



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

OCOE, FL (July 19, 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, July 22, 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 23 to Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, July 27 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 22 and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26.

**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-BEACHLINE TO I-4 (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.

#### **TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT-I-4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)**

- Motorists should be alert for overnight, outside lane closures northbound between Kirkman Road and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, July 22 and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26 to begin installation of new, interim travel lanes.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$128.6 million project adds two lanes in each direction between Interstate 4 and the SR 408 Interchange. Construction includes widening the existing bridges over Interstate 4 and Apopka-Vineland Road, and replacing the Kirkman Road and Gotha Road bridges over the Turnpike. Additionally, improvements will be made at the Interstate 4 and SR 408 (East-West Expressway) interchanges. This project is scheduled to be complete in August 2010.

## **Beachline West Expressway**

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

- Motorists should expect inside, single lane closures, both east- and westbound between mileposts 5-7, 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, July 22 to Friday, July 2, 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 a for single, inside lane closure westbound between Mileposts 5-6 next week to accommodate the milling operation.
- **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.



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

TAMPA, FL (July 19, 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in West Central Florida **beginning Sunday, July 22, 2007**.

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#### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

##### VETERANS EXPRESSWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 2.5 to 6.5)

- Motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and eastbound as well as various ramp closures between mileposts 2-13 and the Veterans Spur to Dale Mabry, 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., for paving operations and guardrail installation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Crews are making improvements to the Veterans Expressway, consisting of milling, resurfacing, drainage, guardrail, signing and pavement marking. Crews will begin milling and resurfacing the north-and southbound lanes of the Veterans Expressway and interchange ramps beginning at the section from Memorial

Boulevard to Anderson Mainline Plaza and continuing northward to vicinity of Van Dyke Road and the Spur Alignment to Dale Mabry Highway (SR 568). This project is scheduled for completion in October 2007.



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