



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, July 26.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE – MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS (MILEPOST 0-9, 11-16 & 20-22)

- One or two ***southbound*** Turnpike lanes will be closed on various segments of Florida's Turnpike from north of the Coral Reef Drive/Southwest 117th Avenue (Exit 16) interchange to the Southwest 216th Street (Exit 11) interchange from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, July 26, through Thursday, July 30. At least one southbound lane will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Two construction projects are underway to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe various segments of the Turnpike: from the U.S. 1 (Exit 1) to Allapattah Road (Exit 9); from Southwest 216th Street (Exit 11) to Southwest 152nd Street/117th Avenue (Exit 16); and from Southwest 88th Street/Kendall Drive (Exit 20) to Southwest 56th Street/Miller Drive at Milepost 22. New shoulders will be constructed on the ramps at the following interchanges: Campbell Drive, Biscayne Drive, Tallahassee Road and Allapattah Road. The existing paved shoulders will be widened at the ramps to U.S. 1 and to Biscayne Drive. One project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009; the other is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010. Combined cost: \$14.4 million.

TURNPIKE – SOUTH FLORIDA INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PROJECT

- One northbound Turnpike lane will be closed at Milepost 18, south of the Snapper Creek service plaza, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. Two northbound lanes will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Data collection equipment, including cameras, vehicle detectors and travel-time detectors, along with two electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed on Florida's Turnpike from Milepost 0 to Milepost 117

and from Milepost 0X to 4X. The equipment will help the Turnpike's Traffic Management Center identify and manage traffic incidents. The project is scheduled for completion this summer. Approximate project cost: \$20.6 million.

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- One Turnpike lane in each direction will be closed north and south of the Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26, through Thursday, July 30, for barrier wall and drainage related activities. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

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 is under construction at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

BROWARD COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – COUNTY LINE ROAD (MILEPOST 47)

- One to two lanes in both directions may be closed periodically on the Turnpike approximately one mile north and one mile south of (Milepost 47) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

TURNPIKE WIDENING – GRIFFIN ROAD TO SUNRISE BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 53 to 58)

- One to two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

Local highway affected:

- I-595 westbound ramp will be closed intermittently Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. a detour will be signed.
- One to two lanes in both directions will be closed on I-595 in the westbound direction on Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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 Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

Local roads affected:

- Periodic, off peak, night time lane closures in both directions on Commercial Blvd from Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a multi-million dollar construction program to widen Florida's Turnpike in Broward County. 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.

TURNPIKE – ONE MILE SOUTH OF SAWGRASS INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 70.0 to 70.5)

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike north of Sample Road (Exit 69) and south of Glades Road (Exit 75) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

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

PALM BEACH COUNTY

TURNPIKE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 93)

- *One or two lanes in either direction* will be closed on the Turnpike bridge at Lake Worth Road at Milepost 93 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. At least one lane will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will perform routine maintenance on the bridge deck.

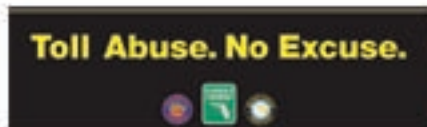
ST. LUCIE COUNTY

TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – FT. PIERCE (EXIT 152) & St Lucie (EXIT 142)

- Periodic lane closures on the northbound and southbound side of the Turnpike. They will take place approximately one mile north and one mile south of the St. Lucie (Exit 142) interchange from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Two improvement projects will be underway in St. Lucie County. The Port St Lucie (Exit 142) northbound interchange ramps will be resurfaced and realigned. This project begins in July and is projected to be complete in October. The second project is an improvement of the northbound off ramp at the Ft Pierce interchange (Exit 152). The ramp is being realigned. This project started in June and is projected to be complete in December. Combined costs for these two projects are approximately: \$2.8 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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