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## **Upcoming New Traffic Patterns Along Florida's Turnpike and SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue Begin Week of June 25**

**MIAMI, Fla.** – As part of the ongoing Golden Glades Interchange (GGI) Project, contractors for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will introduce two new traffic patterns along Florida's Turnpike and State Road (SR) 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue.

### **Tuesday, June 25:**

A new traffic pattern will be implemented along Florida's Turnpike between the Golden Glades Interchange and SR 860/NW 183 Street/Miami Gardens Drive. The three northbound lanes will be shifted to the inside using the recently paved shoulder, then shifted to the existing lane configuration when going under the toll gantry and then back to the inside paved shoulder.

This new traffic pattern will be in place for the remainder of the year to perform construction work on the outside lanes and swale area. Tolling for all three northbound lanes will remain unaffected.

### **Wednesday, June 26:**

A new traffic pattern will be implemented along SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue between South Biscayne River Drive and Connector Road. Northbound SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue will be reduced from two lanes to one lane, and southbound SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue will be reduced from three lanes to two lanes. The speed limit will be reduced from 45 miles per hour (mph) to 40 mph throughout the work zone.

This new traffic pattern will be in place for several weeks. It allows crews to rebuild the concrete traffic separators and continue work on relocating the exit ramp from southbound SR 9A/I-95 onto SR 7/US 441/NW 7 Avenue.

Access to and from adjacent residences and businesses will be maintained for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists traveling through the area. Drivers should expect delays and seek alternate routes if possible.

Please follow all posted signage and note that this schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected conditions.

For more information, please contact FDOT's Communications Office at (305) 470-5349 or Senior Community Outreach Specialist Sergies Duarte at (305) 588-6399 or at [Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us) or visit our website at [www.Go-GGI.com](http://www.Go-GGI.com).

For real-time traffic and lane closure information, drivers are encouraged to visit [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com).

Remember, wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Always be safe and remain alert while driving in construction zones.

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