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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 6, 2010

SUBJECT: I-95 Ramp Closure

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of the upcoming full closure of the ramp connecting southbound I-95 to State Road (SR) 112 / I-195 / Julia Tuttle Causeway. The contractor for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will close the ramp continuously beginning from 12:00 midnight on Thursday, January 7, 2010. The ramp will remain closed until 5:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010.

FDOT has implemented the following detour route for all eastbound motorists who would otherwise use the Julia Tuttle Causeway to access Miami Beach:

- Exit southbound I-95 at NW 8th Street
- Turn left (east) on NW 8th Street and proceed underneath I-95
- Turn left (north) on NW 3rd Avenue and continue straight onto northbound I-95
- Proceed north on I-95 to the eastbound I-195 / Julia Tuttle Causeway exit Ramp

I-395 / S.R. 836 / McArthur Causeway will also be available as an alternate eastbound detour route during this closure period.

FDOT will place advance notice detour signs at various locations in Miami-Dade and Broward counties and along the Florida Turnpike. FDOT will also provide police support at key intersections throughout the detour, such as at the off-ramp at 79th Street, to ensure motorist safety. FDOT will coordinate with the County Traffic Signal and Signs Division for traffic signal optimization to improve traffic flow and reduce delays.

A traffic advisory on the upcoming ramp closure will be placed on the City's website with a direct link to FDOT's 95 Express Project website. The ramp closure will not conflict with any major special events in Miami Beach, such as the Pro Bowl on January 31, 2009, the Super Bowl on February 7, 2010, or the Miami International Boat Show from February 11-15, 2010. City staff will continue to coordinate with FDOT to ensure minimal impact to traffic in Miami Beach and to ensure the public is kept thoroughly informed.

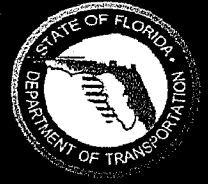
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment: FDOT Construction Notice

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95 EXPRESS



95 EXPRESS RAMP CLOSURE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The contractor for the 95 Express Closure will close the Southbound I-95 flyover ramp to eastbound I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway from 12:00 midnight Thursday, January 7, until 5:00 a.m., Friday, January 15, in order to complete various work as part of the 95 Express project. This ramp will remain closed continuously throughout this period.

During this closure, motorists will be detoured as follows:

- Exit southbound I-95 at NW 8th Street
- Turn left (east) on NW 8th Street and proceed underneath I-95
- Turn left (north) on NW 3rd Avenue and continue straight onto northbound I-95
- Proceed north on I-95 to the eastbound I-195 / Julia Tuttle Causeway exit Ramp

Please note that S.R. 836 / McArthur Causeway also serves as an alternate eastbound route to Miami Beach.

*This schedule is tentative and could change because of extreme weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Motorists are encouraged to **call 511** before they drive, or log on to www.fl511.com for real-time traffic and lane closure information. For additional questions regarding these closures please contact Tish Burgher directly at 305-216-3617.*