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## **TOLL COLLECTION ON SR 836 AT NW 17<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO BECOME ALL ELECTRONIC**

**MIAMI** — On Sunday, July 21, 2013, the cash lanes of the SR 836/Dolphin Expressway toll plaza at NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue will close. Tolls will now be collected electronically using SunPass or Toll-by-Plate as drivers pass under tolling points; allowing for safer and more efficient travel. Cash will no longer be accepted.

The closure of the cash lanes and eventual removal of the toll booths is part of a construction project that delivers improved lighting on the roadway and on the directional signage, new pavement and new striping of the pavement. The removal of the toll booths and switch to Open Road Tolling (ORT) will eliminate the hassles of stop-and-go driving and merging in and out of traffic as drivers approach the toll plaza. Construction at the NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue toll plaza will continue through the summer of 2014.

While SunPass is not required, it is highly recommended by the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) officials, as it is the most cost effective option for toll collection. "MDX is giving away a free SunPass Mini to new SunPass account holders at our office throughout the month of July," said MDX Public Information Officer Mario Diaz. "The giveaway dates are posted on our website at [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com)."

The tolls at the NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue plaza will remain at the current \$1 rate for SunPass users and \$2 for Toll-By-Plate drivers. With Toll-By-Plate, a photographic image of the license plate is taken and a bill for the unpaid toll is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. Previous administrative fees charged to Toll-By-Plate customers have been eliminated, but the toll rate is higher because it costs more to process a toll by taking a photographic image of the license plate and sending out an invoice in the mail, than it does to read a SunPass transponder.

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### **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 and 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. For more information on MDX, please visit [www.mdxway.com](http://www.mdxway.com).