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MEDIA ADVISORY
Ramp Signals Ready to Launch

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will activate Ramp Signals along eight northbound entrance points of Interstate 95 (I-95) in Miami-Dade County on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Ramp Signals will control the rate at which vehicles enter the expressway from the on ramps that are located between NW 62nd Street north to NW 167th Street, near the Golden Glades Interchange. The signals are traffic control devices designed to help improve the merging process by ensuring the number of cars entering from the ramps is not more than the gaps available for them to fit. The signals will alternate from red to green lights at various rates in response to real-time traffic conditions. They will operate based on traffic demand and will turn on during times of high congestion, for the most part, such as weekday rush-hour periods. Ramp Signals may also be activated in the case of a traffic incident or special event that may impact regular expressway operations.

The signals will be subject to equipment testing one week prior to launch. Additional message signs will be posted to help inform drivers that testing is being conducted during that time

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Ramp Signals are traffic control devices being implemented as part of a congestion relief plan which, along with the 95 Express, aims to help improve regional mobility along the roadways within southeast Florida. The signals are a proven and cost-effective method of congestion management, and have been successfully implemented in more than 20 major metropolitan cities nationwide. To learn more about Ramp Signaling and how it works, please visit www.95Express.com and click on the Ramp Signaling tab, or call the 24-hour Hot Line at 1-877-95X-FDOT (1-877-959-3368).

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