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Cashless Tolls Begin Saturday On Don Shula Expwy.

MIAMI (CBS4) — Drivers who [travel](#) on the Don Shula Expressway and SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway will be zapped with new, cashless tolls beginning Saturday. While officials say it's necessary to pay for highway expenses and to charge all drivers equally, some residents in the area aren't happy about it.

After months of meetings and debates with residents, the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority will switch on their "Open Road Tolling" and collect tolls using the electronic highway payment device known as SunPass.

Drivers will continue to pay the \$1.00 toll payment if they're [traveling](#) northbound on the Don Shula Expressway (SR874) to the Palmetto Expressway or east to U.S. 1. The existing toll plaza at the southern end of the Don Shula Expressway will be dismantled and has been replaced with the overhead structures.

"Every tolling location -- the rate varies and ranges from .25 to .50 cents," said Cindy Polo, of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. "Toll payers will not see an increase."

For a map of the new tolls and prices, [click here](#).

Northbound commuters who exit on Killian Parkway or Kendall Drive will pay a reduced fare, officials say.

Drivers who used Snapper Creek Expressway had been using the highway for free, but will be charged beginning Saturday. Officials say it was at the cost of other drivers.

"Everyone will have to pay their share," Polo said.

Officials say even if you don't have the SunPass device, you will be billed.

"Non-SunPass customers may continue to drive on these roadways. A bill will be mailed for the amount of tolls used plus an additional processing fee," officials wrote in a statement.



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