



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOOE, FL (January 17, 2008) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, January 20, 2008.**

Florida's Turnpike strives to maintain traffic flow in work zones; however, motorists may encounter heavier traffic near construction sites. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones, and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits. Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present. **All paving-related lane closures are dependent on weather conditions; temperatures below 60 degrees or rain may delay or cancel paving operations.**

Turnpike Mainline

OSCEOLA COUNTY

STATE ROAD 60 WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 192-194)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single, outside lane closures, both north- and southbound, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon), on Fridays until further notice
- Motorists should be alert for a rolling traffic pacing operation, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 7 a.m. to noon on Fridays, beginning Tuesday, January 22 through February 15 for the beam setting operation on the new State Road 60 bridge.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Florida Department of Transportation District 4 is widening State Road 60 through Osceola County, including reconstruction of the bridge over the Turnpike near Yeehaw Junction.

ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 198-207 and 227-249)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 22 to Thursday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, January 25, and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, January 26.
- Motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, January 21 to Thursday, January 24

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$29 million resurfacing project includes milling and resurfacing portions of the roadway including exit ramps and toll plaza lanes, and widening some roadway shoulders. The project also includes the installation of guardrail.

The resurfacing project is scheduled for completion in June 2008.

ORANGE COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT — BEACHLINE TO INTERSTATE 4 (MILEPOSTS 254-259)

- Be alert for a traffic pacing operation between 12:01 and 5 a.m., Sunday, January 20 to Wednesday, January 23, both north- and southbound on the Orange Blossom Trail bridge. Traffic will be slowed by Florida Highway Patrol to 25 m.p.h. during the operation
- Beginning Monday, January 22, motorists should be prepared for an inside traffic shift at the southbound on-ramp near Oakridge Road.
- Single lane closures are also to be expected on US 17-92/441 (Orange Blossom Trail), at the Turnpike between Land Street Rd and Consulate Drive from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Motorists traveling on Florida's Turnpike between mileposts 254 and 259 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both north-and southbound, Wednesday and Thursday, during the overnight hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles at bridgework locations along the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$77.5 million project adds two lanes in each direction to the Turnpike between Toll 528 and Interstate 4. Reconstruction and widening of the Shingle Creek Bridge, the overpasses at Toll 528, Orange Blossom Trail (US 17/92/441), Oak Ridge Road, Sand Lake Road and the Interstate 4 ramps is also included in this project. This Turnpike widening project is scheduled to be complete in September 2008. The project includes setting barrier wall and installing asphalt to accommodate temporary travel lanes during construction as well as activities associated with demolition work and new construction on Shingle Creek Bridge. Construction activities will occur behind barrier wall. There are no lane closures currently scheduled during the day. Motorists should exercise caution while traveling in the area, and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone.

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT — INTERSTATE 4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)

- Currently, most work is concentrated between the Kirkman Road overpass and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.
- Motorists should be alert for overnight, outside lane closures northbound between Kirkman Road and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, January 20, and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Thursday, January 21 to January 25.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions between Interstate 4 and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.
- Motorists on Kirkman Road should be alert for lane shifts. Crews are placing barrier wall and be shifting traffic lanes for work beginning in the median as part of the bridge widening phase of construction.
- Turnpike motorists near, both north- and southbound should be alert for traffic pacing operations near Gotha Road, as crews begin demolition of the existing bridge. Traffic will be maintained on Gotha Road during the reconstruction process. Watch for the flagging operation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$128.6 million project adds two lanes in each direction between Interstate 4 and the SR 408 Interchange. Construction includes widening the existing bridges over Interstate 4 and Apopka-Vineland Road, and replacing the Kirkman Road and Gotha Road bridges over the Turnpike. Additionally, improvements will be made at the Interstate 4 and SR 408 (East-West Expressway) interchanges. This project is scheduled to be complete in August 2010. Click here for a map of soundwall installation locations:

http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT-STATE ROAD 408 TO BEULAH ROAD (MILEPOSTS 265-270)

- No lane closures are scheduled the week of January 20.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$68.8 million project adds two lanes in each direction between the SR 408 Interchange and Beulah Road. Construction includes replacing the ramp bridge at the Ocoee Exit 267B and the Turnpike bridge over Beulah Road. Additionally, improvements will be made at the SR 429 interchange. Auxiliary lanes will be maintained between SR 408 and SR 429, with the final roadway section becoming 10 lanes. This project is scheduled for completion in August 2010.

