



## 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 19.**

#### **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. 19, through Thursday, Oct. 23, at the following ramp and toll plazas:
  - 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (MILEPOST 36-39)

- 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 outside lanes closed from Milepost 36 to 39 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. with traffic pacing after 11 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday, Thursday, Oct. 22.

**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 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- Two northbound Turnpike lanes will be closed south of the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza
  - from 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20,
  - from 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, to 5 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23
- All **southbound** Turnpike **traffic** will be **slowed to 10 mph** from north of the Okeechobee Road/US 27 interchange (Exit 35) to the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza (Milepost 32) **for 15 minutes at a time** between 11 p.m. Monday night, October 20, and 5 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21.

**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 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. 19, through Thursday, Oct. 23.

**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.

### **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. 20, through Friday, Oct. 24.

### **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. 20, through Friday, Oct. 24.
- There is a significant traffic shift between the Pompano Beach service Plaza and Commercial Blvd (Exit 62). This shift will be in place for the next few months.

#### **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. 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 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 inside lane in each direction on the Turnpike closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 through Wednesday, Oct. 22 for installation of median barrier wall.
- Construction activity with possible periodic ten minute lane closures on Atlantic Avenue under the Turnpike from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 through Thursday, Oct. 23.

**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 93-96)

- One northbound lane on the Turnpike closed from Milepost 93 to 96 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. with traffic pacing after 11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 and Thursday, Oct 23.

**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. 19, through Thursday, Oct. 23, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.24.

**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. 19, through Thursday, Oct. 23, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

**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 19, through Thursday, Oct. 23, and 12 midnight to 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct.24.

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



Traffic and Travel Info

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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