

Miami Central Station construction begins

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Construction begins Tuesday on the Miami Central Station, a major component of the Miami Intermodal Center, South Florida's first ground transportation hub.

Covering 16.5 acres, the \$147 million Miami Central Station is a terminal scheduled to open in 2013 with access to various transportation services, including **Amtrak** and Tri-Rail, according to the project website. Metrorail will also connect to the station via the 2.4-mile AirportLink extension that is to be complete in April 2012.

"The Miami Central Station is the crown jewel of the MIC Program," **Florida Department of Transportation** Secretary **Ananth Prasad** said in a news release. "It will make a significant difference for residents and visitors by giving them transportation choices within this one location."

On Sept. 8, the MIA Mover, a 1.25-mile elevated people mover, opened at the **Miami International Airport** to transport travelers from the airport terminal to the rental car center. The mover is also to connect to the Miami Central Station, which is to be located adjacent to the airport.

The MIA Mover, Miami Central Station, rental car center and several highway improvements comprise the Miami Intermodal Center project, which is being developed by FDOT. The Tri-Rail Miami Airport Station is closed for the next two years to facilitate construction of the Miami Intermodal Center.

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