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**OPEN ROAD TOLLING IS HERE**  
***Miami-Dade Expressway Authority Continues to Move Our Community Forward***

MIAMI, Fla., June 3, 2010 – This Monday, June 7, 2010, [Open Road Tolling \(ORT\)](#) will be implemented on the [Miami-Dade Expressway Authority's \(MDX\) SR 924/Gratigny Parkway](#). Toll booths on this roadway will no longer be operational and cash will no longer be accepted. Instead, overhead gantries will automatically deduct a toll based on the portion of road you drive, no more, no less.

Many drivers will now pay less than the current \$1.00 toll ([SunPass](#) rate). In order to make the system fair, drivers using only half the roadway will now only pay 50 cents, while drivers choosing to use the entire stretch will continue to pay \$1.00.

Demolition of the existing toll plaza is underway and will be completed within a few short months. As a result, drivers will experience a safer commute with the elimination of last minute lane changes and a greener drive by eliminating idling and reducing toxic emissions. Drivers are urged to use the current SunPass only lanes located on the far left, during the demolition process and are advised to proceed with caution.

In order to experience all the benefits of [ORT](#), drivers are encouraged to purchase a SunPass by visiting [www.MDXORT.com](http://www.MDXORT.com). Non-SunPass customers may continue to drive on [MDX's Gratigny Parkway](#) and will receive a bill in the mail for the amount of tolls plus an additional processing fee.

For maps, schedules and toll rates, please visit [www.MDXORT.com](http://www.MDXORT.com).

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### **Open Road Tolling**

[MDX](#) is moving forward with plans to implement [Open Road Tolling \(ORT\)](#) on its five expressways by 2013. Overhead gantries will replace traditional toll plazas and tolls will automatically be calculated based on the portion of road driven. [ORT](#) will make driving on [MDX](#) expressways FASTER (reduces congestion), SAFER (no toll plaza incidents), CLEANER (reduces emissions), FAIR (pay for only the portion of road you travel) and will help fund roadway improvements for the FUTURE. By the summer of 2010, SR 924/Gratigny Parkway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway and SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway will be converted to [ORT](#). For more information, please visit [www.MDXORT.com](http://www.MDXORT.com).

### **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 or 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.