



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, August 24.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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

- No lane closures this week.

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 will be completed in the coming weeks. Approximate cost: \$1 million.

TURNPIKE – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT

- One lane will be closed as needed in the following locations on the HEFT as crews work on installation of electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) and antennae poles.
 - Northbound at Milepost 10, Homestead Toll Plaza from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28.
 - Southbound Kendall Road entrance ramp (Milepost 20) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, August 26 to Thursday, August 28.

- Southbound at Milepost 11, north of Cutler Ridge Blvd. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, August 26 to Thursday, August 28.
- Northbound at Milepost 22, south of Bird Road Toll Plaza from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 28.
- Southbound at Milepost 23, north of Bird Road Toll Plaza from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, August 25 to Thursday, August 28.
- Southbound Bird Road entrance ramp (Milepost 23) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 28.
- Northbound at Milepost 30, south of Okeechobee Toll Plaza, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, August 26 to Thursday, August 28.
- Northbound at Milepost 45, south of Miramar Toll Plaza from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday, August 24 to Thursday, August 28.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A total of 36 electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed in the southern portion of the Turnpike. This includes 16 sign on arterial roads, 11 signs at toll plazas and 9 signs along the mainline. The project is scheduled for completion in December 2008. Approximate cost: \$11.7 million.

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

- One or two Turnpike lanes in either direction will be closed in the vicinity of the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, through Thursday, Aug. 28, to prepare for an upcoming lane realignment.
- Weather permitting, **all southbound traffic** between the I-75 interchange and Okeechobee toll plaza may be **slowed to approximately 10 mph** for up to 15 minutes at a time after midnight Sunday, Aug. 24, and Thursday, Aug. 28, for installation of massive overhead signs.

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 – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT SUNRISE TOLL PLAZA

- One or two lanes in either direction on the Sawgrass Expressway may be closed as needed for asphalt work Sunday, Aug. 24, through Thursday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., north and south of the Sunrise toll plaza.

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 coming weeks. 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 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, through Thursday, Aug. 28.

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

- One lane in either direction may be closed on nine cross streets approaching the Sawgrass Expressway, from Sunrise Boulevard to Lyons Road, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, through Thursday, Aug. 28.
 - Only one interchange cross street will be affected at any one time as crews work on electronic signs.

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 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, August 25, through Friday, August 29.

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 25, through Friday, August 29.

Local roadways affected:

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 70.0 to 70.5)

- 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)

- Two southbound outside lanes closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 to Thursday, August 28 for asphalt milling and resurfacing work.

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 – FOUR MILES SOUTH INDIANTOWN ROAD (MILEPOST 112)

- One inside lane closed from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Crews will perform maintenance work on the concrete divider.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE – KANNER HIGHWAY SR 76 (MILEPOST 130)

- FHP vehicles will pace traffic to a speed of 5 mph for approximately 20 minutes at a time between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: FPL crews are replacing electrical lines that cross over the Turnpike.



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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