



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, March 23.**

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

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

- Two southbound Turnpike lanes may be closed north of Okeechobee toll plaza from 11:45 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 25-27.
- **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 41st 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**.

- Monday through Thursday, March 24-27; 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.

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 lanes may be closed on the southbound Sawgrass Expressway, north and south of the Sunrise toll plaza, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday, March 24-27. One southbound 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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

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

- Southbound Turnpike off-ramp to westbound Sawgrass** – Closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25, as crews remove portions of the Deerfield toll plaza. Southbound Turnpike traffic should exit at Glades Road (Exit 75), go west to Lyons Road and then south to the Sawgrass Expressway.
- Wide-load vehicles** (exceeding the 12-foot-wide lane) **traveling from the southbound Turnpike to the westbound Sawgrass** will not be able to get through the Deerfield mainline toll plaza, as the **toll lanes** have been **narrowed** for construction. Wide-loads should exit the Turnpike at Glades Road (Exit 75), go west to Lyons Road and then south to the Sawgrass Expressway.

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 both directions closed periodically between Griffin Road and Sunrise Blvd. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, March 23, through Friday, March 28.

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

- Two lanes in both directions closed periodically between Sunrise Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, March 23, through Friday, March 28.

Local roadways affected:

One or two lanes both westbound and eastbound on Commercial Blvd. between SR 7 and Prospect Rd closed.

Toll Plazas affected:

Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One of the three southbound, toll plaza lanes entering the Commercial Boulevard Interchange 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.

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)

- Southbound and northbound lanes closed 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.

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. This \$6.3 million project is scheduled for completion first quarter of 2008.

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

- Single northbound and southbound lanes closed 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.

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 lanes closed 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and double lanes closed 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO SOUTH OF STUART (MILEPOST 117-125)

- Florida Highway Patrol will slow traffic in single southbound and northbound inside lanes to 10 mph from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27 to allow workers to cut in rumble strips.
- Intermittent northbound and southbound lanes closed 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 24 to Thursday, March 27.

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 (MILEPOST 130)

- Single northbound lane closed 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and single southbound lane closed 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.
- Single northbound and southbound lanes closed 7p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.

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)

- Single lane southbound and northbound closed 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, to Thursday, March 27.
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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.*

SunPass is the Florida Department of Transportation's innovative Prepaid Toll Program. SunPass can be used on Florida's toll roads and most toll bridges. SunPass customers typically pay 25 cents less than cash customers at most toll plazas and exits on Turnpike roads. For information on SunPass®, please contact 1-888-TOLL-FLA (865-5352).

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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