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Metrorail Airport Connector will ease travel for residents and visitors

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With the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) - Earlington Heights Connector, scheduled for completion by the summer of 2012, Miami-Dade County will join the ranks of major metropolitan areas around the world with rapid transit connections to their airports.

Construction is well underway on the 2.4-mile elevated extension of Metrorail from the existing Earlington Heights Station to a station at the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC), the County's future central transportation hub located right next to the airport. When completed, both residents and visitors will have direct Metrorail access to Miami International Airport and the surrounding area which is considered one of Miami's largest employment districts.

For residents, the new rail service will offer a fast, reliable and efficient transportation option to and from work during peak rush-hour travel. It will also provide access to new employment opportunities in the Miami International Airport area for residents who depend on public transportation.

With a new station located at what will become Miami's version of "Grand Central Station," the MIC-Earlington Heights Connector will offer visitors and residents a central transfer point of access to Metrobus, Metrorail, Tri-Rail, Amtrak, Greyhound, tour buses, taxi cabs and rental cars, as well as an Automated People Mover (MIA Mover) connected to the MIC.

In addition to creating transportation connectivity opportunities, the MIC-Earlington Heights Connector will help reduce the number of cars on the road, which promotes a clean environment. The new station's award winning design also features a pleasant, comfortable and accessible layout that can help ease the stress of making travel transfers.

Considered to be the County's most significant construction project since the opening of the original Metrorail system, the MIC-Earlington Heights Connector is the centerpiece of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), approved by Miami-Dade voters in 2002. The total cost of the \$526 million is funded with \$426 million coming from the PTP half-penny tax and \$100 million from the Florida Department of Transportation.

For more information about this project visit miamidade.gov/transit or call 786-469-5675.