



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE, FL (October 23, 2008) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, October 26, 2008.**

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 WIDENING PROJECT—INTERSTATE 4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)

- Construction activities continue from the Interstate 4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at the Gotha Road Bridge.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both Northbound and Southbound directions between Kirkman Road and Gotha Rd overpass.
- Motorists should be alert for day-and nighttime closures on Apopka-Vineland Road.
- Motorists should be alert for nightly rolling traffic pacing operations.

**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)**

- Night Work continues. Motorist traveling on Florida's Turnpike between mileposts 265-270 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning.
- Motorist should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at locations along the project.
- Be aware of the single laning on the State Road 50 Connector Rd. and the merging traffic at the on- and off-ramps.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions on the Turnpike as well as the northbound ramps from SR 408.

**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.

### **SUMTER COUNTY**

#### **ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 296-309)**

- Motorists should be alert for nightly single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Watch for intermittent, single lane closures to accommodate milling and paving operations during the overnight hours.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$13.5 million resurfacing project, which began March 3, includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, including drainage and guardrail improvements. The resurfacing project is scheduled for completion in November 2008. For more information on the Sumter County resurfacing project, visit <http://www.sumterconstruction.com/index.html>

### **Beachline West Expressway BEE LINE WEST TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING (Mileposts 4-8)**

- Construction activities continue on McCoy Road as crews work on the new bridge.
- Motorists should be aware of lane closures next week, both east- and westbound from milepost 4 to milepost 8.
- Motorists should be aware of periodic lane closures, both east- and westbound, 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, October 26 to Friday, October 31.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is currently performing improvements to the Bee Line West Mainline Toll Plaza near Milepost 6. These improvements include open road tolling and widening the roadway between the Turnpike and McCoy Road as part of a series of enhancements scheduled for construction over the next several years. The current project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline toll plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes.

Upon completion in the spring of 2009, the plaza will feature two SunPass-only express lanes in each direction, with the capacity to add an additional lane when the Beachline is widened to three lanes in each direction. With the added open road tolling feature, SunPass customers will be able to travel at highway speed in the express lanes.

Included in the toll plaza improvements is the construction of four mixed-use lanes to provide additional lanes for cash customers.

In June 2008, a \$49 million project began to widen the Beachline from the Turnpike (Milepost 4.3) to McCoy Road. 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.

## Regional Projects

### POLK COUNTY

## TOLL ROAD 570—THE POLK PARKWAY

### SUNPASS TOLL PLAZA CONVERSION PROJECT (Mileposts 0-18)

- Watch for closures of the SunPass-only lanes at South Florida Avenue and Lakeland Highlands. These lanes will be closed for approximately 24 hours while the contractor installs equipment upgrades. SunPass customers must use the inside, staffed lane during this time.
- The outside lanes remain closed at all ramp plazas between Airport Road to Old Dixie Highway, except South Florida Avenue and Lakeland Highlands. Existing sign canopy structure removal at these plazas is underway.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike began on March 10 a project to add SunPass-only lanes at the ramp toll plazas. The outside lanes at the following toll plazas will be converted to SunPass-only lanes:

- Airport Road, Exit 3, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- Waring Road, Exit 4, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- Harden Boulevard, Exit 5, eastbound off and westbound on ramps
- State Road 540 (Winter Lake Road), Exit 14, eastbound on and westbound off ramps
- County Road 546 (Old Dixie Highway), Exit 18, eastbound off and westbound on ramps

This \$3.2 million project is scheduled for completion in February 2009.



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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