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**Metrorail's MIA station to open July 28**

Metrorail's new Miami International Airport station will open on July 28, Miami-Dade Transit announced on Wednesday.

The station will be an key hub in the region's mass-transit system because Metrorail also connects with Tri-Rail, the commuter service that runs from Miami to the West Palm Beach area. Moreover, the airport station is part of the Miami Intermodal Center's Rental Car Center, with a MIA Mover connection to the main terminal building.

Trains serving Metrorail's new Orange Line will take passengers to all stations between Dadeland South and Earlington Heights, continuing west towards the new MIA Station.

The 2.4-mile Metrorail extension to MIA, which runs parallel to State Road 112 (the Airport Expressway) and crosses the Miami River, is hailed as the centerpiece of Miami-Dade's People's Transportation Plan (PTP), which is funded by a half-penny sales tax. The tax funded \$404.7 million of the extension while the state supplied \$101.3 million.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez said in a press release, "By directly linking our airport to our urban center, we're joining the ranks of the great world cities – London, Paris, Tokyo – that already enjoy this kind of dynamic, game-changing connectivity."

The multilevel Metrorail MIA Station is a multilevel structure that will provide passengers with a central transfer point to Metrobus and later to Tri-Rail, Amtrak, Greyhound, tour buses and other modes of transportation via the the MIC's Miami Central Station, which is currently under construction. The Miami Central Station is being sponsored and built by the Florida Department of Transportation.