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Additional SunPass-only express lane to open Monday, Jan. 25,
for northbound traffic at the Turnpike's Okeechobee toll plaza in Miami-Dade County

FORT LAUDERDALE — SunPass motorists who travel on Florida's Turnpike in the Doral area in Miami-Dade County will have an even easier commute beginning early Monday morning, Jan. 25, when a third **northbound** SunPass-only express lane is scheduled to open at the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza.

Currently, drivers with SunPass have two SunPass-only express lanes available under the northbound open road tolling gantry. When the additional SunPass-only lane opens Monday morning, the northbound traffic alignment will be similar to the alignment currently in place for southbound traffic at the Okeechobee toll plaza, where a third SunPass-only express lane opened last November.

To open the additional lane and realign traffic, the contractor needs to close the existing northbound SunPass-only express lanes from 10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, to 5:30 a.m. Monday, and divert all SunPass traffic to the traditional SunPass/cash lanes at the toll plaza.

Should weather or other unforeseen conditions impact the work, the opening of the SunPass-only express lane would be rescheduled for the following morning.

Construction to convert the Turnpike's Okeechobee toll plaza into a high-tech, open road tolling plaza and add a new Turnpike interchange at Northwest 74th Street began in January 2007. It is anticipated the project will be completed in the spring.