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Sawgrass Expressway northbound/eastbound on-ramp from US 441 and two lanes to close Friday night through Saturday night to obtain soil cores

FORT LAUDERDALE — Two of three northbound/eastbound lanes on the Sawgrass Expressway will be closed in the vicinity of US 441, from 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, through approximately 8 p.m. Saturday, for a drilling operation to obtain soil samples. The entrance ramp from US 441 to the northbound/eastbound Sawgrass Expressway also will be closed during this period.

Motorists should seek alternate routes, such as the University Drive and Lyons Road on-ramps to the northbound/eastbound Sawgrass Expressway.

The Turnpike's geotechnical engineers need to obtain samples and evaluate soil conditions due to the possibility of voids beneath the pavement. Should repairs be needed, the lane and ramp closures may be extended beyond Saturday evening.

Electronic message boards have been installed to advise motorists about the lane and ramp closures.

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Motorists should dial 511 for real-time regional traffic information on the Sawgrass Expressway, Florida's Turnpike and other major roads. This information system is voice-activated; motorists should speak the name of the road they wish to use. They may also visit <http://www.fl511.com> for information. This free service of the Florida Department of Transportation is available 24/7.