



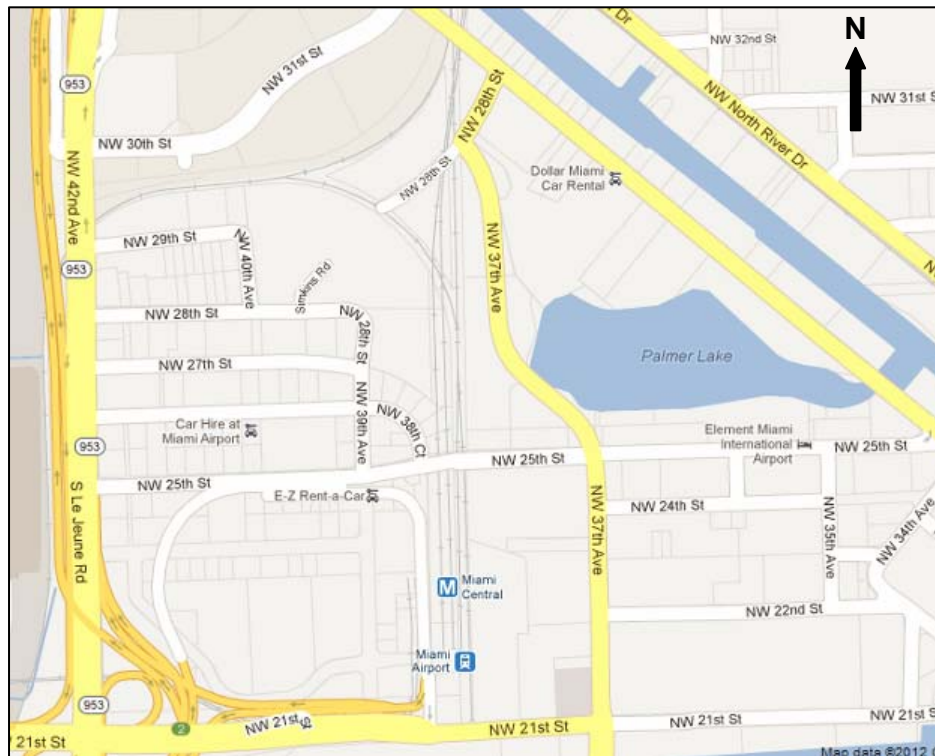
## Concept Paper: Review of NW 25 Street Temporary Closure

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The closure of NW 25 Street at the railroad tracks between NW 38 Court and NW 37 Avenue/Douglas Road, originally intended to be temporary, is being re-evaluated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This effort is intended to 1) meet the needs of Amtrak, and 2) continue providing the public with east-west movement in the area. Amtrak is one of the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Program's Ground Transportation Center partners at the Miami Central Station.

Accommodating the length of Amtrak's Silver Meteor train, which will arrive at the Miami Central Station four times daily, requires a 220-foot extension of the platform. If the temporary closure of NW 25 Street were to re-open, that street crossing would be blocked for 30 to 40 minutes each time a train arrived. Amtrak's Silver Star service would also block NW 25 Street when a train car is added during peak season.

In addition, a third platform at the Miami Central Station is envisioned to accommodate future regional train service which could be longer than Amtrak's trains and also block NW 25 Street when arriving at the station.



In order to accommodate Amtrak and any future train service, FDOT is studying five alternatives to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists in and around

NW 25 Street, to maintain the quality of life and access for area residents and businesses, and to preserve the \$2 billion infrastructure investment being made in the MIC. They are:

- 1) maintaining the existing detour that connects NW 37 Avenue/Douglas Road to NW 42 Avenue/Le Jeune Road via NW 28 Street, South River Drive and NW 31 Street, or
- 2) re-opening the NW 25 Street at-grade crossing, or
- 3) re-opening NW 25 Street by providing a tunnel under the railroad tracks, or
- 4) re-opening NW 25 Street by providing a bridge over the railroad tracks, or
- 5) permanently closing NW 25 Street and extending NW 28 Street between NW 39 Avenue and NW 37 Avenue/Douglas Road, creating a new at-grade railroad crossing at NW 28 Street.

FDOT is following federal guidelines, including conducting a traffic study, to evaluate these alternatives. There will also be a public informational meeting where area residents and business owners can review and comment on the study results. The Department estimates this process will take approximately three months.

Amtrak is a nationwide passenger railroad system, spanning over 21,200 miles across the U.S. and offering intercity service to more than 500 destinations. Last year, Amtrak had a record 30.2 million passengers board its trains. Its Silver service connects New York and Miami with stops at dozens of destinations in between. Making a new direct rail connection between cities in the northeastern U.S. and Miami International Airport, an international gateway, will strengthen this community's appeal to visitors as a tourist destination.

The Miami Central Station, the crown jewel of the MIC Program and Miami-Dade County's first all-inclusive ground transportation hub, is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in early 2014.

For more information on the MIC Program, call 1-888-838-5355 or visit [www.micdot.com](http://www.micdot.com).