



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE (Jan. 4, 2007) — 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 7.**

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.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

NORTHBOUND TURNPIKE CLOSURE AND DETOUR FOR OVERLANE SIGN REPLACEMENT NEAR ALLAPATTAH ROAD (MILEPOST 9-12)

- All **northbound Turnpike** lanes **closed** between the Allapattah Road (Exit 9) and Caribbean Boulevard (Exit 12) interchanges for up to **two nights**, Tuesday, Jan. 9, and possibly Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.
- Northbound traffic will be directed to exit at Allapattah Road and reenter the Turnpike at Caribbean Boulevard. Electronic message boards and detour signs will advise and direct motorists.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Replace an overlane sign structure north of the Homestead toll plaza.

TURNPIKE / SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 25)

- The **southbound Turnpike** exit ramp to SR 836 will be **closed** from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for **up to five nights**, Sunday, Jan. 7, through Thursday, Jan. 11.
- Traffic will be detoured to Southwest 8th Street, east to the northbound on-ramp to the Turnpike and then to the northbound Turnpike exit to SR 836.

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 8th 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 if you have any questions or comments about this project.

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

- Crews will be working northbound between Milepost 22 and Milepost 40, in the shoulder; caution should be used when traveling in this area. No lane closures are associated with this work.
- Monday, Jan. 8, through Friday, Jan. 12, between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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.

BROWARD COUNTY

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

- Periodic, double lane closures on the Turnpike's southbound and northbound lanes between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). One lane will remain open at all times.
- Monday, Jan. 8, through Thursday, Jan. 11.
- Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- **Commercial Blvd. Toll Plaza will be closed northbound and southbound; the southbound SunPass-Only Express Lane will remain open. Detour signs will be posted.**
- **Sunday, Jan. 7, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.**

Local roadway affected:

- Commercial Blvd. will have a single lane closures from State Road 7 to Rock Island Road
- Monday, Jan. 8, through Thursday, Jan. 11, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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

- Periodic, single lane closures on the Turnpike's southbound and northbound lanes between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). Two lanes will remain open at all times.
- Monday, Jan. 8, through Thursday, Jan. 11.
- Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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

- One lane in each direction may be closed and one lane in each direction may be open along various segments of the Sawgrass Expressway **between Atlantic Boulevard and Coral Ridge Drive** Sunday, Jan. 7, through Thursday, Jan. 11. Northbound lane may be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.; southbound lane may be closed between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Additionally, 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)

- One lane in each direction may be closed between Milepost 80 and Milepost 90 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., and two lanes in each direction may be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.
- Sunday, Jan. 7, through Thursday, Jan. 11.

Local roadway affected:

- Atlantic Ave. single lane closures from Hagen Ranch Road to the East Turnpike Plaza.
- Sunday, Jan. 7, between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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 scheduled 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

- One lane will be close southbound between milepost 100 and milepost 116, as well as northbound between milepost 114 and milepost 116.
- Sunday, Jan. 7, through Thursday, Jan. 11.
- 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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.

MARTIN COUNTY

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

- No scheduled lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from 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)

- Northbound single lane closure between mileposts 146 and 149. One lane will remain open.
- Monday Jan. 8 and Thursday Jan. 11, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 12, between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

- Southbound single lane closures between mileposts 142 and 149. One lane will remain open.
- Monday Jan. 8 and Thursday Jan. 11, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 12, between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from 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 scheduled 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 scheduled 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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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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