



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 18.**

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 /HOMESTEAD EXTENSION BRIDGE PAINTING (MILEPOST 44-46)

- One lane in both directions will be closed on Florida's Turnpike under the connector to the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike, between Milepost 44 and Milepost 46, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, May 18-22.

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 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- Two northbound lanes closed north of Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for four nights, Monday, May 19 to Thursday, May 22. The specific lanes that will be closed will shift as the lanes are restriped.

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 Thursday, May 18-22.

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 lane closed as needed, either northbound or southbound, at the Sunrise toll plaza between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.
- Monday, May 19 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., southbound cash lanes and the Pat Salerno southbound ramp will merge into one lane.

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 18-22.
- **Eastbound Sawgrass on-ramp from Lyons Road** – Closed periodically between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, May 18-22, 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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

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 18, through Friday, May 23.

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 18, through Friday, May 23.

Local roadways affected:

One or two lanes both westbound and eastbound on Commercial Boulevard between SR 7 and Rock Island Road will be closed weekdays from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on SR7 / US 441 will be closed weekdays from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on Lyons Road will be closed weekdays from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Toll plazas affected:

Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One of the three toll lanes at the southbound entrance to the Turnpike 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 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

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

- Northbound right lane closed on Turnpike south of the Atlantic Avenue exit ramp from Tuesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. to Thursday, May 22 at 10 a.m.

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

TURNPIKE RESURFACING - MILEPOST 73 to MILEPOST 76

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

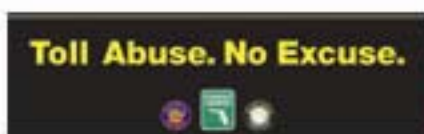
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of S.R. 710/Beeline Hwy. to north of Jupiter (Indiantown Road) and in the southern portion of Palm Beach County from Milepost 73 to 76. This resurfacing project started in April 2006 and is scheduled for completion mid 2008. Approximate cost: \$14.6 million

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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

- Intermittent lane closures southbound and northbound 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 19, to Thursday, May 22.

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 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.*

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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