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Area Tolls Suspended to Aid Traffic After FIU Bridge Collapse

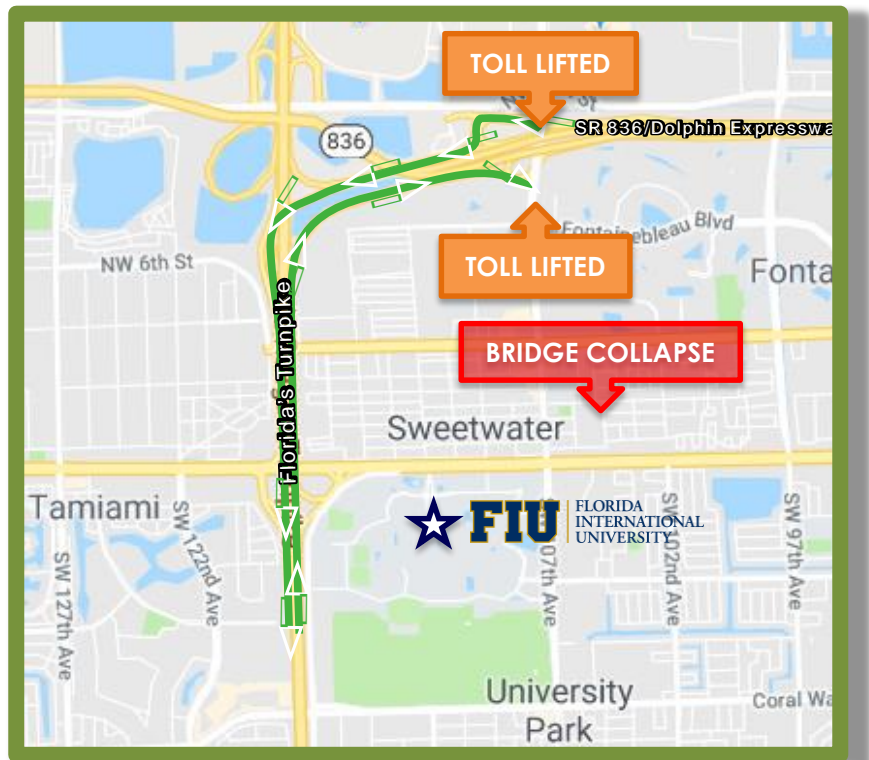
MIAMI, Fla., March 16, 2018 – MDX has temporarily suspended tolls on SR 836/Dolphin Expressway entrance and exit ramps nearest to the Florida International University pedestrian bridge collapse. MDX Chairwoman Shelly Smith Fano, in consultation with MDX Executive Director Javier Rodriguez and with approval from the MDX Board, has made the decision that the tolls at the eastbound SR 836 exit to NW 107th Avenue and the westbound SR 836 entrance from NW 107th Avenue will be suspended to facilitate movement on the local roads.

“The sheer impact of this tragedy requires the cooperation of as many Miami-Dade agency resources as can be reasonably managed,” Fano said. “We are looking to lessen the impact as commuters utilize alternate routes until the debris is completely removed.”

Florida’s Turnpike entrance and exit ramps, as well as several blocks along SW 8th Street are closed as the collapse is investigated and the debris is removed. Drivers are encouraged to utilize SR 836 to NW 107th Avenue as an alternate route to the exit at SW 8th Street of the Florida’s Turnpike without paying a toll. This toll suspension will remain in effect until SW 8th Street is reopened.

The bridge collapse at SW 8th Street, where response teams have switched their efforts from search and rescue to recovery, is located just south of SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, Miami’s busiest east-to-west highway.

Our prayers are with the families of the victims of the horrible bridge collapse at FIU’s Tamiami Campus. Many of us are alumni, friends or colleagues of faculty and students at FIU and MDX has had a historical partnership with the university.



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MDX operates and maintains five user-supported expressways in Miami-Dade County – **SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway.** MDX expressways are funded by toll revenue, which is reinvested back into the community and funds the construction of projects that alleviate traffic congestion, create thousands of local jobs and provide new opportunities to small and local businesses. The agency also gives back a portion of its annual revenue to drivers through the MDX Frequent Driver Rewards Program.