



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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### SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST WEEKLY LANE CLOSURES AND WORK ZONE ADVISORY

FORT LAUDERDALE (Dec. 22, 2006) — 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, December 24**. Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits.

**Regularly scheduled construction-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended from noon Friday, December 22, through 10 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes.**

### **BROWARD COUNTY**

#### TURNPIKE WIDENING – SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD (Milepost 58 to 66)

- No lane closures this week.

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

- No lane closures this week.

**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 to widen the Turnpike has started on the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) to Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). In addition to road-widening work, an important component of this project is the construction of sound barrier walls which will be built along residential areas. Approximate project cost: \$265 million. Completion is anticipated during the summer of 2010.

### **SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING – ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE**

- No lane closures on the Sawgrass Expressway this week. However, the following cross streets will have lanes closed beneath the Sawgrass Expressway:
- **Atlantic Boulevard** – One of two lanes in each direction closed 24/7.
- **Sample Road** – One of two lanes in each direction closed 24/7.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Consists of widening the Sawgrass Expressway from four to six lanes, construction of sound walls and other improvements. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008.

### **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

#### **TURNPIKE WIDENING - ATLANTIC AVENUE TO THE LANTANA TOLL PLAZA AND ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION (MILEPOST 80-90)**

- No lane closures this week.

**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 widening portion of the project started in 2004 and is scheduled for completion in March 2007. The interchange project started in 2005 and is scheduled for completion in 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 million.

#### **TURNPIKE / JOG ROAD SUNPASS-ONLY INTERCHANGE - NORTH OF SOUTHERN BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 98)**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A new, partial SunPass-only interchange is being built at Jog Road. The future interchange will feature ramps to and from the south only. Started in the fall of 2005 and is scheduled for completion in 2007. Approximate cost: \$12.7 million.

#### **ALEXANDER ALDEN WARE MEMORIAL CABLE BARRIER SYSTEM – THROUGHOUT PALM BEACH COUNTY**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Canal barrier system named in memory of Alexander Alden Ware who died after his mother’s car went into a canal near Lake Worth Road. A mixture of cable barrier and guardrail will be installed throughout Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade counties. In Palm Beach County, 48.1 miles of canal will be protected through this project. The project started in September 2006 and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2007. Approximate cost for all counties: \$20.5 million.

## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

### **TURNPIKE / SOUTHWEST 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 25)**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The collector-distributor road that runs parallel to the southbound Turnpike between the Northwest 12th Street and SR 836 interchange ramps will be extended south to connect the existing ramp from westbound SR 836 to westbound Southwest 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The purpose of the project is to make it easier for southbound Turnpike motorists to exit onto westbound Southwest 8th Street. Started in June 2006, and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2007. Approximate cost: \$2.3 million.

### **CONSTRUCTION ON STATE ROAD 836 (DOLPHIN EXPRESSWAY) AT THE TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE (Milepost 26)**

- Two of three lanes will remain closed 24/7, until further notice, on the southbound Turnpike exit ramp to SR 836 (Exit 26). One lane will remain open.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The closures are part of a Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) construction project. Please contact Christine Mendoza, Public Information Officer, at 786-552-0000 or via e-mail at [Christine@HoltCommunications.net](mailto:Christine@HoltCommunications.net) if you have any questions or comments about this project.

### **ALEXANDER ALDEN WARE MEMORIAL CABLE BARRIER SYSTEM – THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Canal barrier system named in memory of Alexander Alden Ware who died after his mother's car went into a canal near Lake Worth Road. A mixture of cable barrier and guardrail will be installed throughout Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade counties. In Miami-Dade County, 16.2 miles of canal will be protected through this project. The project started in September 2006 and is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2007. Approximate cost for all counties: \$20.5 million.

## **MARTIN COUNTY**

### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO NORTH OF STUART (MILEPOST 125-138)**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike north of Jupiter (Indiantown Rd.) to north of Stuart (Martin Downs Blvd.) This resurfacing project started in October 2006 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$10.4 million.

## **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

### **TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF STUART TO NORTH OF FORT PIERCE (MILEPOST 138-153)**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike north of Stuart (Martin Downs Blvd.) to north of Fort Pierce (SR 70/Okeechobee Rd.) This resurfacing project started in September 2006 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$15.8 million.

### **INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION AT BECKER ROAD (MILEPOSTS 138-139)**

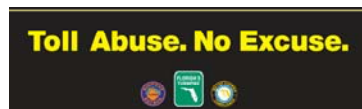
- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Port St. Lucie is building a SunPass-only interchange to connect Florida's Turnpike with Becker Road, including the construction of new bridges over the Turnpike to accommodate a widened Becker Road. Construction is scheduled to be complete in March 2007.

### **ALEXANDER ALDEN WARE MEMORIAL CABLE BARRIER SYSTEM – THROUGHOUT ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

- No lane closures this week.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Canal barrier system named in memory of Alexander Alden Ware who died after his mother's car went into a canal near Lake Worth Road. A mixture of cable barrier and guardrail will be installed throughout Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade Counties. In St. Lucie County, 28.3 miles of canal will be protected through this project. The project started in September 2006 and is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2007. Approximate cost for all counties: \$20.5 million.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing a 454-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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