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## **Express Lane Widening Project on the Beachline Expressway from Florida's Turnpike to McCoy Road begins January 2017**

OCOEE — Road construction that is designed to add capacity, mitigate traffic congestion and meet traffic growth demands on the Beachline Expressway between Florida's Turnpike and McCoy Road in Orange County began this week, transportation officials announced.

Key components are:

- Adding one tolled express lane in each direction on the Beachline Expressway from Florida's Turnpike to McCoy Road, widening the roadway from six to eight lanes
- Widening six bridges
- Using express lane markers to separate the general tolled lanes from the express lanes
- Resurfacing the existing Beachline Expressway general tolled lanes
- Modifying the existing Beachline West Toll Plaza

The construction phase of this project is expected to cost just under \$32 million and estimated to be complete in early 2019.

An adjoining project to widen and add express lanes to four miles of the Beachline Expressway between Interstate 4 and Florida's Turnpike began in 2015. When both Beachline Expressway widening and express lane projects are complete, drivers will benefit from an improved critical transportation link in the heart of Orlando's tourist corridor between Orlando International Airport and I-4.

Efforts will be made to limit traffic and noise disruptions as much as possible, but lane closures, ramp closures and detours will be necessary to accomplish the improvements. These will generally take place between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday to minimize traffic congestion and delays for most drivers. Closures will be announced in advance in the Florida's Turnpike weekly traffic advisory.

For more information about this project, call 1-800-749-PIKE or go to [www.Floridasturnpike.com](http://www.Floridasturnpike.com). Drivers may dial 5-1-1 for real-time traffic information or visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) before traveling. They may also follow @f511\_Turnpike on Twitter.

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