# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE, FL (July 12, 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida beginning Sunday, July 15, 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.

### ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 198-207 and 227-249)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, July 16 to Thursday, July 19, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, July 20 for barrier wall construction near Milepost 229 and resurfacing the median shoulders between Mileposts 198 and 207.
- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, overnight 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, July 15 and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, July 16 to Thursday, July 19.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This $29 million resurfacing project includes milling and resurfacing portions of the roadway including exit ramps and toll plaza lanes, and widening some roadway shoulders. The project also includes the installation of guardrail.

The resurfacing project is scheduled for completion in June 2008.

BOGGY CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (MILEPOSTS 245-247)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. These lane closures accommodate work to install the new Boggy Creek Bridge over the Turnpike.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Boggy Creek Road is being widened, which requires reconstruction of the Turnpike overpass.

### *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.

## Beachline West Expressway

BEELINE WEST TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Mileposts 4-6)

- Motorists should expect single lane closures, both east- and westbound between mileposts 5-7, 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, July 25 to Friday, July 20, for the installation of temporary concrete barrier wall.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has begun a $10 million project to reconstruct the Bee Line West Mainline Toll Plaza near Milepost 6, part of a series of enhancements scheduled to begin within the next two years.

The current project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes. Upon completion in the spring of 2009, the plaza will feature two SunPass-only express lanes in each direction, with the capacity to add an additional lane when the Beachline is widened to three lanes in each direction. SunPass customers will be able to travel at highway speed in the express lanes.

Included in the toll plaza improvements is the construction of four mixed-use lanes to provide additional lanes for cash customers.

## Regional Projects

## *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. The permanent lane closures behind concrete barrier wall accommodate full-depth base reconstruction. This is a moving operation, shifting to inside and outside lanes, throughout the length of the project.
- Be alert for single lane closure westbound between milepost 6-8 and eastbound between mileposts 2-3 during the week of July 8.
- Partial ramp closures are scheduled as follows:
  - US 92 eastbound on-ramp-12:01 a.m. July 23 to 11:59 p.m., July 24
  - US 92 westbound off-ramp-12:01 a.m. July 23 to 11:59 p.m., June 24
- Be alert for westbound, inside lane closures associated with median guardrail installation from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Reduced speed limits remain in effect in the construction zone and will be strictly enforced.

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.

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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