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## Southbound Florida's Turnpike to close at night Feb. 23 and Feb. 25 in Miami-Dade County

FORT LAUDERDALE — Continuing work on the new Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street overpass will require the closure of southbound Florida's Turnpike between the Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 34) and Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street (Exit 29) interchanges in Miami-Dade County two nights next week, as crews set bridge beams over the traffic lanes.

All *southbound* Turnpike lanes **will close** to traffic from **11 p.m. Monday, February 23, to 4 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24**, and from **11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, to 4 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26**. Traffic will be directed to exit the Turnpike at Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street and to go east to Northwest 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south to Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street and then west to get back on northbound Florida's Turnpike. Motorists may also exit at Okeechobee Road/U.S. 27 (Exit 35) and head east to S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.

While the road closure and detour is in effect, tolls will be suspended at the southbound Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street exit and Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street entrance ramp toll plazas.

Motorists may experience traffic delays beginning at 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, when one or two northbound Turnpike lanes will be closed.

Electronic signs will be in place to advise motorists about the closure and detour routes.

A new SunPass-only interchange is under construction at Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> Street as part of a \$63.4 million project to convert the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza into an open-road tolling (ORT) facility. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2009/early 2010.