



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE (July 26, 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, July 29.**

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

- No closures this week.

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 early August. Approximate cost: \$1.2 million.

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

- One southbound Turnpike lanes may be closed between Northwest 106th Street and the Okeechobee toll plaza, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. One southbound lane will remain open.
- **Wide-load vehicles** (exceeding the 12-foot-wide lane) 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.

BROWARD COUNTY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING – ATLANTIC BOULEVARD TO FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE

- 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**, Monday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 2. 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.

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.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

- **All eastbound lanes** on the Sawgrass Expressway **closed** between Coral Ridge Drive and University Drive.
- For up to four nights, Monday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 2, depending on weather conditions.
- 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will install an electronic sign (dynamic message sign or DMS) over the traffic lanes.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT SUNRISE TOLL PLAZA

- No lane closures scheduled this week.
- **Wide-load vehicles** (exceeding the 12-foot-wide lane) traveling **northbound** will not be able to get through the **Sunrise mainline toll plaza**, as the **toll lanes** have been **narrowed** for construction. Wide-loads should exit at Sunrise Boulevard, follow the **detour** signs and reenter the Sawgrass Expressway at Oakland Park Boulevard. This detour will remain in effect through late August.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Sunrise mainline toll plaza on the Sawgrass Expressway will be converted into a high-tech, open-road tolling (ORT) plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to pay their toll while traveling at highway speeds of 65 mph. The work entails constructing SunPass-only gantries south of the existing plaza and removing the center tollbooths from the existing toll plaza. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. Approximate cost: \$26.2 million.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT RAMPS

- Southbound Sawgrass on-ramp from **University Drive** – Closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. **Monday**, July 30.
- Southbound Sawgrass off-ramp to **Sample Road** – Closed from 9 p.m. to midnight **Tuesday**, July 31.
- Southbound Sawgrass off-ramp to **Atlantic Boulevard** – Closed from 9 p.m. to midnight **Wednesday**, Aug. 1.
- Southbound Sawgrass off-ramp to **Commercial Boulevard** – Closed from 9 p.m. to midnight **Thursday**, Aug. 2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SunPass-only lanes will be constructed at eight ramp toll plazas on the Sawgrass Expressway, including those at Commercial Boulevard, Atlantic Boulevard, Sample Road and University Drive. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. Approximate cost: \$13.9 million.

TURNPIKE / HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE (Milepost 49)

- Southbound Turnpike **on-ramp** from Hollywood Boulevard **closed** to all traffic.
- For two nights, Tuesday, July 31, and Wednesday, Aug. 1, depending on weather conditions.
- From 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will repair traffic lights and overhead lights at the Hollywood toll plaza.

TURNPIKE / SHERIDAN STREET BRIDGE (Milepost 50)

- Two Turnpike lanes in each direction closed north and south of the Sheridan Street overpass.
- Monday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 2, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will perform bridge maintenance activities.

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

- Two lanes in each direction closed periodically between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard (Milepost 53 to 58). One lane will remain open at all times.
- Sunday, July 29, through Thursday, Aug. 2, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- One lane in each direction closed on Griffin Road, under the Turnpike, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

- **All northbound and southbound lanes** on Florida's Turnpike **closed overnight** between Sunrise Boulevard and Commercial Boulevard
- Sunday, July 29, from midnight to 5 a.m.
- Southbound traffic should exit at Commercial Boulevard, go east to US 441 and then south to Sunrise Boulevard to reenter the Turnpike.
- Northbound Traffic should exit at Sunrise Boulevard, go east to US 441 and then north to Commercial Boulevard to reenter the Turnpike.

Local roadways affected:

- Periodic daytime closure on Lyons Road, under the Turnpike.
- Periodic daytime closure on US 441, under the Turnpike.
- Sunday, July 29, through Thursday, Aug. 2, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.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)

- Northbound Turnpike exit ramp to Atlantic Avenue – Traffic will be stopped periodically by FHP troopers, for five minutes at a time, as work crews install a large sign overhead.
- Monday, July 30, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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/ LAKE WORTH ROAD INTERCHANGE (Milepost 93)

- Turnpike northbound exit ramp to Lake Worth Road closed.
- Tuesday, July 31, through Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will repave the ramp.

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.

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF S.R. 710/BEELINE HWY TO NORTH OF JUPITER (Milepost 107-118)

- One lane in each direction will be closed periodically between Milepost 109 and Milepost 117. One lane in each direction will remain open. No lane closure will extend more than two miles.
- Monday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 3, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of S.R. 710/Beeline Hwy to north of Jupiter (Indiantown Road). This resurfacing project started in April 2006 and is scheduled for completion in early 2008. Approximate cost: \$14.6 million.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO SOUTH OF STUART (Milepost 117-123)

- One Turnpike lane in each direction will be closed periodically between Milepost 120 and Milepost 123. One lane in each direction will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.
- Sunday, July 29, through Thursday, Aug. 2,
- Northbound from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and southbound 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of Jupiter (Indiantown Rd.) to south of Stuart (Martin Downs Blvd.). This resurfacing project started in April 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$9.5 million.

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO NORTH OF STUART (Milepost 123-138)

- One lane in each direction will be closed periodically between Milepost 125 and Milepost 138.
- Monday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 3, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

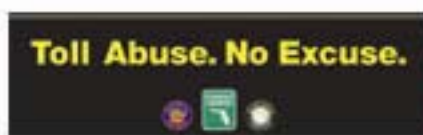
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Milling and resurfacing of Florida's Turnpike from north of Jupiter (Indiantown Rd.) to north of Stuart (Martin Downs Boulevard). This resurfacing project started in October 2006 and is scheduled for completion in late 2007. Approximate cost: \$10.4 million.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF STUART TO NORTH OF FORT PIERCE (Milepost 138-153)

- One lane in each direction may be closed periodically between Milepost 140 and Milepost 150. One lane in each direction will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.
 - Monday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 2, between 9 a.m. and 6 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.



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.

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