



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, April 26.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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 U.S. 1 (Exit 1) to Allapattah Road (Exit 9); from Southwest 216th Street (Exit 11) to Southwest 152nd Street/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 this spring. 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 on the southern 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 this spring. Approximate project cost: \$11.7 million.

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

- One of two northbound SunPass-only express lanes will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. for up to three nights, beginning Monday, April 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 is under construction at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

BROWARD COUNTY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA

- One *westbound* lane will be closed on the Sawgrass Expressway beneath the Turnpike overpass between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 29.
- One or two *toll lanes* in either direction will be closed periodically as needed during daytime off-peak hours and between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday, April 26, through Friday, May 1.

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: \$40 million.

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

- One to 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, April 26, through Friday, May 1.

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, April 26, through Friday, May 1.

Toll Plaza(s) affected:

- The eastbound Commercial Blvd. SunPass-only on-ramp to the southbound Turnpike will be closed around the clock for approximately 5 weeks. Eastbound SunPass drivers on Commercial Blvd who wish to use the ramp will have to use the toll plaza to enter the Turnpike at Commercial Blvd.
- 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. There will be heavier than normal congestion at this plaza due to the SunPass-only ramp closure.
- Northbound wide load trucks may NOT exit the Turnpike at Commercial Blvd. (Exit 62). They should use Sunrise Blvd. (Exit 58) or Coconut Creek (Exit 67) as their alternates.

Local roads affected:

- There will be nighttime lane closures on Commercial Blvd in the vicinity of the Turnpike toll plaza.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a 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.

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, April 26, through Friday, May 1.

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

PALM BEACH COUNTY

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Lake Worth Road (Exit 93) and Boynton Beach Boulevard (Exit 86) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, April 26, through Friday, May 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In Palm Beach County, Hypoluxo Road is being extended by constructing a bridge over the Turnpike.



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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