



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

OCOE, FL (October 25, 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, October 28, 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, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, October 29 to Thursday, November 1; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, November 2
- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, overnight 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, October 28 and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, October 29 to Thursday, November 1 for milling and resurfacing operations.

**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.

### 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)**

- Currently, most work is concentrated between the Kirkman Road overpass and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.
- 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, October 28 and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, October 29 to Friday, November 2.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions between Interstate 4 and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.

**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. Click here for a map of soundwall installation locations: [http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4\\_Gotha\\_Noise%20Map.pdf](http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf)

## **Beachline West Expressway**

### **BEELINE WEST TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION, ITS INSTALLATION PROJECT AND ROADWAY RESURFACING (Mileposts 0-6)**

- Be alert for single, inside lane closures westbound on the Beachline between Interstate 4 and the Turnpike, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, October 28 to Friday, November 2 for milling and resurfacing operations.
- Motorists should be alert for ramp closures at the following locations and times:
  - Single lane closure, Interstate 4 to eastbound Beachline, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, October 28
  - Full ramp closure, eastbound Beachline to International Drive, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, October 29

- Full ramp closure, on-ramp from International Drive to eastbound Beachline, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, October 30
- Full ramp closure, eastbound Beachline onto John Young Parkway, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Thursday, November 1
- Single lane closures, both east- and westbound between Mileposts 5-7, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., overnight, Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30.

**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.

Additionally, the Turnpike is resurfacing the Beachline between Interstate 4 and the Turnpike mainline (milepost 5). This project includes milling and repaving the ramps at International Drive, Orangewood Boulevard and John Young Parkway.

## Regional Projects

### OSCEOLA AND ORANGE COUNTIES

#### TOLL ROAD 429—THE DANIEL WEBSTER WESTERN BELTWAY

- Motorists should be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound in both the inside and outside lanes, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 29 through Friday, November 2.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Permanent, thermoplastic lane striping will be added to the Western Beltway between Interstate 4 and Seidel Road (Milepost 11).

### 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
- Motorists should be alert for the following ramp closures:
  - Westbound Interstate 4 to eastbound Polk Parkway—8 p.m. to 8 a.m., Sunday, October 28 to Tuesday, October 30;
  - Westbound Polk Parkway to westbound Interstate 4, Wednesday, October 31
  - Starting Thursday, November 1, crews will begin placing final friction course on all of the ramps. Work will begin with the South Florida Avenue westbound off-ramp (Exit 7) and proceed westbound until they have reached Clark Road. They will then begin at Interstate 4 and begin paving all ramps in the eastbound direction. It is anticipated that two to three ramps will be completed each day, depending on weather conditions.

Motorists should pay attention to variable message signs along the highway for updates on ramp status. 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. For more information, visit <http://www.polkparkwayconstruction.com>.



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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