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New MDX Ramp Improves Connection For Kendall Commuters

Miami-Dade Expressway Authority completes one vital piece of the puzzle



Miami - Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) celebrated one more milestone with the opening of the new SR 874/Don Shula Expressway ramp northbound from Kendall Drive. The ramp will allow commuters to now connect with the Palmetto Expressway, alleviating some of the considerable rush hour traffic on Kendall Drive and SW 87th Avenue.

MDX Executive Director, Javier Rodriguez called this milestone, “another piece of the mobility improvement puzzle”. The \$32 million construction project was completed ahead of schedule and in less than 20 months. MDX is funded by toll revenues and does not rely on sales nor gas tax, allowing for significant improvements to be made in a shorter amount of time.

“You did what you said you would do, and throughout construction you met with the community to alleviate their concerns. You brought the project in on time and on budget. I’m very impressed

with the way (MDX) works,” said Miami-Dade County District 7 Commissioner Carlos Gimenez.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that this was just one of three mobility improvement projects MDX is currently focused on. “Today, we mark not only the ramp opening, but the beginning of major reconstruction on the Don Shula Expressway, from Kendall Drive south to the Turnpike.” This capacity improvement project which includes additional lanes, widening the exit ramp at Killian Parkway and erecting sound barrier walls, will improve traffic flow on the expressway as well as at the busy intersection of Killian Parkway and SW 107th Avenue. Construction is anticipated for completion in the fall of 2011.

About Miami-Dade Expressway Authority:

MDX is a state sanctioned, locally administered, public agency created in 1994 by the State of Florida and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX is governed by its Board, comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX oversees, operates and maintains five expressways: State Road 836 (the Dolphin Expressway), State Road 112 (the Airport Expressway), State Road 874 (Don Shula Expressway), State Road 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway), and State Road 924 (Gratigny Expressway). MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenues and is dedicated to the enhancement of mobility in Miami-Dade County. MDX is also committed to bringing more efficient, market-driven, user-friendly management to its expressways. For more information on MDX, contact 305.637.3277 or visit the website at www.mdxway.com.

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