



## 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, May 11.**

#### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

##### TURNPIKE /HOMESTEAD EXTENSION BRIDGE PAINTING (MILEPOST 44-46)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The bridge that connects northbound Florida's Turnpike to the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike will be cleaned, primed and painted. The project is scheduled for completion in July 2008. Approximate cost: \$1 million.

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

- One or two northbound lanes closed south of Okeechobee toll plaza from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 11, through Thursday, May 15. The lane closures are **needed to shift and reconfigure the northbound lanes.**

**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 CORAL RIDGE DRIVE**

- One lane in each direction may be closed and two lanes in each direction may be open along various segments of the Sawgrass Expressway between Atlantic Boulevard and Coral Ridge Drive between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. and during daytime off-peak hours Sunday through Saturday, May 11-17.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Consists of widening the Sawgrass Expressway from four to six lanes, construction of sound walls and other improvements. Project completion is anticipated in late spring/early summer of 2008.

### **SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT SUNRISE TOLL PLAZA**

- One or two lanes closed as needed, either northbound or southbound, at the Sunrise toll plaza between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

**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**

- One lane in each direction may be closed on the Sawgrass Expressway from **Lyons Road to Florida's Turnpike** between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, May 11-15.
- **Eastbound Sawgrass on-ramp from Lyons Road** – Closed periodically between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday, May 11-16, for asphalt milling and paving. Motorists should follow detour signs.
- **Wide-load vehicles** (exceeding the 12-foot-wide lane) **traveling from the southbound Turnpike to the westbound Sawgrass** are not 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.

## SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – ‘SMART HIGHWAYS’ PROJECT

- One westbound lane on the Sawgrass Expressway will be closed **between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.** Tuesday through Friday, May 12-16, on west of Lyons Road. Two westbound lanes will remain open.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Electronic, dynamic message signs (DMSs) are being installed on nine cross streets with interchanges at the Sawgrass Expressway, from Sunrise Boulevard to Lyons Road, to advise drivers about traffic incidents and conditions on the Sawgrass Expressway as they approach the expressway’s entrance ramps. The project also includes the installation of a road weather information system, a travel time system, a speed monitoring system and an additional DMS on the Sawgrass Expressway. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008. Approximate cost: \$3.6 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 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, May 11, through Friday, May 16.

### 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 Commercial Boulevard (Exit 62) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, May 11, through Friday, May 16.

#### Local roadways affected:

One or two lanes both westbound and eastbound on Commercial Boulevard between SR 7 and Rock Island Road will be closed weeknights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on SR 7 between SR 7 and Rock Island Road will be closed weeknights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on Lyons Road between SR 7 and Rock Island Road will be closed weeknights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

#### Toll plazas affected:

Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One entrance lane to the Turnpike and one exit lane from the plaza will be closed around the clock.

Cypress Creek Toll Plaza SunPass-only single lane closures in both northbound and southbound directions on Wednesday, May 14 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**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 ONE MILE SOUTH OF SAWGRASS INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 70.5 to 71.5)

- Restricted outside shoulder lanes and inside emergency lanes in both directions 24/7 until the completion of the project.

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

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

### **FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AT MILEPOST 97**

- Single southbound lane closure from milepost 97 to milepost 98 on the Turnpike overpass of Southern Boulevard (State Road 80) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, May 12 to Wednesday, May 14.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work crews will perform routine bridge maintenance activities.

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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

**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)**

- No lane closures this week.

**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 65 mph. This \$6.3 million project is scheduled for completion in May 2008.

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

- Project completed

**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 completed in May 2008. Approximate cost: \$14.6 million.

### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING - MILEPOST 73 to MILEPOST 76**

- Single northbound and southbound lanes closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and double lanes closed 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, May 11, to Thursday, May 15. Sunday closures begin at 10 p.m.

## **MARTIN COUNTY**

### **THOMAS B. MANUEL BRIDGE (MILEPOST 130)**

- Project completed

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

## **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

### **SUNPASS LANE MAINTENANCE AT BECKER ROAD (MILEPOST 138)**

- Becker Road SunPass-only southbound exit and entrance ramps will be closed overnight, Monday, May 12, at 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday, May 13.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work crews will perform equipment maintenance and upgrades.

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

- Intermittent single lane closures southbound and northbound 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, to Thursday, May 15, and from 7 a.m. to 12 noon Friday, May 16.
- Single northbound and southbound lanes closed 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, May 11, to Thursday, May 15. Sunday closures begin at 10 p.m.

**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 to be completed in the late spring 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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