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Major delays anticipated on the Turnpike's Homestead Extension this weekend, beginning Friday night, Feb. 19

FORT LAUDERDALE — Motorists may encounter major traffic delays on northbound and southbound Florida's Turnpike in the vicinity of Interstate 75 this coming weekend, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

For up to 60 hours, only one lane in each direction will remain open as construction crews replace the concrete pavement on the approaches to the bridges over the Snake Creek Canal located between Milepost 40 and Milepost 41, north of the I-75 interchange, on the Turnpike's Homestead Extension.

All lanes are scheduled to reopen at 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22. However, the lanes may reopen sooner if the bridge work is completed ahead of schedule.

Lane closures also are scheduled for the following weekend, from 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, through 5 a.m. Monday, March 1, when the same stretch of the Turnpike will be reduced to only one lane in each direction.

Electronic signs will be installed to advise the public about the upcoming lane closures and anticipated traffic delays.

The bridge pavement work is part of a project to mill and resurface a six-mile segment of the Turnpike Extension, from the I-75 interchange (Exit 39) in Miami-Dade County to just east of the Northwest 57th Avenue/Red Road interchange (Exit 43) at the Miami-Dade / Broward County line.

Construction on the \$2.8 million project began Feb. 8, and is scheduled for completion in mid-2010.