



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE (Jan. 18, 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 21.**

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

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA CONVERSION AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- One Turnpike lane in each direction closed along the median, from the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza to south of Northwest 41st Street. Two lanes in each direction open.
- 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 26.

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 will be constructed at Northwest 74th Street.

Construction is scheduled for completion in late 2009. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

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. 21, through Thursday, Jan. 25.
- 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 25 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. 22, through Friday, Jan. 26, 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, 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. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 25.
- 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 lanes between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). Two lanes will remain open at all times.
- Monday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 25.
- Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Local roadway affected:

- SR7/US441 will have a double lane closures, northbound and southbound between Prospect Road and Bailey Road; one lane will remain open in each direction.
- Monday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 25, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Commercial Blvd. will have a single lane closures from State Road 7 to Rock Island Road
- Monday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 25, 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 Coral Ridge Drive and Florida's Turnpike** Sunday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 25. Northbound/eastbound lane may be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.; southbound/westbound 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)

- Atlantic Ave. southbound exit ramp will be closed; use Glades Road to the south or Boynton Beach Blvd. to the north as alternates. When the ramp re-opens it will utilize the new plaza to the west of the Turnpike. This closure is subject to change due to weather.
- Friday, Jan. 19, at 9 p.m. through Monday, Jan. 22, at 6 a.m.
- One lane in each direction maybe 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. 21, through Thursday, Jan. 25.
- Intermittent toll lane closures in the northbound and southbound direction at the Lantana Mainline Toll Plaza, there will always be at least one SunPass and Cash lanes available.
- Sunday, Jan. 21, 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 22 and Tuesday, Jan. 25, 9 p.m. to 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 in each direction will be closed between Milepost 108 and Milepost 116.
- Sunday, Jan. 21, through Thursday, Jan. 25, between 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

STUART RAMP BRIDGE CLEARANCE (MILEPOST 132-134)

- Southbound on-ramp closures
- Monday, Jan. 22, through Saturday, Jan. 27, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Southbound single lane closure between Milepost 132 and Milepost 134, one lane will remain open.
- Monday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 25, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Crews will be working to increase the vertical clearance height of the Stuart Ramp Bridge, as well as repair damaged bridge beams. The project will begin Monday, January 22 and is scheduled for completion in May 2007. Approximate cost: \$2.78 million.

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 142 and 150. One lane will remain open.
- Monday Jan. 22 through Thursday Jan. 25, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 26, between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

- Southbound single lane closures between mileposts 140 and 148. One lane will remain open.
- Monday Jan. 22 through Thursday Jan. 25, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 26, 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.

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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