



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, February 22.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 12 AND MILEPOST 14)

- One **southbound** Turnpike lane will be closed in the area of the Caribbean Boulevard/U.S. 1 interchange (Exit 12) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23. At least one southbound lane will remain open.
- One **northbound** Turnpike lane will be closed also in the area of the Caribbean Boulevard/U.S. 1 interchange from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, through Wednesday, Feb. 25. At least one northbound lane will remain open.
- One **southbound** Turnpike lane will be closed at Milepost 14, north of the Quail Roost Drive interchange, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, and Thursday, Feb. 26. At least one southbound lane will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Crews will make routine repairs on the bridge decks.

TURNPIKE – MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS (MILEPOST 0-9, 11-16 & 20-22)

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Two construction projects are underway to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe various segments of the Turnpike: from the U.S. 1 (Exit 1) to Allapattah Road (Exit 9); from Southwest 216th Street (Exit 11) to Southwest 117th Avenue (Exit 16); and from Southwest 88th Street/Kendall Drive (Exit 20) to Southwest 56th Street/Miller Drive at Milepost 22. New shoulders will be constructed on the ramps at the following interchanges: Campbell Drive, Biscayne Drive, Tallahassee Road and Allapattah Road. The existing paved shoulders will be widened at the ramps to

U.S. 1 and to Biscayne Drive. One project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009; the other is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010. Combined cost: \$14.4 million.

TURNPIKE – SOUTH FLORIDA INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PROJECT

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Data collection equipment, including cameras, vehicle detectors and travel-time detectors, along with two electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed on Florida's Turnpike from Milepost 0 to Milepost 117 and from Milepost 0X to 4X. The equipment will help the Turnpike's Traffic Management Center identify and manage traffic incidents. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2009. Approximate project cost: \$20.6 million.

TURNPIKE – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A total of 36 electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed in the southern portion of the Turnpike. This includes 16 signs on arterial roads, 11 signs at toll plazas and 9 signs along Florida's Turnpike. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2009. Approximate project cost: \$11.7 million.

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- **All southbound Turnpike lanes will close** to traffic **between** the **Northwest 106th Street and Northwest 41st Street** interchanges from 11 p.m. Monday, February 23, to 4 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, and from 11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, to 4 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.
 - Traffic will be directed to exit the Turnpike at Northwest 106th Street and to go east to Northwest 107th Avenue, south to Northwest 41st Street and then west to get back on southbound Florida's Turnpike. Motorists may also exit at Okeechobee Road/U.S. 27 (Exit 35) and head east to S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.
- One lane in each direction will be closed on Northwest 114th Avenue at the intersection of Northwest 74th Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, and Thursday, Feb. 26, for signalization work.

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 is under construction at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2009/early 2010. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

BROWARD COUNTY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA

- One lane in each direction may be closed on the Sawgrass Expressway between U.S. 441 and the intersection of Waterways Boulevard between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 27. Two lanes in each direction will remain open.
- The following **ramps** may be **closed** overnight, **as needed**, Sunday, Feb. 22, and Monday, Feb. 23.

- Westbound Sawgrass exit ramp to Lyons Road - Closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Eastbound Sawgrass entrance ramp from Lyons Road - Closed between 10 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.

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

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 27.

Local roads affected:

- One lane in each direction will be closed 24/7 on Broward Boulevard between East Acre Drive and NW 48th Avenue.

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

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 27.

Toll Plaza(s) affected:

- There will be a single lane reduction exiting the Commercial Blvd Toll Plaza (Exit 62). Three out of the four lanes will remain open for both SunPass and cash paying customers.
- Wide load truck drivers headed in the northbound direction should use Sunrise or Coconut Creek as their alternates.

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. The first phase is in its third 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 summer of 2010.

TURNPIKE – ONE MILE SOUTH OF SAWGRASS INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 70.0 to 70.5)

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike north of Sample Road (Exit 69) and south of Glades Road (Exit 75) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 27.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Broward County is extending Wiles Road to Powerline Road by constructing a bridge over the Turnpike.

TURNPIKE – Southern Palm Beach to Ft Pierce (MILEPOST 70.0 to 150)

- One northbound lane will be closed periodically on the Turnpike in intermittent areas between south of Glades Road (Exit 75) and south of Fort Pierce (Exit 150) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, through Friday, Feb. 27.

***TURNPIKE ROLLING ROAD BLOCK* – West Palm Beach to Jupiter (MILEPOST 103 to 117)**

- A traffic pacing operation “rolling road block” will begin in West Palm Beach and progress on the Turnpike’s northbound lanes ending at Jupiter (Exit 117). The “rolling road block” begins Sunday, Feb. 22, 11 p.m. and should end by Monday, Feb. 23, 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Utility companies will be conducting maintenance to their lines which run along and over the Turnpike’s right of way.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing a 460-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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Travelers on the Florida's Turnpike system of roads may view real-time traffic information by visiting our website at <http://www.floridasturnpike.com>. While traveling in the Orlando, South Florida and Tampa Bay regions, motorists should dial 511 for real-time regional traffic information on the Turnpike and other major roads. This information system is voice-activated; motorists should speak the name of the road they wish to use. They may also visit <http://www.fl511.com> for information. This free service of the Florida Department of Transportation is available 24/7.

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