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## **Nighttime ramp closures scheduled on Turnpike NW 106 Street ramps in advance of SunPass-only conversion Dec. 14**

FORT LAUDERDALE — The northbound entrance and southbound exit ramps on the Turnpike's Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street interchange (Exit 34) in Miami-Dade County are scheduled to close for several nights beginning Wednesday, Dec. 5, in advance of the conversion to electronic toll collection scheduled for Dec. 14.

Both ramps are set to close concurrently from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the nights of Dec. 5, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 as work crews install signs, place asphalt and restripe the pavement. Motorists should use the Okeechobee Road (Exit 35) or Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street (Exit 29) interchange instead.

Beginning Friday morning, Dec. 14, the electronic tolling conversion will go into effect and cash toll payments will no longer be accepted at the northbound entrance and southbound exit ramps. Motorists who wish to use these ramps must have SunPass or any other acceptable electronic toll payment option such as EPass, O-Pass, PlatePass<sup>®</sup> or Rent A Toll Pass<sup>24</sup>.

Motorists traveling to and from the south will still have the option of paying cash at the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza, which is located south of the Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street interchange.

Work on the interchange began October 1, and will enhance safety and convenience for motorists. Currently, cash customers pause at the automatic coin machine on the one-lane ramps, which often results in delays for the SunPass customers who otherwise do not have to stop.

In addition, cash customers who sign up for SunPass will save 25 cents each trip over the current 50-cent toll. This would result in a savings of \$125 per year for a daily commuter.

SunPass may be purchased at any Publix or CVS Pharmacy, at the Turnpike service plazas, by calling 1-888-TOLL-FLA, or online at [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com).