Beachline West Expressway

BEE LINE WEST TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION, ITS INSTALLATION PROJECT AND ROADWAY RESURFACING (Mileposts 0-6)

- Motorists traveling east- and westbound on the Beachline should be alert for a rolling traffic pacing operation that will affect traffic between Interstate 4 and State Road 436, approximately 11 miles, between 7 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 22 to 5:30 a.m., Friday, January 25. Expect single, outside lane closures, both east- and westbound, beginning at 7 p.m. Beginning at 12:30 a.m., Florida Highway Patrol will begin a pacing operation between Interstate 4 and State Road 436, including the Airport mainline toll plaza near SR 436. Traffic will be slowed to approximately 10 m.p.h. in each direction to allow the installation of overhead sign trusses near the Bee Line West mainline toll plaza at milepost 6. All eastbound ramps between Interstate 4 and SR 436 eastbound, and all westbound ramps between SR 436 and Interstate 4 will be closed until the pacing operation passes. At that time, the ramps will re-open and motorists may join the pacing operation. This intermittent operation will last up to one-half hour at a time. Queued traffic will be cleared and then the operation will resume. Motorists (especially commercial truck drivers) may wish to use the southbound exit from the airport to rejoin I-4, as this operation also affects the Tradeport Drive and McCoy ramps as well.
- Motorists should be alert for an eastbound inside lane closure at John Young Parkway for median guardrail installation 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday January 20.
- Motorists should be alert for a westbound outside lane closure at John Young Parkway for a milling and paving operation, and a full ramp closure of the on-ramp from John Young Park to the eastbound Beachline, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday January 20.
- Be prepared for a full closure from the exit ramp at Florida's Turnpike toll plaza to southbound US 441 for guardrail installation, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, January 20.
- Be alert for a full closure from the westbound Beachline exit ramp at US 441 to the Turnpike toll plaza and the shoulder at Universal Boulevard for guardrail installation, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, January 21.
- A full closure of the Turnpike on-ramp to eastbound Beachline for guardrail installation, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, January 22.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has begun a \$10 million project to reconstruct the Bee Line West Mainline Toll Plaza near Milepost 6, part of a 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.

Additionally, the Turnpike is resurfacing the Beachline between Interstate 4 and the Turnpike mainline (milepost 5). This project includes milling and repaving the ramps at International Drive, Orangewood Boulevard and John Young Parkway.

Regional Projects

POLK COUNTY

ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES

Daniel Webster Western Beltway

LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION PROJECT (Mileposts 0-11)

- Motorists should be alert for outside single lane closures, both north- and southbound between mileposts 6-8 (US 192 to Hartzog Road/Western Way, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until further notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$2 million projects adds landscaping to the Western Beltway between Interstate 4 and Seidel Road. The project is scheduled for completion in December 2008.

POLK COUNTY

TOLL ROAD 570—THE POLK PARKWAY

- Motorists should be alert for daily, single lane closures, both east- and westbound, between Interstate 4 (Milepost 0) and the Western Mainline Toll Plaza (Milepost 8)) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Crews have begun final placement of friction course. This is a moving operation and motorists should be alert for crews moving traffic control devices as work progresses.
- Intermittent, single lane closures may be necessary at some locations for friction course corrections.
- The westbound Interstate 4 ramp to the Polk Parkway eastbound will be closed January 18-29 for paving operations.
- The westbound Polk Parkway ramp to westbound Interstate 4 will be closed January 23 and 24 for paving.
- Intermittent, daily lane closures continue along the Parkway, both east-and westbound at the following locations:
 - US-92;
 - Pavers Road;
 - Cleveland Heights;
 - South Florida Avenue;
 - Underpass Road;
 - Harden Boulevard;
 - Waring Road;
 - Airport Road; and
 - Interstate 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work is nearing completion on this \$22 million resurfacing project. The project includes milling and resurfacing portions of the roadway including the ramps and toll plaza lanes, reconstruction of the roadway base in some areas, and widening some roadway shoulders. The project also includes the installation of median guardrail and the construction of emergency vehicle median turnarounds. Most work occurs Monday through Friday during daylight hours; however, occasional work on Saturdays may be necessary. This project is scheduled for completion in February 2008. For more information, visit <http://www.polkparkwayconstruction.com>.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: Florida's Turnpike, extending north from Homestead in Miami-Dade County to Wildwood in Sumter County; the Seminole Expressway and Southern Connector (Toll 417) in Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties; the Beachline Expressway West (Toll 528) in Orange County; the Polk Parkway (Toll 570) in Polk County; the Veterans Expressway and Suncoast Parkway in Hillsborough, Pasco and Hernando counties (Toll 589); the Sawgrass Expressway (Toll 869) in Broward County; and the Daniel Webster Western Beltway (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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