



## FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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### SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST WEEKLY LANE CLOSURES AND WORK ZONE ADVISORY

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Florida's Turnpike announces updated lane closures and work zones due to construction and maintenance projects in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties, **for the week beginning Sunday, January 6.**

Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits.

#### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

##### **HOMESTEAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 10)**

- Northbound lane closures Sunday, January 6 to Thursday, January 10 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday, January 11 from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m.

##### **BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 22)**

- Northbound lane closures Sunday, January 6 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, January 7 to Thursday, January 10 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday, January 11 from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- Southbound lane closures Sunday, January 6 to Thursday, January 10 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday, January 11 from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project entails converting the Bird Road and Homestead mainline toll plazas into open-road tolling plazas, to allow SunPass customers to travel at highway speeds while their toll is collected via SunPass equipment overhead ... no gates, no tollbooths. Cash customers will continue to pay at the existing tollbooths. Open road tolling at the Bird Road toll plaza went into effect the week of Nov. 11. Construction is scheduled for completion this winter season. Approximate (combined) cost: \$15.3 million.

##### **NORTHWEST 106<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (EXIT 34)**

- As of Friday, December 14, 2007 cash tolls are no longer accepted at this interchange.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> Street interchange has been converted into a SunPass-only interchange. Cash is no longer accepted at the toll plazas. Construction was completion in December 2007. Approximate cost: \$200,000.

## OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- No scheduled closures this week

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Okeechobee mainline toll plaza will be converted into an open-road tolling plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to travel at highway speeds while their toll is collected via SunPass equipment overhead ... no gates, no tollbooths. Cash-paying motorists will pull off the highway onto ramps with traditional tollbooths and then merge back onto the travel lanes. A new SunPass-only interchange will be constructed at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2009. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

## **BROWARD COUNTY**

### SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING – ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE

- Periodic northbound and southbound lane closures Sunday, January 6 to Friday, January 11 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. between Atlantic Blvd. to Coral Ridge Drive.
- Westbound lane closures Monday, January 7 through Friday, January 11 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. and eastbound from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. between Coral Ridge Drive and the Turnpike.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Consists of widening the Sawgrass Expressway from four to six lanes, construction of sound walls and other improvements. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2008.

### SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT SUNRISE TOLL PLAZA

- **Complete closure southbound** from Sunrise Blvd to Oakland Park Blvd Wednesday, January 9 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Work could continue during the evening of Thursday, January 10.
- Intermittent closure of 2 northbound and 2 southbound lanes January 7 to January 11 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **Wide-load vehicles** (wider than 12 feet) are not able to go through the **southbound** tollbooths and will be **detoured**. These vehicles will be directed to get off at Oakland Park Boulevard and follow the detour signs.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Sunrise mainline toll plaza on the Sawgrass Expressway will be converted into a high-tech, open-road tolling (ORT) plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to pay their toll while traveling at highway speeds of 65 mph. The work entails constructing SunPass-only gantries south of the existing plaza and removing the center tollbooths from the existing toll plaza. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. Approximate cost: \$26.2 million.

### SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT RAMPS

- Eastbound Sawgrass Expressway exit ramp to northbound Turnpike closed Monday, January 7 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, January 8 is back-up date.
- Minor traffic pattern shifts at Atlantic Blvd and Commercial Blvd. entry and exit ramps.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** SunPass-only lanes will be constructed at eight ramp toll plazas on the Sawgrass Expressway, including those at Commercial Boulevard, Atlantic Boulevard, Sample Road and University Drive. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. Approximate cost: \$13.9 million.

### SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA

- One lane in each direction on the Sawgrass Expressway may be closed between Lyons Road and Waterways Blvd. from Monday, January 7 through Friday, January 11 from 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Deerfield mainline toll plaza on the Sawgrass Expressway will be converted into a high-tech, open-road tolling (ORT) plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to pay their toll while traveling at highway speeds of 65 mph. The work

entails constructing SunPass-only gantries west of the existing plaza and removing the center tollbooths from the existing toll plaza. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009. Approximate cost: \$39 million.

**HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD RAMP CLOSURES (Milepost 49)  
TURNPIKE WIDENING – SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD (Milepost 58 to 66)**

- Sunday, January 6 northbound and southbound entrance ramps closed 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Monday, January 7 southbound exit ramp closed 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 8 northbound exit ramp closed 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 9 northbound exit ramp closed 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Ramp closures are necessary for preliminary work for a future project.

**OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT CYPRESS CREEK TOLL PLAZA**

- Multiple lane closures at Cypress Creek Toll Plaza Monday, January 7 through Friday, January 11 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Open Road Tolling (ORT) conversion currently underway, at the Cypress Creek Toll Plaza. ORT, will allow SunPass customers to remain at near highway speed while having their tolls deducted from their pre-prepaid accounts. This \$6.5 million dollar project is projected to be completed by the end of January 2008.

**TURNPIKE WIDENING – GRIFFIN ROAD TO SUNRISE BOULEVARD (Milepost 53 to 58)**

- One or two lanes in each direction closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, through Friday, Jan. 11.

**Local roadways affected:**

- Griffin Road – One lane closed periodically throughout the day to move equipment Monday through Friday.

**TURNPIKE WIDENING – SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD (Milepost 58 to 66)**

- One or two lanes in each direction closed periodically on the Turnpike between Sunrise Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, through Friday, Jan. 11.

**Toll Plazas affected:**

- Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One of the three southbound, toll plaza lanes entering the Commercial Boulevard Interchange may be closed 24/7.

**Local roadways affected:**

- Lyons Road – Periodic single lane closures in both directions closed under the Turnpike during non-peak hours Monday through Friday.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project is the first phase of a multi-year, multi-million dollar construction program to widen Florida's Turnpike in Broward County from six to eight lanes. The first phase is in its second year of construction on the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) to Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). Approximate project cost: \$265 million. Completion is anticipated during the summer of 2010.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

**ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION (Milepost 80-82)**

- No closures this week

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Widening of Florida's Turnpike from four to six lanes between the Atlantic Avenue interchange and the Lantana toll plaza, including the reconstruction of the Atlantic Avenue interchange. The interchange project started in 2005 and is scheduled for completion in 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 million.

#### **TURNPIKE – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT LANTANA TOLL PLAZA (Milepost 88)**

- No lane closures scheduled this week

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Lantana toll plaza is being retrofitted to provide open road tolling for SunPass motorists, who will be able to pay the toll while traveling at 55 mph. The project is scheduled for completion this winter.

#### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING - NORTH OF S.R.710 TO NORTH OF JUPITER (Milepost 107 to 118)**

- Northbound entrance and exit ramps from Indiantown Road closed Monday, January 7 through Wednesday, January 9 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Single northbound and southbound lane closures Sunday through Friday from 7:30 pm to 6:00 a.m. and Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of S.R. 710/Beeline Hwy. to north of Jupiter (Indiantown Road). This resurfacing project started in April 2006 and is scheduled for completion in early 2008. Approximate cost: \$14.6 million.

### **MARTIN COUNTY**

#### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO SOUTH OF STUART (Milepost 117-125)**

- Single northbound lane closures Monday, January 7 through Sunday, January 13 from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of Jupiter (Indiantown Rd.) to south of Stuart (Martin Downs Blvd.). This resurfacing project started in April 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$9.5 million.

### **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

#### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF STUART TO NORTH OF FORT PIERCE (Milepost 138-153)**

- Intermittent northbound lane closure Sunday, January 6 from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. between MP 138 to MP 144.
- Intermittent northbound closure Monday, January 7 to Thursday, January 11 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. between MP 138 and 144.
- Intermittent northbound and southbound closure Monday, January 7 to Thursday, January 11 from 7 a.m... to 7 p.m. between MP 138 and MP 153
- Intermittent northbound and southbound closure Friday, January 11 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon between PM 138 to 153.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of Stuart (Martin Downs Blvd.) to north of Fort Pierce (SR 70/Okeechobee Rd.) This resurfacing project started in September 2006 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$15.8 million.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing a 454-mile system of limited-access toll highways: the 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 Part C (Toll 429) in Orange County.

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