

# NW 17th Avenue Bascule Bridge Over Miami River

**PROJECT UPDATE No. 1**  
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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

### OVERVIEW

This project update is dedicated to the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works' (DTPW) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to examine the potential improvements to the NW 17th Avenue Bascule Bridge over Miami River and the 0.5-mile segment of NW 17th Avenue extending north from NW 7th Street to NW 14th Street in the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County. Also included is the entrance ramp to westbound SR 836/Dolphin Expressway from NW 17th Avenue, and NW North River Drive from NW 17th Avenue to NW 13th Terrace.

### Project Background

The PD&E Study will evaluate alternatives to improve the bascule bridge's operational reliability and address its functional deficiencies. Proposed solutions include rehabilitating or replacing the bridge and enhancing access to key routes such as the westbound entrance ramp to State Road 836/Dolphin Expressway and NW North River Drive. The NW 17th Avenue Bascule Bridge, built in 1929, is a vital part of Miami's infrastructure and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

### Opportunities to Participate

DTPW is committed to fostering strong public participation in the transportation decision-making process and is establishing a Project Advisory Group (PAG) for the project. There will be three PAG meetings to get feedback on the alternatives being studied. Please email [17AveBridgeStudy@miamidade.gov](mailto:17AveBridgeStudy@miamidade.gov) if you are interested in participating in the PAG.

### For more information on the NW 17th Avenue Bridge PD&E Study, please contact us:

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You can also find information about the project online by visiting:  
[miamidade.gov/NW17AveBridge](https://www.miamidade.gov/NW17AveBridge)

### Non-Discrimination Laws and Regulations

The Department of Transportation and Public Works is committed to providing equal access to its services regardless of race, color or national origin, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of any of these conditions, you may file a complaint. Contact the DTPW Title VI Program Coordinator at 305-275-7900 or by email at [titlevi@miamidade.gov](mailto:titlevi@miamidade.gov); or visit the Office of Civil Rights and Labor Relations located at 701 NW 1st Court, 17th Floor, Miami, Florida 33128.



### Over 30 Residents and Business Owners Attend PD&E Public Kick-Off Meeting

On November 12, 2024, over 30 residents and business owners attended the Public Kick-off Meeting for the NW 17th Avenue Bascule Bridge PD&E Study. The meeting was conducted in person at the Miami Police Benevolent Association and simultaneously online via Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the public's understanding of the study and encourage participation in the process.

The meeting gave the public an in-depth introduction of the project from the DTPW's project team. The public was given information regarding the purpose of the project and an overview of existing conditions in the area. A study schedule was also presented. The public was given the opportunity to ask questions, express their concerns and share their thoughts with DTPW about the project. The presentation from the meeting may be found on the project webpage at <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/transportation/public-works/nw-17-ave-bridge.page>

