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Northbound Florida's Turnpike to close at night Feb. 9 and Feb. 11 in Miami-Dade County

FORT LAUDERDALE — Work to place bridge beams for the new Northwest 74th Street overpass will require the closure of northbound Florida's Turnpike between the Northwest 41st Street (Exit 29) and Northwest 106th Street (Exit 34) interchanges in Miami-Dade County two nights next week, transportation officials announced today.

All *northbound* Turnpike lanes *will close* to traffic from **10 p.m. Monday, February 9, to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10**, and from **10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, to 5 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12**. Traffic will be directed to exit the Turnpike at Northwest 41st Street and to go east to Northwest 107th Avenue, north to Northwest 106th Street and then west to get back on northbound Florida's Turnpike. Motorists may also exit at Northwest 41st Street and head east to S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.

While the road closure and detour is in effect, tolls will be suspended at the Northwest 41st Street and Northwest 106th Street 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 closures and detours.

A new SunPass-only interchange is under construction at Northwest 74th 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.