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Okeechobee Boulevard (Exit 99) Interchange - Partial Closure Due to Bridge Improvement Project

Fort Lauderdale, FL (September 6, 2007) — The southbound entrance and exit ramps at Okeechobee Boulevard (Exit 99) will be closed around the clock from Friday, September 14 at 9 p.m. until Monday, September 17 at 5 a.m. due to bridge jacking. Motorists are advised to use Southern Boulevard (Exit 97) as an alternate route.

Construction crews will be jacking the Okeechobee Boulevard ramp bridge to achieve an additional foot of clearance. The bridge will be raised with hydraulic jacks. Pedestals will be placed and welded to support the new bridge height. Lastly, the roadway profile will be raised to meet the new bridge height. The original bridge was built in 1957. It currently rests at 15.5 feet. Once the project is complete it will be raised to 16.5 feet.

In order to complete this project at least two more weekend closures are expected over the next two months. Future closures will be announced accordingly. The Okeechobee Bridge improvement project is projected to be completed by November 2007.

For the most up-to-date traffic and closure information customers can visit www.floridasturnpike.com or call 511 before you get on the road.