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## **TOLLING GANTRY INSTALLATION UNDERWAY ON DOLPHIN AND AIRPORT EXPRESSWAYS**

*Conversion to all electronic tolling to be complete by early 2015*

Miami – Motorists will see new overhead gantries being installed on SR 836/Dolphin Expressway and SR 112/Airport Expressway through the month of August as the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) converts these roadways to Open Road Tolling (ORT).

“While the public will see the new structures go up, we still have to complete construction, install equipment and will have a lengthy testing period. We expect that toll collection at these locations will not begin until the end of 2014,” said Mario Diaz Public Information Manager for MDX.

SR 836 and SR 112 are the final two expressways of the MDX system to be converted to all electronic tolling. The MDX system conversion to ORT began in 2010 when the Don Shula Expressway, Snapper Creek Expressway and Gratigny Parkway went all electronic.

Once the ORT conversion is complete, tolls will be collected electronically using SunPass® or Toll-by-Plate as drivers pass under tolling points. To help drivers who don't yet have a SunPass®, MDX is offering a free SunPass® Mini with the activation of a new SunPass® account. The activations will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between July 28 and August 30 at MDX headquarters at 3790 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33142. Only credit or debit card payments will be accepted for the account activations; cash will not be accepted.

The tolls being collected on SR 836 and SR 112 will allow MDX to fund congestion relieving improvements including an improved northbound ramp from SR 836 to I-95 as well as increased capacity and new SR 836 interchanges at 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Since its start, MDX has invested more than \$1.2 billion in new projects, safety enhancements, capacity and operational improvements on its roadways. The current MDX work program of \$880 million is estimated to yield a \$1.5 billion total economic impact and deliver more than 10, 400 direct and indirect jobs.

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Construction of the new tolling gantries will require lane closures including some complete closures of SR 836 and SR 112 expressways. SR 836 will be closed between NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/Milam Dairy Road and NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Red Road in the eastbound direction on Monday, July 28 from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., and in the westbound direction of the same area on Tuesday, July 29 from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. A full closure of a portion of the Airport expressway will be scheduled in the coming days. Complete lane closure information can be found on the MDX website [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com).

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### **About MDX**

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) is a public entity and agency of the state, created in 1994 by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. MDX's Governing Board is comprised of 13 volunteer members appointed either by the Board of County Commissioners and the Governor of the State of Florida. MDX operates and maintains five expressways: SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway. MDX is funded almost entirely by toll revenue and is dedicated to moving Miami-Dade County forward making your commute safer and more efficient. For more information on MDX, please visit [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com).