



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOE, FL (August 21, 2009) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, August 23, 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.**



### 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.
- Be alert for daytime lanes closures on Gotha Road, 10 a.m. to 3 pm., Monday through Friday, except for Wednesday, when lane closures are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 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](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.
- Motorists should be aware of paving operations near the SR 429 ramps; be alert for asphalt delivery trucks which may slow traffic in the area.
- Be alert for overnight work southbound at the State Road 429 off-ramp.
- Night work is also scheduled for the demolition of the old Beulah Bridge. A detour on Beulah Road will be in place between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. nightly until work is complete.

**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 prepared for single lane closures on State Road 50, both east- and westbound, Sundays through Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- New Turnpike bridge beams are scheduled for installation over Avalon Road beginning at 5 p.m., Thursday, August 27. Expect delays, as traffic will be reduced to one direction at a time. A flagger will assist pedestrian and vehicle traffic through the area.
- 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 South Orange Avenue and McCoy Road. Crews are working on the Beachline overpass bridges.
- Be alert for a planned traffic shift next week eastbound between the Turnpike and the mainline toll plaza.

**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 next week.

**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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