US 1 EXPRESS LANES
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE US 1 EXPRESS LANES STUDY?

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), in coordination with Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study that will evaluate the concept of express or managed lanes on the South Dade Busway. The study will analyze potential enhancements to the Busway that could improve existing transit service and safety. It will further evaluate the use of the excess capacity of the Busway by private vehicles paying a toll, which in turn would ease congestion in the parallel US 1 Corridor.

In 2008, the Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) conducted a planning analysis of the Busway. The study assessed the feasibility of managed lanes in the right-of-way and the revenue-generating potential of managed lanes to improve traffic mobility and safety, reduce congestion, and meet future travel demands. The MPO concluded it was viable to continue the study.

WHAT ARE THE STUDY LIMITS?

This study would evaluate improvements to the Busway and other associated roadways from approximately SR 9336/SW 344th Street/Palm Drive to just north of SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway at SW 80th Street. The 19.8 mile-long project passes through Florida City and Homestead, and borders on the Village of Pinecrest, Village of Palmetto Bay, and Town of Cutler Bay.

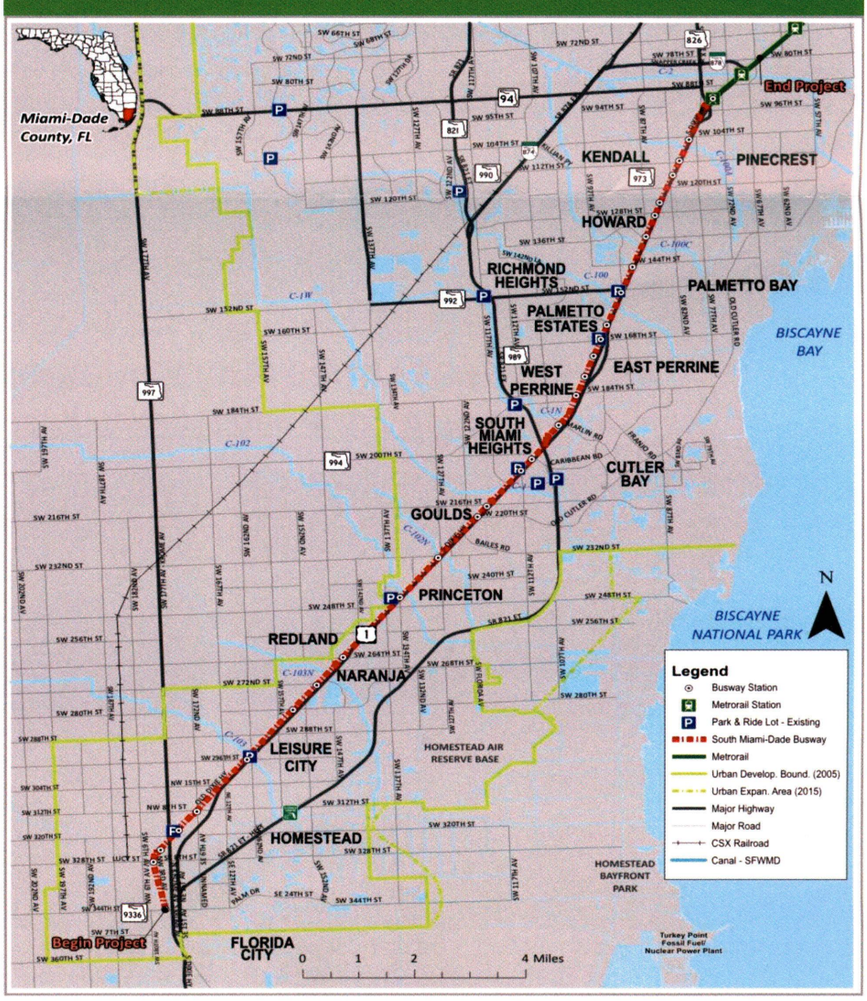
US 1 EXPRESS PD&E PROCESS

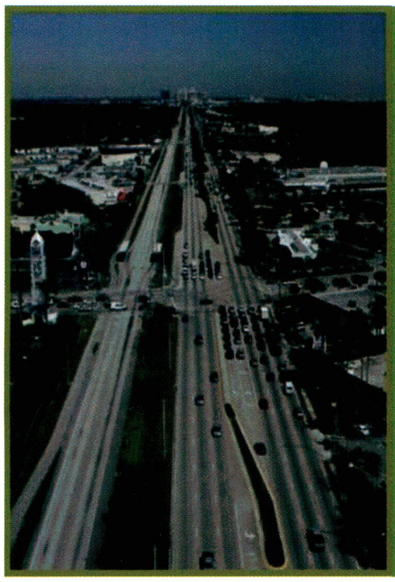
The initial process of data collection and information gathering process will begin in September 2011, with the Agency/Elected Official and Public Kick-off Meetings to inform everyone that improvements along the US 1 Corridor are being studied. Technical workshops will be held next year to review different alternatives, gather feedback from project stakeholders, and strategize on how to address potential impacts. Throughout the duration of the study, several opportunities to provide input on the project will continue to be made available. Final recommendations regarding corridor improvements will be presented at a formal Public Hearing anticipated for the Summer of 2013.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE STUDY?

- Enhance transit service and improve traffic operations along the South Miami-Dade Busway
- Maximize usage of existing roadway capacity and existing right-of-way
- Mitigate congestion along the US 1 Corridor and traversing streets
- Provide possible funding for future transit improvements
- Invest in the South Miami-Dade Greenway to improve the pedestrian and bicycle experience

US 1 EXPRESS LANES STUDY AREA MAP





YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

Active participation by residents, property owners, business owners and other interested parties is a central element in the decision-making process. Your participation is encouraged at every phase of the study.

At the Public Kick-off Meetings, the public will have an opportunity to obtain information and ask questions as to the PD&E study. For more information please contact:

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop by contacting Tere Garcia at the email or phone number listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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US 1 EXPRESS LANES PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETINGS

Choose the date and location best for you!

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Coral Reef Branch Library

Auditorium

9211 SW 152nd Street

Miami, FL 33157

Thursday, September 8, 2011

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

South Dade Regional Library

(South Dade Government Center)

1st Floor Meeting Room

10750 SW 211th Street

Cutler Bay, FL 33189

All meetings will begin with a 30-minute open house for attendees to review project boards and talk with members of the study team. A presentation will follow the open house.