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Turnpike resurfacing work to begin the week of Jan. 11 in Miami-Dade County

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will begin construction the week of January 11 on two milling and resurfacing projects in Miami-Dade County, transportation officials announced today.

The first project extends from the Turnpike's starting point at U.S. 1 in Florida City to the Southwest 112th Avenue/Allapattah Road interchange at Milepost 9.2. The purpose of this \$8.9 million project is to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe the roadway, including the ramps. New shoulders will be constructed on the ramps at the following interchanges: Campbell Drive, Biscayne Drive, Tallahassee Road and Allapattah Road. The existing paved shoulders will be widened at the ramps to U.S. 1 and to Biscayne Drive.

In addition, the existing guardrail will be replaced and extended. Landscaping will be relocated and the drainage system also will be extended. It is anticipated this project will be completed in the summer of 2010.

The second project extends from Southwest 216th Street/Hainlin Mills Drive (Exit 11) to Southwest 117th Avenue (Exit 16) and from Southwest 88th Street/Kendall Drive (Exit 20) to Southwest 56th Street/Miller Drive at Milepost 22.

This project includes pavement removal, resurfacing and restriping, excluding the ramps. It is anticipated this \$5.5 million project will be completed by the end of 2009.

Most of the construction work will take place at night, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.; the work requires frequent lane closures, which daytime traffic cannot handle. Nearby residents may experience intermittent noise and vibration for the duration of these projects, particularly during nighttime hours.

Motorists may encounter nighttime lane closures on the Turnpike, between Kendall Drive and Miller Drive as early as Sunday, Jan. 11. One or two northbound lanes may be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. At least one northbound lane will remain open.