



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, June 20.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE / HOMESTEAD EXTENSION BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 22.5-22.75)

- SunPass-only Open Road Tolling lanes will be closed from 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 24 to 5a.m. Wednesday, June 25 for maintenance of electronic equipment.

TURNPIKE / HOMESTEAD EXTENSION BIRD ROAD TO N.W. 41 STREET (MILEPOST 22-28)

- One lane in each direction will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday to Thursday, June 22-26, to obtain asphalt core samples.

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

- One lane in each direction will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday to Thursday, June 22-26

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)

- 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/early 2010. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

BROWARD COUNTY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY SUNRISE OVERPASS BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (MP 0-1)

- One lane in each direction will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights, June 23 and 24.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY COMMERCIAL OVERPASS BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (MP 5-6)

- One lane in each direction will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday nights, June 25 and 26.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING – ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO CORAL RIDGE DRIVE

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Consists of widening the Sawgrass Expressway from four to six lanes, construction of sound walls and other improvements. Project completion is anticipated sometime this summer.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT SUNRISE TOLL PLAZA

- **All southbound lanes will be closed** between Oakland Park Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard interchanges from 11 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, to 6 a.m. Thursday, June 26. Southbound traffic will be directed to exit at Oakland Park Boulevard and to take Flamingo Road south to Sunrise Boulevard, to reenter the southbound Sawgrass Expressway.

This closure is to allow work crews to install a massive sign over traffic lanes. Should weather or other unforeseen condition prevent the sign installation on Wednesday, the work will be rescheduled for Thursday night, June 26.

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 have been constructed at eight ramp toll plazas on the Sawgrass Expressway, including those at Commercial Boulevard, Atlantic Boulevard, Sample Road and University Drive. The project will be completed this summer, once the toll equipment installation is finalized. 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 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday, June 21 & 22 and from 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26.
- **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 (DMS) 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, June 22, through Friday, June 27.

CYPRESS CREEK TOLL PLAZA MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 22.5-22.75)

- SunPass-only Open Road Tolling lanes will be closed from 11 p.m. Monday, June 23 to 5a.m. Tuesday, June 24 for maintenance of electronic equipment.

TURNPIKE WIDENING – SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 58 to 66)

- 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, June 22, through Friday, June 27.

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 daytime and some nighttime hours.

Toll plazas affected:

Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One of the three toll lanes at the entrance to southbound Turnpike and one lane exiting the plaza 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 and inside shoulder 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 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 early 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 million.

TURNPIKE - ONE MILE NORTH OF LANTANA TOLL PLAZA (MILEPOST 89)

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Palm Beach County is extending Hypoluxo Road over the Turnpike.

TURNPIKE- OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD TO NORTH OF INDIANTOWN ROAD (MILEPOST 99-117)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, June 22 to Thursday, June 26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE– NORTH OF INDIANTOWN ROAD TO BECKER ROAD (MILEPOST 117-138)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, June 22 to Thursday, June 26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

TURNPIKE– BECKER ROAD TO SOUTH OF FORT PIERCE (MILEPOST 138-151)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, June 22 to Thursday, June 26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.



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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