



# 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, Aug. 16.**

### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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

- One or two **northbound** Turnpike lanes will be closed on various segments of Florida's Turnpike from the Southwest 216<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 11) interchange to the Coral Reef Drive/Southwest 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Exit 16) interchange from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, through Thursday, Aug. 20. At least one northbound lane will remain open.
- One **southbound** Turnpike lane will be closed on various segments of Florida's Turnpike from the Allapattah Road (Exit 9) interchange to the South Dixie Highway/U.S. 1 (Exit 1) interchange from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, through Thursday, Aug. 20. At least one southbound lane will remain open.

In addition, nighttime ramp closures are scheduled at the following locations; however, the schedule may change due to rain. Motorists should watch the electronic message boards in the construction corridor for updated information regarding the closures and detours.

- **Northbound Turnpike off-ramp to 211<sup>th</sup> Street and northbound Turnpike frontage road between Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> and 216<sup>th</sup> streets** – Closed from 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17.
  - Motorists should exit the northbound Turnpike at Southwest 216<sup>th</sup> Street, go west to 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue and then south to Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Southbound Turnpike on-ramp ramp from Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street and frontage road between Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> and 216<sup>th</sup> streets** – Closed from 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18.
  - Motorists should take Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street west to Southwest 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, go south to Southwest 216<sup>th</sup> Street and enter southbound Turnpike at that location.

- **Southbound Turnpike off-ramp to Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street** – Closed from 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.
  - Motorists should exit the southbound Turnpike at Caribbean Boulevard, go west to Southwest 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue and then south to Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Southbound Turnpike frontage road** – Closed between Caribbean Boulevard and Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street from 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.
  - Motorists should make a u-turn on Caribbean Boulevard, go west to S. Dixie Highway/U.S. 1, south to SW 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south to Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street and east to the Turnpike.
- **Northbound Turnpike on-ramp from Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street and frontage road between Caribbean Boulevard and Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street** – Closed from 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, to 5 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.
  - Motorists should take Southwest 211<sup>th</sup> Street west to Southwest 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, go north to U.S. 1 and enter the northbound Turnpike at that location.
- **Northbound Turnpike on-ramp from Caribbean Boulevard/U.S. 1** – Closed from 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, to 5 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21.
  - Motorists should take U.S. 1 east to Southwest 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, go north to Quail Roost Drive, and then west to the northbound Turnpike.

**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 216<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 11) to Southwest 152<sup>nd</sup> Street/117<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Exit 16); and from Southwest 88<sup>th</sup> Street/Kendall Drive (Exit 20) to Southwest 56<sup>th</sup> 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**

- The project has been completed as scheduled.

**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 or two Turnpike lanes in each direction will be closed north and south of the Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, through Thursday, Aug. 20. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.
  - The closures are needed for sign work, drainage related activities and a realignment of the northbound lanes under the SunPass gantry.
- **All northbound** Turnpike traffic between Bird Road/Southwest 40<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 23) and the Okeechobee toll plaza will be **slowed to 15 mph** for approximately 20 minutes at a time between 11:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, and 3 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, for installation of a sign assembly.
- The northbound **lanes will be realigned** under the SunPass open road tolling gantry as of 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Traffic will be shifted to the east.

**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 74<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

## **BROWARD COUNTY**

### **SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA**

- The **eastbound** and **westbound SunPass-only open road tolling** (ORT) lanes will be **closed** at the Sawgrass Expressway's Deerfield toll plaza between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, through Thursday, Aug. 20, for tuning and testing of the electronic tolling equipment.
  - While the ORT lanes are closed, **traffic will be diverted** through the traditional tollbooths, where both cash and SunPass tolls are accepted.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Toll equipment technicians will tune and test the SunPass tolling equipment.

### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING – COUNTY LINE ROAD (MILEPOST 47)**

- A lane 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, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

### **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, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

### **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, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

#### **Local ramp affected:**

- The Commercial Blvd, SunPass only, single, southbound ramp entering Florida's Turnpike is closed around the clock. This ramp closure will be in effect until late October.

#### **Local roads affected:**

- The lanes exiting and entering the Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza will be minimized to one open lane around the clock starting tonight at 9 p.m. until Monday, August 17 at 5 a.m.
- Commercial Boulevard between Rock Island and SR 7 will be under heavy construction. Only one lane in each direction will be open around the clock starting tonight at 9 p.m. until Monday, August 17 at 5 a.m.

**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.

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

### **TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION – LAKE WORTH ROAD (MILEPOST 93)**

- Single lane closures in both directions on the Turnpike will take place approximately three miles south and one mile north of the Lake Worth Interchange (Exit 93) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

#### **Local roads affected:**

- Periodic, off peak, night time lane closures in both directions on Lake Worth Road from Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project is an interchange reconfiguration at the Turnpike's Lake Worth Interchange (Exit 93) which will split the existing plaza, providing separate access for northbound and southbound drivers. Approximate project cost: \$17.5 million.

## **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

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

- None to report this week.

#### **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.

## **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

### **TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – (Milepost 173) to (Milepost 179)**

- Periodic daytime off peak lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound sides of the Turnpike between milepost (173) and milepost (179) Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Resurfacing and safety improvement will take place on the Turnpike between Ft Pierce area and Fort Drum Service Plaza. This project starts this August and is projected to be complete in January 2010. Cost for this project is approximately: \$4.3 million.



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