



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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### Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOOE, FL (February 8 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, February 11, 2007.**

Florida's Turnpike strives to maintain traffic flow in work zones; however, motorists may encounter heavier traffic near construction sites. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones, and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits.

**Note:** Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present.

### Turnpike Mainline

#### OSCEOLA COUNTY

##### STATE ROAD 60 WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 192-194)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single, outside lane closures, both north- and southbound, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon), on Fridays until further notice

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Florida Department of Transportation District 4 is widening State Road 60 through Osceola County, including reconstruction of the bridge over the Turnpike near Yeehaw Junction.

##### NEW INTERCHANGE AT KISSIMMEE PARK ROAD (MILEPOSTS 239-240)

Turnpike motorists should expect periodic single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 12 to Saturday, February 17, 2007

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$18.9 million project includes construction of a SunPass-only northbound on ramp and a SunPass-only southbound off ramp at Kissimmee Park Road (Milepost 240) near its intersection with Old Canoe Creek Road. Included in the project are the reconstruction and realignment of the Kissimmee Park Road Bridge over the Turnpike, and the reconstruction of Kissimmee Park Road and

removal of the curve in its alignment with Old Canoe Creek Road east of the bridge. The Kissimmee Park Road interchange (new exit 240) is now open to traffic.

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

#### **TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 254-259)**

- Single lane closures are also to be expected on US 17-92/441 (Orange Blossom Trail), at the Turnpike between Land Street Rd and Consulate Drive from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Motorists traveling on Florida's Turnpike between mileposts 254 and 259 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both north-and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during the overnight hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles at bridgework locations along the project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$77.5 million project adds two lanes in each direction to the Turnpike between Toll 528 and Interstate 4. Reconstruction and widening of the Shingle Creek Bridge, the overpasses at Toll 528, Orange Blossom Trail (US 17/92/441), Oak Ridge Road, Sand Lake Road and the Interstate 4 ramps is also included in this project. This Turnpike widening project is scheduled to be complete in September 2008. The project includes setting barrier wall and installing asphalt to accommodate temporary travel lanes during construction as well as activities associated with demolition work and new construction on Shingle Creek Bridge. Construction activities will occur behind barrier wall. There are no lane closures currently scheduled during the day. Motorists should exercise caution while traveling in the area, and watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting the work zone.

#### **FOURTH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (MILEPOSTS 269-270) at state road 50 and Ramp Improvements (Mileposts 271-272)**

- Turnpike motorists should be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, February 18 through Thursday, February 22.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$4 million project replaces the Fourth Street Bridge over the Turnpike near Milepost 272. The bridge replacement accommodates the future widening of the Turnpike through Orange County, which is scheduled to begin in 2007. After the bridgework is completed, the Turnpike's northbound exit ramp at Milepost 272 will be extended to the south, and widened to two lanes. The Fourth Street Bridge/Milepost 272 project is scheduled for completion in March 2007.

### **LAKE COUNTY**

#### **LEESBURG MAINLINE TOLL PLAZA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (MILEPOST 287)**

- Turnpike motorists should be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., through February 28 as the crew completes resurfacing operations at the toll plaza.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Construction continues on the \$10 million design-build SunPass enhancement project at the Turnpike's Leesburg mainline toll plaza. The plaza is being widened to accommodate the addition of two cash lanes in each direction. To improve continuity with other Turnpike system plaza configurations, the SunPass-only lanes will be relocated to the extreme left. Additionally, the approaches to the plazas will be widened, and enhanced signage, lighting and landscaping will be installed. The Leesburg toll plaza enhancement project is scheduled for completion in January 2007.

## **Regional Projects**

### **SEMINOLE COUNTY**

## TOLL ROAD 417-THE SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY

- Motorists on County Road 427 (Ronald Reagan Boulevard) near the Seminole Expressway should be alert for single lane closures, both east- and westbound, 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, February 11 to and 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Monday, February 12 to Friday, February 16.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Crews are painting the Seminole Expressway bridges at County Roads 427 and East Lake Mary Boulevard.

## POLK COUNTY

### TOLL ROAD 570—THE POLK PARKWAY

- Motorists should be alert for daily, single lane closures, both east- and westbound, between Interstate 4 (Milepost 0) and Old Dixie Highway (Milepost 18) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Westbound SunPass customers should expect the SunPass-only lane at the Western barrier toll plaza (located between South Florida Avenue and Lakeland Highlands) to be closed for two full days between Monday, February 12 and Thursday, February 16. The lane will be closed for up to 48 straight hours. The actual dates are dependant on weather conditions. All customers will be required to use the attended or mixed-use lanes to the far right of the plaza while work is ongoing.**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work has begun on a \$22 million resurfacing project. The project includes milling and resurfacing portions of the roadway including the ramps and toll plaza lanes, reconstruction of the roadway base in some areas, and widening some roadway shoulders. The project also includes the installation of median guardrail and the construction of emergency vehicle median turnarounds. Most work will occur Monday through Friday during daylight hours; however, occasional work on Saturdays may be necessary. This project is scheduled for completion in February 2008.

## OSCEOLA/ORANGE COUNTIES

### TOLL ROAD 429—THE DANIEL WEBSTER WESTERN BELTWAY IS NOW OPEN

- The tolled northbound off and southbound on ramps at the Sinclair Road interchange are scheduled to open to traffic in late February/early March. The non-tolled southbound off and northbound on ramps are open to traffic.

The Western Beltway is now open from Interstate 4 (exit 60) in Osceola County near the Walt Disney World resort area to US 441 in Apopka.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees 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 (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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