



# 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 25.**

**As many lane closures as possible will be suspended from 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 23, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, May 26, to accommodate increased traffic during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Motorists should continue to pay attention to work zones, as work may take place behind barrier wall, and construction workers and vehicles will still be in the area.**

### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

#### TURNPIKE – LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 12)

- Southbound Turnpike on-ramp from Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 12) – Closed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31. Motorists should enter the southbound Turnpike at Southwest 216<sup>th</sup> Street instead.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work crews will perform landscaping maintenance activities with heavy equipment.

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

- The ramp that connects the **northbound** Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike to the **southbound** Turnpike will close from midnight to 5 a.m. for two nights, Tuesday, May 27, and Wednesday, May 28.
  - While the ramp closure is in place, traffic will be directed to County Line Road and then to the southbound Turnpike.

**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)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

**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 Tuesday through Saturday, May 27-31.

**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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

**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

- One or two cash toll lanes may be closed on the northbound side of the Sunrise toll plaza from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday, May 27-31.

**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. Tuesday through Thursday, May 27-29.
- Eastbound Sawgrass on-ramp from Lyons Road – Closed as needed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, May 26-31, for asphalt paving work.

- **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 25, through Friday, May 30.
- The Turnpike’s northbound entrance ramp to I-595 will be closed all weekend from Friday, May 30, at 10 p.m. until Monday, June 2, at 5 a.m. Northbound motorists may exit, just south of I-595, at Griffin Road (Exit 53).

### **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 25, through Friday, May 30.

#### **Local roadways affected:**

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

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on SR7 / US 441 will be closed during nighttime hours.

One or two lanes both northbound and southbound on Lyons Road will be closed during day and nighttime hours.

#### **Toll plazas affected:**

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

- No lane closures 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 early 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 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. Tuesday, May 27, to Thursday, May 29, and Friday, May 30 from 7 a.m. to noon.
- Intermittent lane closures southbound and northbound 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, to Thursday, May 29.

**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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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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