



## 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, Sept. 13.**

#### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

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

- One or two lanes in either direction will be closed on various segments of Florida's Turnpike between the Homestead toll plaza and Coral Reef Drive (Exit 16) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Sept. 17.
- The left lane and median shoulder will be closed on various segments of the ***southbound*** Turnpike between Allapattah Road (Exit 9) and S. Dixie Highway/U.S. 1 (Exit 1) from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Sept. 17.
  - At least one lane in each direction 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 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.

## 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, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Sept. 17, for 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 74<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

## TURNPIKE – BRIDGE PAINTING AT MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE

- One or two lanes in each direction on Miami Gardens Drive will be closed beneath the Turnpike overpass from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, through Thursday, Sept. 17. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of cleaning and painting the Turnpike bridge over Miami Gardens Drive. Work began in late August and is scheduled for completion by the end of January 2010. Approximate cost: \$260,000.

## **BROWARD COUNTY**

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

- 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. Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

#### **Intersecting highway affected:**

Periodic, off peak, night time lane closures both eastbound and westbound on I-595 under the Turnpike from Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

### 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 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

#### **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 road affected:**

- Periodic, off peak, night time lane closures in both directions on Commercial Boulevard from Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project is a multi-million dollar construction program to widen Florida's Turnpike in Broward County. As of September 15 there will be three active phases in progress between the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). Approximate project cost: \$286 million.

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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

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

- Periodic, off peak, nighttime lane closures in both directions on Lake Worth Road from Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

**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.

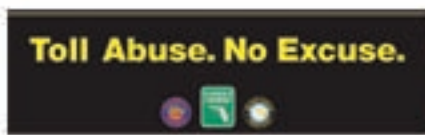
## **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

### **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, September 14, through Friday, September 18.

#### **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.



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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