



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE (Sept. 21, 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, Sept. 23.**

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

HOMESTEAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 10)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 22)

- Bird Road northbound toll plaza – Two SunPass-only lanes and one northbound Turnpike traffic lane closed from 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, to 6 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28.
- SunPass-only lanes may also be closed Monday through Thursday during daytime non-peak periods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Bird Road and Homestead mainline toll plazas will be converted into open-road tolling plazas that will allow SunPass customers to travel at highway speeds while their toll is collected via SunPass equipment overhead ... no gates, no tollbooths. Cash customers will continue to pay at the existing tollbooths. Construction is scheduled for completion this winter season. Approximate (combined) cost: \$15.3 million.

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.
- **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**, Sunday, Sept. 23, through Thursday, Sept. 27. 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 spring of 2008.

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

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

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.

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA

- **Westbound Sawgrass off-ramp to Lyons Road** – May be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for up to three nights, Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 24-26.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Deerfield 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 west of the existing plaza and removing the center tollbooths from the existing toll plaza. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009. Approximate cost: \$39 million.

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

- One or two lanes in each direction closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road and Sunrise Boulevard Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28.
- **Local roadways affected:**

- Griffin Road – One lane closed periodically throughout the day to move equipment Monday through Friday.
- Peters Road – One eastbound lane closed over the Turnpike from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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

- Two lanes in each direction may be closed Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., between Sunrise Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd. (Milepost 58 to 66). At least one lane will remain open at all times.

Local roadways affected:

- Commercial Boulevard – Two westbound lanes closed under the Turnpike between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Lyons Road – One lane in each direction closed under the Turnpike between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 is in its second year of construction on the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) to Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). Approximate project cost: \$265 million. Completion is anticipated during the summer of 2010.

TURNPIKE – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT CYPRESS CREEK TOLL PLAZA (Milepost 63)

- Various toll lanes may be closed at the Cypress Creek toll plaza between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Cypress Creek toll plaza is being retrofitted to provide open road tolling for SunPass motorists, who will be able to pay the toll while traveling at 55 mph. The project is scheduled for completion this winter.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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

- No lane closures scheduled 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 – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT LANTANA TOLL PLAZA (Milepost 88)

- Intermittent lane closures this week at the Lantana Toll Plaza.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Lantana toll plaza is being retrofitted to provide open road tolling for SunPass motorists, who will be able to pay the toll while traveling at 55 mph. The project is scheduled for completion this winter.

TURNPIKE RESURFACING, PBC – MP 114-117

- Single northbound and southbound closures between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

MARTIN COUNTY

TURNPIKE RESURFACING – NORTH OF JUPITER TO SOUTH OF STUART (Milepost 117-125)

- One southbound Turnpike lane will be closed periodically between Milepost 120 and Milepost 125. One southbound lane will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.
- Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28. Northbound lane may be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.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 125-138)

- One lane in each direction will be closed periodically between Milepost 125 and Milepost 138 Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28.
- Northbound lane closed between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; southbound lane closed 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 142 and Milepost 152. One lane in each direction will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.
- Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28, between 7 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.

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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