



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

**OCOEE, FL (March 20, 2008)** — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, March 23, 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.**

**All regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures are suspended for the Easter Holiday through 10 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Work may continue behind barrier wall in construction zones.**

### 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.

**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.

#### YEEHAW JUNCTION INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Milepost 193)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is making improvements to the Yeehaw Junction ramp at State Road 60. This half-million dollar project will be complete in May 2008.

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

- Be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 10 p.m., to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 23, and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 24 to Thursday, March 27.
- Watch for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, March 24 to Thursday, March 27,

**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)**

- Motorists traveling on Florida's Turnpike between mileposts 254 and 259 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both north-and southbound, Sunday night through Friday morning, during the overnight hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at locations along the project, and for paving at the north end of the project near the I-4 interchange.

**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 May 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)**

- Construction activities continue from the I-4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at the Gotha Rd. Motorists should be alert for overnight, single lane closures between Kirkman Road and the SR 408, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Thursday.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both Northbound and Southbound directions between Kirkman Road and Gotha Rd overpass.
- Motorists on Kirkman Road should be alert for single lane closures in both directions between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays. This will be for installation of the lagging wall at the Kirkman Bridge.
- No pacing operations are scheduled for the next two weeks.
- Traffic is being maintained on Gotha Road during the reconstruction process of this bridge.

**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](http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf)

#### **TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT – SR. 408 TO NORTH OF BEULAH ROAD (MILEPOST 265-270)**

- Motorist traveling on Florida's Turnpike between mileposts 265-270 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both north- and southbound, Sunday night through Friday morning, during the overnight hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Motorist should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at locations along the project.
- Be aware of the single-laning on the SR 50 Connector Rd. and the merging traffic at the on and of Ramps.
- Lane shifts are anticipated to occur next week, weather permitting.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$68.8 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes and six to twelve lanes from milepost 266 to milepost 269 in Orange County. The construction includes widening of

the bridges over Beulah Rd. and reconstruction of the SR 50 Connector bridge over Florida's Turnpike, resurfacing existing pavement, construction of storm water retention ponds, signing and marking, lighting, landscaping, sound barriers, ITS and utilities. This project is expected to be complete in August 2010.

### SUMTER COUNTY

#### **ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 296-309)**

- Motorists should be alert for nightly single, northbound lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., between mileposts 304 and 308 to accommodate guardrail construction.
- Be alert for southbound shoulder closures near the Bailey Road underpass (mileposts 304-308).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$13.5 million resurfacing project, which begins March 3, includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, including drainage and guardrail improvements. The resurfacing project is scheduled for completion in November 2008.

### **Beachline West Expressway**

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

- Motorists should be alert for a full closure of the southbound off-ramp from the Beachline John Young Parkway northbound, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 24.
- Motorists should be alert for an outside lane closure, eastbound between mileposts 2-4, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 24 for attenuator installation.
- Motorists should be alert for periodic inside lane closures, westbound between milepost 4 and Interstate 4, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 24 to Thursday, March 27 for finish grading and .
- Motorists should be alert for a closure of the off-ramp from the Beachline eastbound to John Young Parkway southbound, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Wednesday, March 26.

**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

#### 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**

**SUNPASS TOLL PLAZA CONVERSION PROJECT (Mileposts 0-18)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike began on March 10 a project to add SunPass-only lanes at the ramp toll plazas. The outside lanes at the following toll plazas will be converted to SunPass-only lanes:

- Airport Road, Exit 3, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- Waring Road, Exit 4, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- Harden Boulevard, Exit 5, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- State Road 540 (Winter Lake Road), Exit 14, eastbound on and westbound off ramps
- County Road 546 (Old Dixie Highway), Exit 18, eastbound off and westbound on ramps

The inside lanes at the above toll plazas will be converted to accept coin-only or SunPass. Work will begin at the Harden Boulevard (exit 5), Winter Lake Road/SR 540 (exit 14) and Old Dixie Highway (exit 18) ramps. The inside lanes will be converted first and then the SunPass-only lane conversions will begin.

This \$3.2 million project is scheduled for completion in February 2009.



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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