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## **Construction of new Turnpike tandem-truck staging lot to begin week of January 8 at the Golden Glades interchange**

FORT LAUDERDALE — Construction is set to begin the week of January 8 on a new Turnpike tandem-truck staging lot at the Golden Glades interchange in Miami-Dade County, Turnpike officials announced today.

The new truck staging lot will be located just off of the I-95 connector road, and will replace the existing staging area located at the Turnpike's Golden Glades toll plaza.

Tandem-truck drivers will be able to use the staging area to temporarily park one of their two trailers while using local roads to deliver goods. Trucks are not permitted to use local roads while hauling two trailers; however, these are permitted on the Turnpike as well as on the Sawgrass Expressway.

The new truck lot will have 11 truck spaces, which is more than twice the number of spaces at the existing facility. The project scope includes buffer landscaping and minor radius improvements at the ramps and entrance to the site. Additional work includes minor landscaping, fencing, guardrail, curb and gutter, shoulder gutter, drainage improvements, pavement striping, traffic signal modifications, and some lighting modifications.

The project will require occasional nighttime lane and ramp closures; however, no lane closures are currently scheduled for the next few weeks.

It is anticipated the project will be completed in late summer of 2007.

The \$1.2 million construction contract was awarded to the Williams Paving Company.