



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, September 28.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE TOLL PLAZAS – INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC DELINEATORS (MILEPOST 16-35)

- Various toll lanes will be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, through Thursday, Oct. 2, at the following ramp toll plazas:
 - Two of three toll lanes closed on the northbound Turnpike exit ramp to Southwest 120th Street (Exit 19).
 - Two of three toll lanes closed on the northbound Turnpike exit ramp to Kendall Drive (Exit 20).
 - Up to four of seven tollbooths closed at the northbound Bird Road mainline toll plaza (Milepost 23).
 - Up to two of three tollbooths closed on the northbound Turnpike on-ramp from Bird Road (Exit 23).
 - Up to three of five tollbooths closed on the northbound Turnpike on-ramp from Tamiami Trail/Southwest 8th Street (Exit 25).
 - Crews may work at various toll plazas at any one time.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Traffic delineators and pavement markings will be installed at various toll plazas on the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike. The delineators will channel vehicles to specific toll lanes for pre-classification, as they approach the toll plazas. Approximate cost: \$339,000.

TURNPIKE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

- One of four southbound Turnpike lanes closed over Bird Road from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29-30.
- One of four northbound Turnpike lanes closed over Southwest 8th Street from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bridge maintenance crews will work on the bridge decks and expansion joints.

TURNPIKE – ‘SMART HIGHWAYS’ PROJECT

- One lane will be closed as needed in the following locations on the Homestead Extension of Florida’s Turnpike (HEFT) as crews work on installation of electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) and antennae poles.
 - Northbound at Milepost 9.7, north of Allapattah Road, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Sept.28 through Thursday, Oct.2.

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

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

- One northbound Turnpike lane will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, and Tuesday, Sept. 30, for drill shaft work.
- One southbound Turnpike lane will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, and Thursday, Oct. 2, for drill shaft work.

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 late 2009/early 2010. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

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.

BROWARD COUNTY

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, Sept. 29, through Thursday, Oct. 2.
- Eastbound Sawgrass Expressway exit ramp to the northbound Turnpike – Closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, and Wednesday, Oct. 1.

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 2009. 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, Sept. 29, through Friday, Oct. 3.
 - 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, Sept. 29, through Friday, Oct. 3.

Local roadways affected:

- A lane both eastbound and westbound on Peters Road will be closed during nighttime hours.

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, Sept. 29, through Friday, Oct. 3.
- There will be a significant traffic shift between Commercial Blvd and the Cypress Creek toll plaza beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1. This shift will be in place for the next few months.

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 lanes closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29 through Thursday, Oct. 2 for asphalt milling and resurfacing work.
- Southbound exit ramp closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29 and Tuesday, Sept. 30 for resurfacing work.
- Southbound entrance ramp closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 and Thursday, Oct. 2 for 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 – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT (MILEPOST 86 to 84)

- One lane will be closed as needed as crews work on installation of electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) and antennae poles.
 - Southbound at Milepost 85, south of Boynton Beach Boulevard, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct. 2.

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.

TURNPIKE –BOYNTON BEACH BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 86) TO LAKE WORTH ROAD (MILEPOST 93)

- Northbound lanes closed to all traffic from Boynton Beach Blvd. to Lake Worth Rd. from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 29 and Tuesday, Sept 30 to allow workers to set the overpass bridge beams.
- Southbound lanes closed to all traffic from Lake Worth Rd. to Boynton Beach Blvd. from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1 and Thursday, Oct. 2 to allow workers to set the overpass bridge beams.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Palm Beach County is extending Hypoluxo Road over the Turnpike.

TURNPIKE – OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD TO NORTH OF INDIANTOWN ROAD (MILEPOST 99-120)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct. 2 and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.3.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE –SOUTH OF MARTINS DOWN BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 130-132)

- Southbound outside lane closure from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 1 and Thursday, Oct. 2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Guardrail will be installed to protect electronic equipment.

TURNPIKE –NORTH OF INDIANTOWN ROAD TO BECKER ROAD (MILEPOST 120-138)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct. 2 and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.3.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.

ST.LUCIE COUNTY

TURNPIKE –BECKER ROAD TO SOUTH OF PORT ST.LUCIE BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 138-140)

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Sept. 28 through Thursday, Oct. 2 and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.3.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: AT&T will be performing maintenance on existing conduit.



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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