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TURNPIKE's PORT ST. LUCIE INTERCHANGE CLOSED for 5 NIGHTS

Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 8, 2010) — The Port St. Lucie Interchange (Exit 142) on Florida's Turnpike will be closed up to 5 nights next week. The Turnpike mainline, northbound and southbound, through Port St. Lucie County will still be accessible to drivers, but the Port St. Lucie Interchange (Exit 142) will be closed. The interchange closure begins Sunday, July 11 at 10 p.m. and will run through the following dates and times: July 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and possibly the 15th between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Lit message boards will be in place to direct drivers through the detour route.

Suggested detour route for **southbound** traffic on Turnpike wishing to access Port St. Lucie Boulevard:

- Exit the Turnpike at Ft. Pierce/SR 70/Okeechobee Road (Exit 152)
- Drive west 0.5 miles on SR 70/Okeechobee Road. Enter I-95 southbound and travel south for 12.7 miles to Gatlin Boulevard
- Exit I-95 at Gatlin Boulevard (Exit 118)
- Take Gatlin Boulevard east for 3 miles to Port St. Lucie Boulevard and turn left (North)
- Take Port St. Lucie Boulevard 1.55 miles north/northeast to Bayshore Drive

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Suggested detour route for northbound traffic on Turnpike wishing to access Port St. Lucie Boulevard:

- Exit the Turnpike at Stuart / Martin Downs Boulevard (Exit 133)
- Drive east 5.3 miles on SW Martin Highway. Enter I-95 northbound and travel 8.6 miles to Gatlin Boulevard
- Exit I-95 at Gatlin Boulevard (Exit 118)
- Take Gatlin Boulevard east for 3 miles to Port St. Lucie Boulevard and turn left (North)
- Take Port St. Lucie Boulevard 1.55 miles north/northeast to Bayshore Drive



Construction crews will be paving and placing final pavement markings along the realigned ramps at Port St. Lucie Interchange (Exit 142). The northbound interchange ramps are nearly complete and are being resurfaced and realigned. The project began in July 2009 and is projected to be completed this summer.