



FDOT Begins Operations on Palmetto Express and 75 Express

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six Office began operations on Palmetto Express and 75 Express in Miami-Dade County.

Tolling operations commenced September 23rd to manage traffic demand on the express lanes. The express lanes are part of several traffic management techniques added to the corridor as part of this project.

Other techniques include the addition of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies, specialized incident management services and its soon-to-launch bus rapid transit service.

The combination of these services provides users with more travel choices and incentivizes high-occupancy travel through transit. These new services

Palmetto Express is the area's first system-to-system express lanes project

are designed to increase highway performance and improve traffic flow on both the express lanes and the non-tolled general use lanes.

Palmetto Express is part of the regional express lanes network in southeast Florida. It is the area's first system-to-system express lanes project since it provides drivers with a direct connection to and from 75 Express.

Palmetto Express runs between West Flagler Street and NW 154 Street. 75 Express in Miami-Dade County runs along I-75 from the Palmetto Expressway to NW 170 Street.

The bus-rapid transit service is set to launch in the next few months. For more information about the project, please visit www.palmettoexpresslanes.com.

WHAT'S NEW?

- District Six launched RISC Service in Monroe County - September 2019
- District Six Staff Presented at ITS Florida Lunch and Learn Event - September 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week - November 2019



FDOT DISTRICT SIX HOSTS NATIONAL RESPONDER SAFETY COURSE

The Miami-Dade County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team hosted a training course for the area's first responders in September. The course covered the National TIM Responder Training Program created by the Federal Highway Administration's Strategic Highway Research Program 2 (SHRP 2). The training reviews national best practices in incident management.

The training establishes a national set of core principles for clearing incidents safely. The four-hour class

covered the program's terminology, safe vehicle positioning, command responsibilities, and more. The course was followed by an exercise to summarize the lessons and principles for the participants.

The course was attended by representatives from Florida Highway Patrol, Fire Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, FDOT Maintenance and others. FDOT is planning additional training sessions that will be held throughout the year as well.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

(July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019)

ROAD RANGER STATS

17,741

Total Responses

31,465

Total Activities

8:52 min

Average Response Time
For events not detected by a Road Ranger

DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN POSTS

Safety Messages
36,026

Other Agency Incidents
3,864



FDOT D6 Incidents
44,904

Construction
21,037

Vehicle Alerts
5,486

RISC STATS

District Six implemented the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program in 2009 to reduce the impact of large-scale traffic events along our roadways. The program covers: Interstates 75, 95, 195, 395, State Road 826, Krome Avenue, Okeechobee Road and the MacArthur Causeway.

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RISC Activations

44 min*

Arrival Time

29 min*

Travel Lane Clearance Time

96 min*

Total Incident Clearance Time

* These numbers are an average

LANE BLOCKAGE EVENTS & AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES**

** The figures presented are based only on travel time blockage and events not detected by a Road Ranger.

I-95

Including GGI

635

Events

8:38 min

Avg. Response Time

I-75

30

Events

8:54 min

Avg. Response Time

SR 826

475

Events

8:33 min

Avg. Response Time

I-195

49

Events

11:47 min

Avg. Response Time

95 Express

295

Events

9:06 min

Avg. Response Time

75 Express

3

Events

10:23 min

Avg. Response Time

Palmetto Express

49

Events

8:22 min

Avg. Response Time

I-395

47

Events

11:04 min

Avg. Response Time

For more information on FDOT District Six's Incident Management Program, please visit: www.sunguide.info

