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## **Left lane truck restrictions on Florida's Turnpike will go into effect February 1.**

Fort Lauderdale, FL (January 17, 2008) — Turnpike officials announced today, beginning on February 1, 2008 commercial trucks will not be allowed to travel in the left lane on Florida's Turnpike, between Miami-Dade County's Golden Glades Interchange and the Lantana Toll Plaza (MP 88). A total of 30 regulatory, black and white, signs which read "No Trucks Left Lane" are currently being installed along this 40 mile stretch.

The "No Trucks Left Lane" restriction is an expansion of the successful pilot program originally executed on the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT) in the spring of 2005. All areas where this restriction is afforded drivers three, travel lanes.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop K & the office of Motor Carrier Compliance (MCCO) will start enforcing restrictions on commercial truck drivers who travel in the left lane on February 1, 2008. Lt Roger Reyes of FHP Troop K states, "FHP supports any restrictions that would reduce traffic congestion and promote the overall safety of motorists". Once the restriction goes into effect, violations could result in fines up to \$130.

The goals of the left lane truck restrictions are:

- to increase highway safety by reducing improper lane changes
- to improve traffic flow by having slower trucks (that impede traffic) use the right and center lanes