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Tri-Rail station closing for two years

The Tri-Rail Miami Airport Station is to close for about two years beginning Sept. 12 to facilitate construction of the Miami Intermodal Center.

During the two-year period, the station will be rebuilt and connected to Miami International Airport

by a people mover. The southern terminus of the rail service is to be the Hialeah Market Station, where passengers are to be bused to and from the airport, according to a Tri-Rail release. The impact to passengers should be less than 10 minutes of extended travel time to the airport. Trailers to house restroom facilities and a ticket agent have been installed at the Hialeah station as well as 60 additional parking spaces.

Two northbound Tri-Rail trains, P638 and P642, will originate from the Metrorail Transfer Station and two southbound trains, P631 and P635, will terminate at the same station.

Tri-Rail says closing the Miami Airport Station will reduce the construction time of the MIC by 21 months. Taxpayers are also to save about \$10 million.

The Florida Department of Transportation's Miami Intermodal Center is to feature the rental car center, MIA Mover and Miami Central Station, which is to complete in 2013 with access to Tri-Rail, Metrorail and Amtrak.

With the Florida Department of Transportation contributing about \$30 million a year to Tri-Rail's budget, the privatization of Tri-Rail is reportedly being studied.

Tri-Rail ridership rose 5.9 percent in July to 288,892 riders from 272,790 in July 2010, according to daily reports from Veolia.