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Miami International to open rental car garage

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Miami International will unveil its new consolidated rental car garage Tuesday, a facility that will house 16 rental companies and their 6,500 cars.

Located east of the airport, the building's first three levels are dedicated to storing and maintaining cars and the top floor is a customer service lobby. A fleet of buses will transport travelers to and from the terminals, eliminating the need for rental companies to operate their own shuttles.

The \$480 million facility is the first phase of a broader construction project by the Florida Department of Transportation to build a major "intermodal center" that will house the county's metro rail and buses, Amtrak and possibly high speed rail service.

Customers renting a car from the new garage will pay \$4.60 per day in "customer facility charge." The Florida Department of Transportation has been collecting \$3.25 a day since 2004 to finance construction of the building but will raise the fee on Tuesday.

