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## **OPEN ROAD TOLLING to HIT FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – Construction on Florida's Turnpike will convert four major toll plaza's existing SunPass only lanes to "Open Road Tolling (ORT)". The Open Road Tolling project underway this week, will allow electronic tolling customers to travel faster and safer through toll plazas. ORT will increase mobility and allow SunPass customers to sustain highway like speeds while paying their tolls. ORT will accommodate this increased capacity by eliminating concrete islands, and installing upgraded tolling equipment.



*Current*



*Open Road Tolling*

- Conversion at toll plazas begins this week and is projected to be completed by this winter.
- Most construction will take place during off-peak hours, weekends and weeknights from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- ORT will accommodate an estimated 800 additional vehicles per lane, per hour.
- Customers can expect a free-flow movement of 55 MPH through non-confined SunPass lanes versus the current, designated speed limit of 25 MPH.
- Existing cash and mixed use lanes will remain.

The four plazas being converted are Lantana in Palm Beach County, Cypress Creek in Broward County, Bird Road and Homestead in Miami-Dade County. To purchase a SunPass today please visit [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com).

