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Don Shula Expressway Tolls Go Cashless

Miami-Dade Expressways Feature Open-Road Tolling

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MIAMI -- Remember VCRs, portable CD players and phone booths? Miami-Dade County residents can soon add old-fashioned tolling to that list of things from the past.

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority's move to the 21st century started a few weeks ago with the Gratigny Parkway. There are now inconspicuous electronic devices overhead, zapping SunPasses instead of collecting quarters.

"It was a smooth transition," said spokeswoman Cindy Polo-Serantes.

Now, it's the Don Shula Expressway's turn. Beginning on Saturday, all cars will be directed through the SunPass lanes of the tolls while the old structures are torn down.

Eventually, the roadway will be wide open, like the Snapper Creek Expressway. The Snapper Creek has new electronic tolls in place that also begin charging drivers on July 17.

If you don't have a SunPass and you drive under the tolls, MDX representatives said you don't have to worry about a fine, but you will pay a bill.

"They have nothing to worry about. Now we take a picture of their license plate -- toll by plate. We'll send you a bill in the mail," said Polo-Serantes.

For more information on toll prices and maps of the tolls, visit the [Miami-Dade Expressway Authority's website](#).

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