



# 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, January 4.**

*All regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended through 6 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009, in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes. Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas, especially on Sunday afternoon, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops, especially near the Leesburg (milepost 288), Three Lakes (milepost 236) and Lake Worth/Lantana (milepost 88) mainline toll plazas.*

### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

#### TURNPIKE – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT

- No closures scheduled 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 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)

- One northbound Turnpike lane will close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Jan. 6-7, south of Okeechobee toll plaza. At least two northbound lanes will remain open.

**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 AT GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE

- The entrance ramps to the **northbound Turnpike from the Golden Glades Interchange** (I-95, the Palmetto Expressway, Northwest 167<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. 441) closed Sunday, Jan. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. to implement traffic control measures by Dolphin Stadium for fans exiting Sunday's Dolphin playoff game.

## **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, Jan. 4, through Thursday, Jan. 8. Two lanes in each direction will remain open.

**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 – TURNPIKE AT WILES ROAD (MILEPOST 70)

- Eastbound Sawgrass exit ramp to the southbound Turnpike – Closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for three nights, Monday, Jan. 5, through Wednesday, Jan. 7, as work crews place bridge girders over Florida's Turnpike. Motorists should exit the Sawgrass Expressway at Lyons Road and go south to Sample Road.
- Westbound Sawgrass entrance ramp from the southbound Turnpike – Closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for three nights, Monday, Jan. 5, through Wednesday, Jan. 7, as work crews place bridge girders over Florida's Turnpike. Motorists should exit the southbound Turnpike at Glades Road and follow the detour signs.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Broward County Public Works is extending Wiles Road to Powerline Road by constructing a bridge over Florida's Turnpike.

### TURNPIKE –GLADES ROAD to SAMPLE ROAD (MILEPOST 75 to 69)

- **All southbound lanes will be closed** between Glades Road (Exit 75) and Sample Road (Exit 69) from 11p.m. to 5 a.m., for three consecutive nights: Monday, Jan. 5 through Wednesday, January 7. Traffic will exit at Glades Road and travel east to Powerline Road, south on Powerline and then west on Sample Road to reenter the Turnpike at Sample Road (Exit 69).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Broward County is extending Wiles Road to Powerline Road by constructing a bridge over the Turnpike.

### **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, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 9.

#### **Local roads affected:**

- One lane in each direction will be closed 24/7 on Broward Boulevard between East Acre Drive and NW 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### **Major highway affected:**

- I - 595 intermittent single lane closures in both directions from the Turnpike flyover to the Davie Road I-595 Exit.

### **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, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 9.
- 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.

#### **Local roads affected:**

- Weekend lane closures on Lyons Road under the Turnpike from 10 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday
- Single lane, nighttime closure on Commercial Boulevard over the Turnpike.

**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.

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY**

### **ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION (MILEPOST 80-82)**

- No lane closures scheduled 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 interchange project started in 2005 and is scheduled for completion in early 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 million.

### **TURNPIKE – ONE MILE NORTH OF LANTANA TOLL PLAZA (MILEPOST 89)**

- No lane closures this week.

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



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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.*

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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