



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Lane Shift Begins Wednesday at the Pinellas Bayway West Toll Plaza

OCOE, FL (May 11, 2009) — Motorists traveling on the Pinellas Bayway system should be alert for a lane shift through the West Toll Plaza beginning at 6 a.m., Wednesday, May 13. ***The center toll lane will be closed for the next 30 days. Motorists with exact change should use the left lane. Motorists who need change or receipts should use the right lane.***

The toll lane shifts are part of a \$2 million project to renovate the East and West Toll Plazas on the Pinellas Bayway system.

The renovations consist of the removal and replacement of existing toll plaza concrete pavement, toll booths and equipment, roofing, signage, lighting and pavement markings. The East Plaza administration building and SunPass Customer Service Center building will also undergo complete interior and exterior renovation work to improve public access to the Sunpass Customer Service Center reception area. The West Plaza administration building will undergo minor interior and exterior renovations.

The renovation work at each toll plaza requires closing each individual toll lane for about 30 days. Only one lane will be closed at any given time. Work will be completed at the West Plaza before work begins at the East Plaza. The projected schedule for toll plaza lane closures is as follows:

### West Plaza

Lane 2 – May 13 to June 9  
Lane 1 – June 10 to July 10

### East Plaza

Lane 4 – SunPass-Only – No long-term lane closure  
Lane 3 – July 15 to August 21  
Lane 2 – August 25 to September 25  
Lane 1 – September 28 to October 29

The toll plaza renovation project does not include the installation of additional SunPass-only lanes. The existing bridge is too narrow to allow for conversion of a mixed-use lane to a SunPass-only lane. Additionally, the current lane configuration accommodates the thousands of visitors who visit Fort DeSoto Park and don't use SunPass.

Renovation of the SunPass Customer Service Center will begin on July 15. A temporary office trailer will be located in the East Plaza parking lot to serve as the Sunpass Customer Service Center building during the renovation of the existing building. Renovation work is scheduled to be completed in late October and the new Sunpass Customer Service Center is scheduled to reopen in early November. The West Plaza building renovation work will not affect motorists and is scheduled to be complete in mid-July.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: Florida's Turnpike, extending north from Homestead in Miami-Dade County to Wildwood in Sumter County; the Seminole Expressway and Southern Connector (Toll 417) in Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties; the Beachline Expressway West (Toll 528) in Orange County; the Polk Parkway (Toll 570) in Polk County; the Veterans Expressway and Suncoast Parkway in Hillsborough, Pasco and Hernando counties (Toll 589); the Sawgrass Expressway (Toll 869) in Broward County; and the southern 11 miles of the Daniel Webster Western Beltway (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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