



## 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 24.**

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**

#### TURNPIKE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE – NORTH OF I-75 TO SOUTH OF RED ROAD (MILEPOST 40-45)

- One of two northbound Turnpike lanes closed at Milepost 45, south of Red Road, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25.
- One of two northbound Turnpike lanes closed at Milepost 40, north of I-75, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.
- One of two southbound Turnpike lanes closed at Milepost 45, south of Red Road, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Bridge maintenance crews will repair the expansion joints.

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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.
- **Wide-load vehicles** (exceeding the 12-foot-wide lane) **traveling northbound** will not be able to get through the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza, as the **toll lanes** have been **narrowed** for construction. Wide-loads should exit at Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street and reenter the Turnpike at Okeechobee Road/US 27.

**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**

- One or two lanes in each direction may be closed and one lane in each direction may be open along various segments of the Sawgrass Expressway between **Atlantic Boulevard** and **Lyons Road**.
- Sunday through Friday, Feb. 24-29; northbound/eastbound lane may be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.; southbound/westbound lane may be closed between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- **Eastbound Sawgrass on-ramp to northbound US 441** – Closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25-26.

**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**

- One or two northbound lanes on the Sawgrass Expressway may be closed as needed from the Sunrise toll plaza to the Oakland Park Boulevard interchange between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday, Feb. 24-29. At least one northbound lane will remain open.

**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**

- **Northbound Sawgrass on-ramp from Atlantic Boulevard** – Closed from 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. Motorists should enter the northbound Sawgrass Expressway at Sample Road.

**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 the Deerfield toll plaza Sunday, Feb. 24, through Friday, Feb. 29. Northbound/eastbound lane may be closed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.; southbound/westbound lane may be closed between 8 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 2010. Approximate cost: \$39 million.

### **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 Blvd. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, through Friday, Feb. 29.

#### **Local roadways affected:**

Griffin Road – One lane closed periodically throughout the day Monday through Friday.

Peters Road – One eastbound lane closed over the Turnpike from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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

- Two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Sunrise Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, through Friday, Feb. 29.

#### **Toll Plazas affected:**

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

**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 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 during the summer of 2010.

### **TURNPIKE 1 MILE SOUTH OF SAWGRASS INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 70)**

- One or two lanes in each direction closed periodically on the Turnpike near Wiles Road from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, through Friday, Feb. 29.

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

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

### **ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION (MILEPOST 80-82)**

- No scheduled lane closures.

**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)**

- Two northbound and two southbound SunPass-only lanes closed 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, to Thursday, Feb. 28.

**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 first quarter of 2008.

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

- No scheduled lane closures.

**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.

## TURNPIKE RESURFACING - MILEPOST 73 to MILEPOST 76

- Single northbound and southbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and double lane closures 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Feb.24, to Friday, Feb 29.

### **MARTIN COUNTY**

#### TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO SOUTH OF STUART (MILEPOST117-125)

- Florida Highway Patrol will slow traffic in single southbound inside lane to 10 mph from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, to Thursday, Feb.28 to allow workers to cut in rumble strips.

**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 first quarter of 2008. Approximate cost: \$9.5 million.

#### THOMAS B.MANUEL BRIDGE SHOULDER WIDENING (MILEPOST130)

- Single northbound lane closure 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and single southbound lane closure 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, to Thursday, Feb. 28.
- Single northbound and southbound lane closures 7p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, Feb.25, to Thursday, Feb. 28.

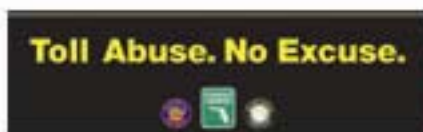
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Widening of Florida's Turnpike shoulder southbound, south of the Thomas B. Manuel Bridge. The project started in January 2006 and is scheduled for completion mid 2008. Approximate cost: \$975,000.

### **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

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

- Intermittent northbound and southbound closure 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb.24 to Thursday, Feb.28, and 7 a.m. to 12 noon Friday, Feb. 29.
- Single southbound lane closure milepost 151 to 140 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday, Feb.25
- Southbound Ft. Pierce exit ramp full closure 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.
- Southbound Ft. Pierce entrance ramp full closure 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Feb 27.
- Single southbound lane closure milepost 138 to 154 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb.28 and 29.

**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 first quarter of 2008. Approximate cost: \$15.8 million.



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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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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