



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE (March 8, 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, March 11.**

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.

BROWARD COUNTY

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

- Periodic, single-lane closures on the Turnpike, northbound and southbound, between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). Two lanes will remain open at all times.
- Monday, March 12 through Thursday, March 15, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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

- No scheduled lane closures this week on the Turnpike.

Local roadways affected:

- SR7/US 441 will have a double lane closures, northbound and southbound, between Prospect Road and Bailey Road; one lane will remain open in each direction.
- Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March 15, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Commercial Blvd. will have a double lane closures, northbound and southbound, between Rock Island Road and SR 7/ US 441; one lane will remain open in each direction.
- Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March 15, 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

- **Eastbound** Sawgrass Expressway **exit ramps** to northbound and southbound **US 441 (SR 7)** **closed** from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, March 11, through Thursday, March 15. Motorists should use the University Drive or Lyons Road as alternates.
- 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 Florida's Turnpike**, Sunday, March 11, through Friday, March 16. 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.
- **Coral Ridge Drive** – Only one lane in each direction open from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- **Coral Springs Drive** – Only one lane in each direction open from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- **University Drive** – Only one lane in each direction open from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TANDEM-TRUCK PARKING LOT AT THE GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE

- Connector **ramp closed**, and motorists traveling from northbound SR 9 and US 441(SR 7) to the northbound Turnpike and eastbound SR 826 will be detoured.
- Motorists should follow the **detour** signs and take northbound US 441 to the Northwest 7th Avenue Extension, go west and connect to the northbound Turnpike or eastbound SR 826.
- Ramp closure and detour in effect from **10 p.m. to 5 a.m.** Monday, March 12, and Thursday, March 15.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A new tandem-truck parking lot will be constructed at the Golden Glades interchange, just off the I-95 connector road, and will replace the existing truck staging area located at the Turnpike's Golden Glades toll plaza. Tandem-truck drivers will be able to use the new lot to temporarily park one of their two trailers while using local roads to deliver goods.

Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the summer. Approximate cost: \$1.2 million.

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

- One or two Turnpike lanes in each direction may be closed between Northwest 106th Street and Northwest 41st Street, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 11, through Thursday, March 15. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.
- **Wide-load vehicles** will not be able to get through the Okeechobee mainline toll plaza, as the **toll lanes** have been **narrowed** for construction. When southbound, wide-loads should exit at Northwest 106th Street (Exit 34) and reenter the Turnpike at Northwest 41st Street (Exit 29). When northbound, wide-loads should exit at 41st Street and reenter the Turnpike at 106th Street.

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 began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2009. Approximate cost: \$63.4 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

- 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 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 the summer of 2007. Approximate cost in all counties: \$20.5 million.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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

- No scheduled 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 as of Friday, March 9 is complete. 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

- Southbound single-lane closure between Milepost 80 and Milepost 105.
- Sunday, March 11, through Thursday, March 15, 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 in all counties: \$20.5 million.

MARTIN COUNTY

STUART RAMP BRIDGE CLEARANCE (MILEPOST 132-134)

- Beginning Friday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m. through Monday, March 12 at 5:30 a.m. the southbound entrance and exit ramp will be **CLOSED** around-the-clock. This closure is necessary to complete work on the approach ramps after the bridge jacking operation that took place the weekend of February 23.
- Motorists traveling southbound and exit at Stuart are advised to exit at Port St. Lucie and detour to I-95. Motorists looking to travel southbound from the Stuart exit are advised to detour to I-95, and re-enter the Turnpike at Indiantown Road in Jupiter.
- Northbound and southbound periodic single-lane closure between Milepost 133 and Milepost 135.
- Beginning Friday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m. through Monday, March 12 at 5:30 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 began in January, 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)

- Southbound periodic single-lane closure between Milepost 125 and Milepost 138.
- Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March 15, between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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 151 and 153. One lane will remain open.
- Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March 15, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Northbound and southbound single-lane closure between mileposts 140-153. One lane will remain open.
- Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March 15, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Friday, March 16, 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 for completion 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 the summer of 2007. Approximate cost in 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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