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OPEN ROAD TOLLING SET TO BEGIN ON SR 874 and SR 878

MIAMI, Fla., July 15, 2010 – This Saturday, July 17, 2010, [Open Road Tolling \(ORT\)](#) will begin on the [Miami-Dade Expressway Authority's \(MDX\)](#) SR 874/Don Shula Expressway and SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway. With [ORT](#), overhead gantries will automatically collect a toll based on distance traveled eliminating the need for conventional toll plazas.

Drivers traveling north on SR 874 through the existing toll plaza will continue to pay the current \$1.00 toll rate ([SunPass](#)) if traveling the entire distance north to the Palmetto Expressway or east to US-1. Northbound commuters exiting on Killian Parkway or Kendall Drive will now pay a reduced fare. By maximizing technology, ORT allows for a fair redistribution of tolls throughout the entire length of roadway.

[MDX](#) receives no federal funding – no property, sales or gasoline tax. The five roadways [MDX](#) operates and maintains are almost entirely funded by toll revenues. Currently, less than half of [MDX's](#) users fund improvements, expansion and maintenance of the system. With [ORT](#), tolls are lowered in many locations and charged based on distance traveled.

In order to experience all the benefits of [ORT](#), drivers are encouraged to purchase a SunPass by visiting www.MDXORT.com. Non-SunPass customers may continue to drive on these roadways. A bill will be mailed for the amount of tolls used plus an additional processing fee.

For a complete list of all toll rates, maps and schedules, please visit 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.

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.