

New Miami links

Miami's new roadway system is helping remove traffic congestion and cut journey times and form the first major component to be completed of Miami's MIC programme

THE AUTHORITIES in Miami, Florida are tackling a serious traffic congestion problem around Miami International Airport. Called the MIC Roadways Program, this project forms part of a series of transport improvements throughout the Miami area.

The improvements have been long awaited, as for nearly two decades motorists have avoided Le Jeune Road (NW 42nd Avenue/State Road 953) between State Road 836 and State Road 112 because it was congested with airport traffic and frequently flooded. In addition, for the past three years the area has suffered major traffic congestion resulting from a string of road construction jobs.

However, now that the MIC Roadways Program has been completed, a free flowing north-south highway has been built in the centre of Miami-Dade County and this gives drivers the option of a new, high-speed road that is free from congestion. One of the most important improvements to the roadway system is the much wider Le Jeune Road, which has now been relocated and is also free of airport traffic. Meanwhile the traffic flow has been streamlined with access roadways routing traffic in and out of Miami International Airport (MIA). At the same time, the



connection between MIA and the city has been improved with a new NW 21st Street bridge and interchange.

As part of this airport access, there are now 11 bridges and ramps connecting with SR112 and SR836.