

Memorandum



Date: March 14, 2018

To: Department Directors

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Subject: Use of the South Dade Transitway by County Employees (REVISED)

The South Dade Transitway (Transitway) is an approximately 20-mile roadway dedicated to transit service that runs south-southwest from Dadeland South Metrorail station along U.S. 1 to SW 344 Street. The Department of Transportation and Public Works currently runs a total of 56 buses on this corridor which, along with supporting routes, currently averages approximately 13,475 weekday boardings. Due to the dedicated right-of-way, buses can traverse the 20 miles without being impacted by the regular vehicular traffic on US-1. Equally important to facilitating the buses' travel is the Traffic Signal Priority System implemented along the entire Transitway. This system synchronizes the traffic signals on the corridor with the movement of the buses in order to minimize stops at intersections to the extent possible. This synchronization is accomplished by the buses crossing over vehicle detection loops installed within the roadway. However, the use of the Transitway by non-bus vehicles also activates the vehicle detection loops, which can cause delays to the buses as their synchronization with the Traffic Signal Priority System is lost. These delays are tangible because approximately 30 percent of the current users of the Transitway are not DTPW buses.

In order to decrease the travel time of buses utilizing the Transitway, effective immediately, only the Miami-Dade County (County) employees described below can access the Transitway at any time. This will assist in improving mobility for County residents and visitors.

- County employees actively engaged in scheduled maintenance activities along the Transitway. However, these vehicles must utilize US-1, and only access the Transitway in the areas immediately adjacent to the location of work. Additionally, these vehicles must yield to buses at all times when within the Transitway.
- Emergency and police vehicles only when operating in emergency mode.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alice N. Bravo, P.E., Director, DTPW, at 786-469-5406.

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