



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOE, FL (June 26, 2009) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, June 28, 2009.**

Florida's Turnpike strives to maintain traffic flow in work zones; however, motorists may encounter heavier traffic near construction sites. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones, and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits. Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present. *All paving-related lane closures are dependent on weather conditions; rain may delay or cancel paving operations.*

All regularly scheduled construction- and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended from 6 a.m., Thursday, July 2 through 10 p.m., Sunday, July 5, in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes. Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas on the busiest travel days, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops, especially near the Leesburg (milepost 288), Three Lakes (milepost 236) and Lake Worth/Lantana (milepost 88) mainline toll plazas.



Turnpike Mainline ORANGE COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING PROJECT – (MILEPOST 249-255)

- Be alert for single lane closures northbound, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$4.1 million project consists of milling and resurfacing the Turnpike mainline roadway between mileposts 249-255. This project is scheduled for completion in late summer 2009.

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—INTERSTATE 4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)

- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at several locations along the project.
- Be alert for lane shifts, both north- and southbound through the project limits, especially those near the SR 408 ramp to northbound Turnpike, and the SR 429 ramps to southbound Turnpike.

- Construction activities continue from the I-4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at Gotha Rd.
- Motorists on Kirkman Road should be alert for single lane closures in both directions between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays.
- Motorists should be alert for flagging operations and intermittent day- and nighttime closures in both directions on Apopka-Vineland Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$128.6 million project adds two lanes in each direction between Interstate 4 and the SR 408 Interchange. Construction includes widening the existing bridges over Interstate 4 and Apopka-Vineland Road, and replacing the Kirkman Road and Gotha Road bridges over the Turnpike. Additionally, improvements will be made at the Interstate 4 and SR 408 (East-West Expressway) interchanges. This project is scheduled to be complete in August 2010. Click here for a map of soundwall installation locations: http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT – SR. 408 TO NORTH OF BEULAH ROAD (MILEPOST 265-270)

- Watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at locations along the project.
- Be aware of the single laning on the State Road 50 Connector Rd. and the merging traffic at the on- and off-ramps.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions on the Turnpike as well as the northbound ramps from SR 408.
- Be alert for overnight single lane closures, both north- and southbound at the approaches to the SR 408 ramps.
- Be alert for a new traffic pattern shift near SR 408.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$68.8 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes and six to 12 lanes from milepost 266 to milepost 269 in Orange County. The construction includes widening of the bridges over Beulah Rd. and reconstruction of the State Road 50 connector bridge over Florida's Turnpike, resurfacing existing pavement, construction of storm water retention ponds, signing and marking, lighting, landscaping, sound barriers, ITS and utilities. This project is expected to be complete in August 2010.

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—BEULAH ROAD TO STATE ROAD 50 (MILEPOSTS 270-273)

- Be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, Sundays through Thursdays, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Intermittent rolling operations are possible while moving equipment across the highway.
- Be alert for single lane closures, both east- and westbound on S.R. 50 near the Turnpike overpass, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays.
- **The long-term closure of the Winter Garden-Vineland bridge over the Turnpike will continue at least through late fall. The bridge must be reconstructed to accommodate the widening of the Turnpike. Local residents are encouraged to use Daniels Road as the detour route to reach the businesses located on State Road 50**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$123.5 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes between Beulah Road and State Road 50 near milepost 272. The project also includes adding an additional lane in each direction on State Road 50, with capacity for future widening as well. The replacement of the bridges at Winter Garden-Vineland Road, Avalon Road and at State Road 50 is included. The interchange will be reconfigured to a diamond style, replacing the current partial-loop interchange and includes open road tolling (ORT) SunPass-only lanes. This project also includes the installation of noise abatement walls on Department right-of-way for qualifying property owners adjacent to the Turnpike. This project will be complete in the summer of 2012.

Beachline West Expressway BEE LINE WEST WIDENING (Mileposts 4-8)

- Be alert for single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays on the Beachline between mileposts 4 and 8.
- Watch for intermittent lane closures next week on Orange Blossom Trail, Landstreet Rd., South Orange Avenue and McCoy Road. Crews are working on the Beachline overpass bridges.
- Motorists traveling both east- and westbound should be prepared for a rolling traffic pacing operation that will affect traffic between Interstate 4 and State Road 551 (Goldenrod Road)--approximately 12 miles--between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Sunday, June 28 to Monday, June 29. A rolling traffic pacing operation will begin westbound at the Beachline Airport Toll Plaza beginning at 1 a.m., and eastbound at Interstate 4. Motorists should expect delays of up to 20 minutes.
- Expect a detour at the Orange Blossom Trail ramp overnight on Tuesday, June 30. Traffic making the connection to the Turnpike will exit westbound onto Landstreet, detour around to Consulate Drive and onto the Turnpike via Orange Blossom Trail.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The \$49 million project to widen the Beachline from the Turnpike (Milepost 4.3) to McCoy Road continues. Improvements include widening the existing bridge structures at US 441, Landstreet Road, CSX Railroad, CSX Railroad Taft Yard, Orange Avenue and McCoy Road. A new bridge will also be constructed for the access ramp over the CSX Railroad. This project is scheduled for completion in spring of 2011.

SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY

LAKE JESUP TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION (Milepost 47)

- No lane closures are scheduled.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has begun a project to convert the Lake Jesup mainline toll plaza to open road tolling. This \$40.5 million project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline toll plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: 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 southern 11 miles of the Daniel Webster Western Beltway (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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