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Construction to begin the week of June 12 to widen Sawgrass Expressway between Atlantic Boulevard and Coral Ridge Drive

FORT LAUDERDALE — Construction work to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from four to six lanes between the Atlantic Boulevard and Coral Ridge Drive interchanges is set to begin the week of June 12, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise officials announced today. It is anticipated the project will be completed in early 2008.

The \$57.2 million design-build project was awarded earlier this year to Community Asphalt Corporation/Jacobs Civil, Incorporated.

The contractor does not plan to close lanes in the next week or two. However, as the construction progresses, one northbound lane may be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. and one southbound lane may be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

The project entails adding new traffic lanes, one in each direction, in the existing median. Another important component of the project is the construction of sound barrier walls along residential communities, where there is no existing noise barrier protection. The walls consist of precast concrete posts and panels. These will be fabricated off-site and then transported and installed along the expressway. Sound wall installation is projected to begin this summer.

Additional improvements include:

- Installation of fiber-optic conduit and CCTV cameras as part of the Turnpike's intelligent transportation systems (ITS) initiative
- New median guardrail

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- New lighting, signage and pavement markings
- Landscaping

On March 29, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise held an open house meeting to inform the public about the upcoming construction.

For information about the Sawgrass Expressway widening project, area residents and motorists should contact the Public Information Office of Florida's Turnpike at 954-975-4855.