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Florida's Turnpike Begins Beachline West Expressway Toll Plaza and Express Lanes Enhancement Project

Ocoee, FL (June 1, 2007)-Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has begun a \$25 million project to reconstruct the Bee Line West Mainline Toll Plaza near Milepost 6 along State Road 528, part of a \$ 75 million series of enhancements scheduled to begin within the next two years.

The current project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes. Upon completion in the spring of 2009, the plaza will feature two SunPass-only express lanes in each direction, with the capacity to add an additional lane when the Beachline is widened to three lanes in each direction. SunPass customers will be able to travel at highway speed in the express lanes.

Included in the toll plaza improvements is the construction of four mixed-use lanes to provide additional lanes for cash customers.

Later this fall, a project will begin to mill and resurface the Beachline between Interstate 4 and the Turnpike. This \$10.3 million project will be complete in the spring of 2008.

In summer 2008, widening of the Beachline between the Turnpike and Boggy Creek Road begins construction. This project takes the Beachline to three lanes in each direction (with the capacity for eight-lanes). Included in the project is the reconstruction of the bridges at US 441, Landstreet Road, CSX RR, Orange Avenue and McCoy Road.

Motorists should exercise caution while traveling in the area, and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone. Speeding fines are doubled in construction zones where workers are present.

For more information on the Beachline corridor widening, reconstruction and resurfacing projects, call the Turnpike public information office at 407-264-3492.