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## **Travel Times Messages to Miami International Airport (MIA) Begin January 12, 2011**

**Miami** — Beginning Wednesday, January 12, 2011, drivers traveling to Miami International Airport (MIA) will receive accurate, up-to-the-minute travel time information from various points along the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) regional highway system.

This initiative is a joint effort between FDOT and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) to help drivers make better informed driving decisions and avoid congestion. With MIA being one of the city's major destination points, this information will provide trip time estimations to thousands of passengers and employees who travel to the airport on a daily basis. Additional travel time messages will also be posted for NW 27 Avenue at State Road (SR) 924.

A total of nine dynamic message signs (DMS) will display this information throughout Miami-Dade County. Six DMS will show travel time messages for MIA from I-95 and I-195, and three DMS for NW 27 Avenue at SR 924 from I-75 and SR 826. These messages, in combination with the 511 Traveler Information Service, are being provided to assist motorists in their route planning and selection. By diverting a small number of drivers away from congested highways, traveler information can help reduce congestion, increase safety and improve mobility.

The addition of these messages is set to enhance the department's ongoing effort to increase traveler information and will bring the total number of travel time messages displayed to 38, covering more than 65 miles of highway throughout the county.

Drivers are encouraged to call 5-1-1 before they drive or log onto [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com) to get complete traffic reports and lane closure information. FDOT would like to remind drivers that wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Please drive cautiously in work zones.