



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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BEACHLINE WEST EXPRESSWAY SLOWS FOR OVERNIGHT TRAFFIC PACING OPERATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 to THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 13 TO FRIDAY, MARCH 14 2008

OCOE, FL (March 6, 2008)--Motorists traveling both east- and westbound on the Beachline West Expressway should be prepared for a rolling traffic pacing operation that will affect traffic between Interstate 4 and State Road 436--approximately 11 miles--between 7 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12 to Friday, March 14 2008.

The contractor will be installing overhead sign trusses that span the entire highway as part of the \$10 million project to reconstruct the Bee Line West Mainline Toll Plaza near milepost 6, part of the roadway-widening project that began last fall.

Motorists should expect single, outside lane closures, both east- and westbound, beginning at 7 p.m. Then, starting at 12:30 a.m., Florida Highway Patrol will begin a traffic pacing operation between Interstate 4 and State Road 436, including the Airport mainline toll plaza near SR 436.

Traffic will be slowed to approximately 10 m.p.h. in each direction to allow the installation of overhead sign trusses near the Bee Line West mainline toll plaza at milepost 6 without detouring traffic to other roadways.

All eastbound ramps between Interstate 4 and SR 436 eastbound, and all westbound ramps between SR 436 and Interstate 4 will be closed until the pacing operation passes. At that time, the ramps will re-open and motorists may join the pacing operation.

This intermittent operation will last up to one-half hour at a time. Queued traffic will be cleared and then the operation will resume.

Motorists (especially commercial truck drivers) may wish to use the southbound exit from the airport to rejoin I-4, as this operation also affects the Tradeport Drive and McCoy ramps as well.



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