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Construction underway on Florida's Turnpike all-electronic open road tolling conversion between the S.R. 836 and County Line Road interchanges

FORT LAUDERDALE —The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), began construction on Feb. 8 to convert the northern segment of the Turnpike's Homestead Extension — between State Road 836 and County Line Road — into an all-electronic open road tolling facility in early 2011.

All-electronic open road tolling will eliminate the collection of cash at the plazas and will replace it with SunPass and Toll-by-Plate electronic tolling alternatives. Toll-by-Plate is a toll collection system where cameras snap photos of a vehicle's license plate and a bill is mailed to the registered vehicle owner.

The \$24.8 million design-build contract was awarded to Kiewit Southern Co. The project entails converting the Okeechobee and Miramar mainline toll plazas, along with the 16 Turnpike ramp plazas located between the S.R. 836 (Milepost 26) and County Line Road (Milepost 47) interchanges.

Work also includes the fabrication and installation of SunPass gantries at most locations, to support the new toll collection equipment. Additional work consists of the removal of various existing tollbooths and structures, toll plaza building modifications, roadway improvements, grading, drainage, and signing and pavement markings.

This is the second of two contracts to convert the entire Turnpike Extension to the all-electronic technology in early 2011. In November, construction began on a \$33 million project to convert all the Turnpike toll plazas located between the U.S. 1/Florida City and S.R. 836 interchanges into all-electronic tolling facilities.

Next week, one Turnpike lane in each direction will be closed from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., east of the Miramar toll plaza.

For more information about all-electronic open road tolling on Florida's Turnpike, visit the Web site at www.FloridasTurnpike.com/all-electronictolling or call 1-800-749-PIKE (7453).