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FDOT CELEBRATES HANDOVER OF NEW RIVER GREENWAY TO BROWARD COUNTY

FORT LAUDERDALE -- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) held a ribbon cutting earlier today to officially open and turn over to Broward County the first segment of the New River Greenway. Dignitaries from the county and neighboring municipalities were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon and celebrate the opening of the Greenway from 136th Avenue to University Drive.

The Broward County Greenway System is a countywide network of safe and clean bicycle, equestrian and pedestrian paths, nature trails and waterways. Broward County, together with FDOT, identified improvements for the New River section of the Greenway System that could be incorporated into the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project, from 136 Avenue to east of State Road 7.

“The Greenway was originally part of a \$5.9 million grant FDOT provided to Broward County. However, with the advancement of the I-595 project as a public private partnership we were able to incorporate and advance the New River section of the Greenway. This has truly been a win-win for all parties.” said Gerry O’Reilly, FDOT District Director of Transportation Development, at the ribbon cutting ceremony this morning.

FDOT, through their partnership with I 595 Express, LLC, is currently building an additional segment of the Greenway, from east of Davie Road to State Road 84/Marina Mile, as part of the I-595 project. Additionally, Broward County has plans to further expand the Greenway west to Markham Park and to enhance the Greenway with the installation of benches, shelter, landscaping and other beautification through separate funding and grants from FDOT.

For further information on the I-595 Express Corridor Improvements Project visit the project’s website at www.i-595.com.

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