



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, October 5.**

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, Oct. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 9, at the following ramp toll plazas:
 - 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 – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT

- Closures as needed at 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.

- Southbound entrance ramp closed at Kendall Drive Exit 20 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 and Thursday, Oct. 9.
- Southbound entrance ramp closed at Bird Road Exit 23 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, through Thursday, Oct. 9.

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)

- Two northbound Turnpike lanes will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, and Tuesday, Oct. 7.
- Two southbound Turnpike lanes will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, and Thursday, Oct. 9.

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. Sunday, Oct. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 9.
- **Northbound Turnpike exit ramp to the westbound Sawgrass Expressway – Closed** from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, through Wednesday, Oct. 8, for paving and striping work.
 - Motorists should exit the Turnpike at Sample Road (Exit 69), go west to Lyons Road and then go north to the Sawgrass Expressway.

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

- No lane closures scheduled. Construction work has been completed.

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. Construction is now completed. 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, Oct. 6, through Friday, Oct. 10.

Local roadways affected:

- One lane, eastbound and westbound, will be closed during nighttime hours on Peters Road.

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, Oct. 6, through Friday, Oct. 10.
- There will be a significant traffic shift between Commercial Blvd and the Cypress Creek toll plaza beginning Monday, Oct. 6. This shift will be in place for the next few months.

Local roadways affected:

One or two lanes, both northbound and southbound, will be closed on Lyons Road 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)

- One southbound Turnpike lane closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 through Wednesday, Oct. 8 for asphalt milling and resurfacing work.
- Southbound Turnpike entrance ramp closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 for resurfacing work.
- Southbound Turnpike exit ramp closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6 and Tuesday, Oct. 7 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)

- No closures this week

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

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Oct. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 9, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.10.

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

MARTIN COUNTY

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

- Northbound inside lane closure from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Oct. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 9, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.10.

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 closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday ,Oct 5, through Thursday, Oct. 9, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.10.

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.*

SunPass is the Florida Department of Transportation's innovative Prepaid Toll Program. SunPass can be used on Florida's toll roads and most toll bridges. SunPass customers typically pay 25 cents less than cash customers at most toll plazas and exits on Turnpike roads. For information on SunPass®, please contact 1-888-TOLL-FLA (865-5352).

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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