



## FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

**FORT LAUDERDALE** (April 5, 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, April 8.**

**Regularly scheduled construction-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended from 12:01 am Friday, April 6, through 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 9, in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes.**

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**

#### 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 westbound SR 826 (Palmetto Expressway) will be detoured.
- Motorists should follow the **detour** signs and take northbound US 441 to the Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension, go west and connect to the northbound Turnpike or westbound SR 826.
- Ramp closure and detour in effect from **10 p.m. to 5 a.m.** Wednesday and Thursday, April 11-12.

**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 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- **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 106<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 34) and reenter the

Turnpike at Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street (Exit 29). When northbound, wide-loads should exit at 41<sup>st</sup> Street and reenter the Turnpike at 106<sup>th</sup> 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 74<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **BROWARD COUNTY**

#### **SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING – ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE**

- The eastbound Sawgrass Expressway **exit ramp** to Lyons Road **closed** for up to three nights from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, April 8, through Tuesday, April 10. Motorists should exit at US 441 instead.
- 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, April 8, through Thursday, April 12. 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:

- **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.

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

- Periodic, double-lane closures on the Turnpike, northbound and southbound, between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). One lane will remain open at all times.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, 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, northbound and southbound, between Sunrise Blvd. and Atlantic Ave. (Milepost 58 to 66). At least one lane will remain open at all times.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

#### **Local roadways affected:**

- Lyons Road will have a single-lane closure, northbound and southbound, between Atlantic Ave. and McNabb Road; one lane will remain open in each direction.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, 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.

## **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 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)**

- Northbound and southbound single-lane closure between Milepost 97 and Milepost 99.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

**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.

### **MAINTENANCE REPAIR (Milepost 102)**

- Northbound and southbound single-lane closure between Milepost 101 and Milepost 103.
- Tuesday, April 10, through Thursday, April 12, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to repair a depression in the road at MilePost 102.

## ALEXANDER ALDEN WARE MEMORIAL CABLE BARRIER SYSTEM – THROUGHOUT PALM BEACH 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 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)

- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
- Either the Port St. Lucie southbound entrance and exit ramps or the Stuart southbound entrance and exit ramps will be closed; they will **NOT** be closed at the same time.
- Beginning Friday, April 13 at 8:30 p.m. through Monday, April 16 at 5:30 a.m. **ALL RAMPS** at the Stuart Interchange will be **CLOSED**, northbound and southbound, around-the-clock. This will be the final weekend closure.
- Motorists attempting exit or enter the Turnpike at the Stuart exit should detour to I-95. A detour map is attached.

**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)

- One lane in each direction closed periodically between Milepost 123 and Milepost 133. One lane in each direction will remain open. No lane closures will occur southbound during to morning peak periods and northbound during the afternoon peak periods.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.
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**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)

- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
- Either the Port St. Lucie southbound entrance and exit ramps or the Stuart southbound entrance and exit ramps will be closed; they will **NOT** be closed at the same time.
- Thursday, April 12, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., paving work will take place on the southbound on- and off-ramps at the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza. The ramps will remain open, but motorists should exercise caution.
- **Daytime** single-lane closures, southbound, between mileposts 138 and 144. At least one lane in each direction will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Friday, April 13, between 7 a.m. and noon.

**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 (Milepost 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 May 2007.

#### **ALEXANDER ALDEN WARE MEMORIAL CABLE BARRIER SYSTEM – THROUGHOUT ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

- Northbound and southbound single-lane closure between Milepost 154 and Milepost 174.
- Monday, April 9, through Thursday, April 12, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 13, between 7 a.m. and 12 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 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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