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Turnpike/NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street interchange in Miami-Dade to open at 6 a.m. Wednesday, April 28

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Turnpike's new interchange at Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami-Dade will open to traffic in time for the morning commute at 6 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, transportation officials announced today following a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Located between the Turnpike's Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street interchanges, the new interchange will be designated as Exit 31. It will provide additional access into the City of Doral.

The 74<sup>th</sup> Street interchange has SunPass-only (no cash) toll gantries on the northbound exit and southbound entrance ramps. The SunPass toll rate is 50 cents for a two-axle vehicle.

Motorists entering the northbound Turnpike and southbound motorists exiting the Turnpike at Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street will have the option to pay cash (\$1.00) at the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza until early 2011, when cash tolls will be entirely removed from the southern 47 miles of Florida's Turnpike.

The new interchange was constructed as part of a project to convert Okeechobee toll plaza into an open-road tolling plaza at a cost of \$63.4 million. Construction began in January 2007.

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An aerial photo of the Turnpike/Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street interchange is attached.



Florida's Turnpike / Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange