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MDX Announces Innovative Upgrades

Two popular SR 836 interchanges will receive overhaul

MIAMI – Date - MDX is brining innovative effective traffic solutions to Miami-Dade County with a modern interchange design format called the Diverging Diamond Interchange or DDI. The DDI format is proven across the country to relieve traffic congestion, improve expressway access and increase safety for drivers and pedestrians. MDX will build the first DDIs in South Florida with the reconstruction of the SR 836/Dolphin Expressway interchanges at NW 57th Avenue and NW 27th Avenue.

"MDX's primary mission is to improve mobility in Miami-Dade County. While there is no silver bullet to solving all our traffic challenges, we are making incremental improvements in a comprehensive way. The DDI interchanges will reduce congestion caused by expressway traffic in these areas," said Juan Toledo, MDX Deputy Director/Director of Engineering.

The DDI has been credited with improving safety and traffic efficiency over more traditional interchange formats because left turns across oncoming traffic, a significant source of accidents, are eliminated. Upon entering the intersection drivers will briefly cross over to the left or "opposite" side of the road in a crisscross or diamond pattern. The extended ramp design and free flowing DDI traffic entering and exiting the expressway will reduce traffic on the surface roads and improve congestion for drivers in the neighborhoods nearby.

The conversion of the existing interchanges to the DDI format is part of MDX's efforts to modernize SR 836 between NW 57th Avenue and NW 17th Avenue. The new interchanges are scheduled to be completed in summer of 2017. Over the next several months, MDX will engage in a significant public education program to introduce, inform and educate the public and prepare local drivers to drive through the DDI.

"Driving through the DDI is not complicated at all, but it is different when done for the very first time, and these are the first DDIs to be built in South Florida. We are working vigorously to ensure that the community is prepared," said Toledo.

For an animation of the SR 836 Modernization from NW 57th Avenue to NW 17th Avenue project, more detail on the DDI and how to drive through the interchange, go to www.mdxway.com/projects/current.

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About MDX

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 Cash Back Toll Dividend Program.