramp;
- Addition of bulkheads and noise walls along the Palmetto Expressway (SR826);
- Addition of bridges over SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street for access ramps to and from the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826);
- Reconfiguration of access ramps to and from the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826) and widening to include shoulder widths;
- Widening of ramp bridge over Tamiami Canal to northbound Palmetto Expressway (SR 826);
- Widening and reconstruction of over 2100 feet of SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street and lower it under the Palmetto Expressway (SR 826);
- Relocation of a 30" water main under eastbound SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street;  
Construct drainage improvements, detention ponds, overhead sign structures, roadway lighting, and new traffic signals at SW 8<sup>th</sup> and SW 24<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**Schedule:** The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2008. 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:** Traffic will be open to drivers during peak travel times. However, there will be lane shifts to accommodate construction and occasional lane closures at nighttime. When it becomes necessary to close any of the Palmetto Expressway ramps, the public will notified 1-2 weeks in advance.

For more information about this project, the scope of work or the construction schedule, please call the Project Public Information Specialist at **(305) 499-2417** or E-mail: [info@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:info@dot.state.fl.us). You may also contact: Project Engineer: **Tim Sears**, and Project Administrators: **Sergio Gonzalez** (24th St) and **Robert Sullivan** (8th St), at the Project Office: **(305) 265-0736** or **(305) 265-0713**.

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW:

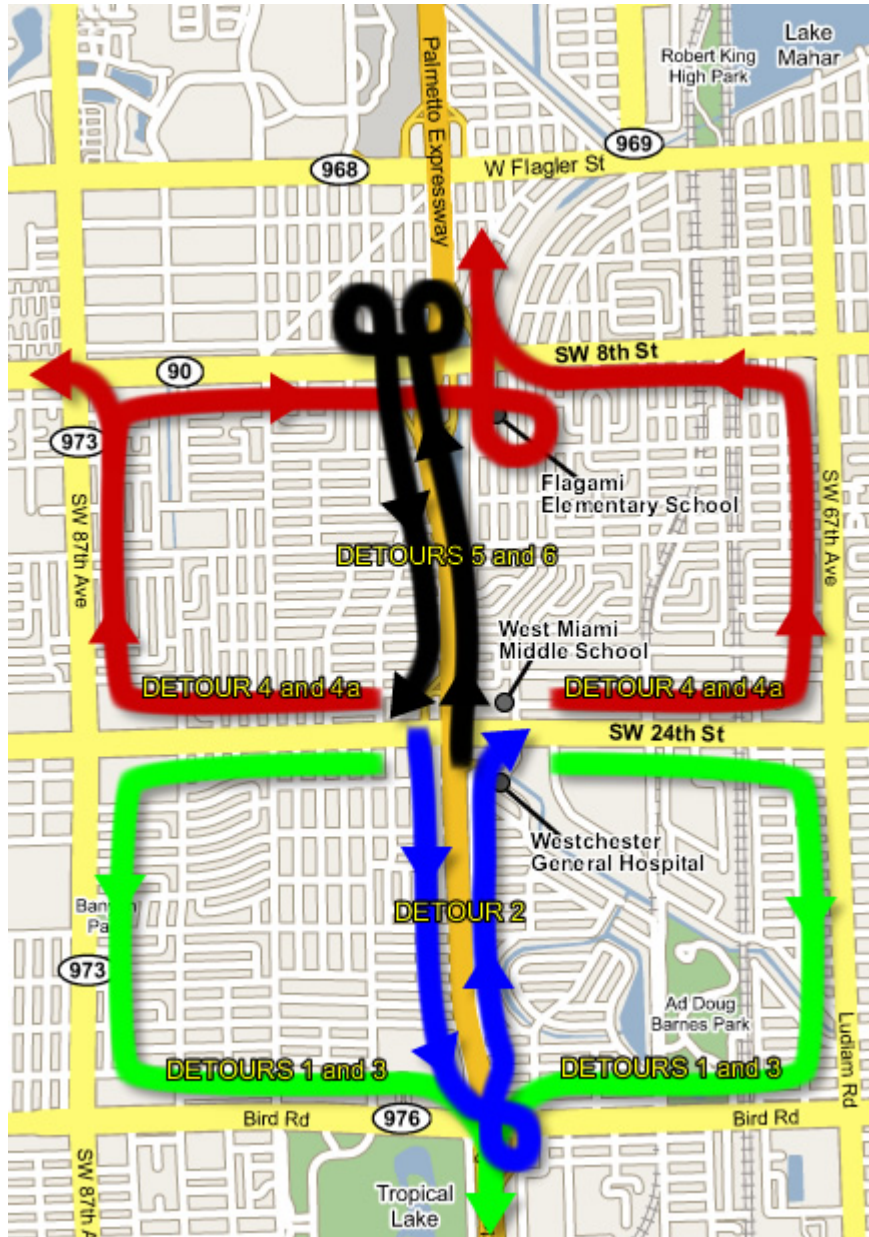
Estimated cost to build \$81 million

FDOT has included an Incentive/Disincentive bonus in this project. This bonus will reward the contractor for completing the project ahead of schedule and charge the contractor for completing the project after scheduled contract time.

The contractor for this project is APAC, Inc. The CEI consultant is A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc.

## Expected Lane Closure Information:

### CORAL WAY (SW 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET) AND TAMiami TRAIL (SW 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET) INTERCHANGES



#### DETOURS 1 AND 3 (CORAL WAY SOUTHBOUND ON RAMP CLOSED)

- During Phase 2 Construction.
- Traffic bound for SR-826 southbound via SW 24th Street ramps shall be detoured to SW 40th Street ramps.

#### DETOUR 2 (CORAL WAY SOUTHBOUND EXIT RAMP CLOSED)

- During Phase 2 Construction.
- Traffic exiting southbound SR-826 to SW 24th Street shall be detoured to SW 40th Street eastbound, then to SR-826 northbound, then back to SW 24th Street exit.

#### DETOUR 4 and 4a (CORAL WAY NORTHBOUND ON RAMP CLOSED)

- During Phase 3 Construction.
- Traffic bound for SR-826 northbound via SW 24th Street ramps shall be detoured to SW 8th Street ramps.

#### (826 SOUTHBOUND TO WESTBOUND 8TH RAMP CLOSED)

- Traffic exiting southbound 826 to westbound 8th St. shall be detoured to Coral Way westbound, then 87th Ave. northbound, then 8th St. westbound

#### DETOURS 5 AND 6 (CORAL WAY NORTHBOUND EXIT RAMP CLOSED)

- During Phase 3 Construction.
- Traffic exiting northbound SR-826 to SW 24th Street shall be detoured to SW 8th Street westbound, then to SR-826 southbound, then back to SW 24th Street exit.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	2005	2006							2007				
	Dec	JAN	FEB	MAY	AUG	SEPT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Coral Way Detour	1,3	2	2	1,3	1,2,3	ALL	4	4	4	4	4,5		
SW 8 Street Detour												4,4a	4,4a