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By Lidia Dinkova

Commuters who travel on the Airport Expressway at nighttime should get ready to take some detours.

The westbound Airport Expressway, or State Road 112, exit ramp leading toward Northwest 27th Avenue will be closed nightly from Tuesday to Friday, said Karla Damian, spokeswoman for Miami-Dade Transit. Closures will begin at 9 p.m. and last until 5:30 a.m.

There are two suggested detours motorists can take:

- Commuters traveling westbound on the Airport Expressway may exit at Northwest 22nd Avenue, turn north to 46th Street and west to 27th Avenue.
- Motorists can also exit at Northwest 22nd Avenue, turn south to 36th Street and west to 27th Avenue.

This closure is necessary so construction crews can paint the section of the Metrorail guideway over the ramp, all part of the \$506 million AirportLink Metrorail Extension Project that will provide a Metrorail connection to Miami International Airport.

According to Miami-Dade Transit, after the project is completed in spring 2012 there will be a 2.4-mile Metrorail extension connecting the existing Earlington Heights station to the Miami Intermodal Center station, now under construction near MIA.