



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

FORT LAUDERDALE — 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, Oct. 28.**

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)

- One northbound Turnpike lane closed, north and south of the Homestead toll plaza. Various toll lanes also may be closed, in the northbound direction.
- From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, Oct. 29-Nov. 2.

BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 22)

- Bird Road **northbound** toll plaza – Two northbound Turnpike lanes and several toll lanes closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Saturday, Oct. 28-Nov. 3.
- Bird Road **southbound** toll plaza – One or two southbound Turnpike lanes closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and several toll lanes closed from 8 p.m. to noon, Sunday through Saturday.
- 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.

NORTHWEST 106TH STREET INTERCHANGE (EXIT 34)

- Shoulder closures on the Turnpike's northbound on-ramp from Northwest 106th Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Northwest 106th Street interchange will be converted into a SunPass-only interchange. Once the project is completed, cash will not be accepted at the toll plazas. Construction is scheduled for completion in November. Approximate cost: \$200,000.

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

- One southbound Turnpike lane closed between Northwest 106th Street and Okeechobee toll plaza.
- From 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, Oct. 29-Nov. 1.
- **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 Lyons Road**, Sunday, Oct. 28, through Thursday, Nov. 1. 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

- One southbound lane closed on the Sawgrass Expressway approaching the Sunrise toll plaza, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29.
- The southbound side of the toll plaza will be reconfigured as of Monday morning, and motorists should approach the tollbooths with caution.

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

- One lane closed in each direction on the Sawgrass Expressway closed **between Lyons Road and the Deerfield toll plaza** Sunday through Thursday, Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Northbound/eastbound lane may be closed between 7p.m. and 6 a.m.; southbound/westbound lane may be closed between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

- The right-hand tollbooth will be closed to traffic entering the eastbound Sawgrass Expressway from the southbound Turnpike, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 30. As a result, **wide-load vehicles** (wider than 12 feet) will not be able to go through the remaining tollbooths and **will be detoured**. These vehicles will be directed to exit the southbound Turnpike at Glades Road, head west to Lyons Road and then south to the Sawgrass Expressway.

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.

ROADWAY SIGN MAINTENANCE – (Milepost 40)

- One lane closed on the northbound Turnpike north of the I-75 interchange.
- Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 29-30, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work crews will conduct a bridge inspection.

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 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, through Friday, Nov. 2.

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)

- Up to two lanes in each direction may be closed Monday, Oct. 29, through Friday, Nov. 2, 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.

***Toll Plazas affected:**

- Commercial Boulevard Toll Plaza (Exit 62) - One of the three southbound, toll plaza lanes entering the Commercial Boulevard Interchange could be closed 24/7.
- Cypress Creek Toll Plaza (Milepost 63) – Undergoing nightly, multiple lane closures due to the plaza's partial conversion to Open Road Tolling.

Local roadways affected:

- Commercial Boulevard – Two westbound lanes closed over the Turnpike between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29, through Friday, Nov. 2.
- Lyons Road – One lane in each direction closed under the Turnpike during non-peak hours 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.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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

- No closures 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)

- Northbound single lane closure south of Plaza Monday, Oct. 29 and Tuesday Oct. 31- 9am to 3 pm

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.

OKEECHOBEE BRIDGE JACKING (Exit 99)

- No closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Okeechobee Boulevard Bridge is being jacked to achieve an additional foot of clearance.

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

- Daytime and nighttime off-peak hour, intermittent single, lane closures in both the northbound and southbound direction.

JUPITER/INDIANTOWN ROAD (Exit 116)

- No closures this week

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 117-125)

- One lane in both directions will be closed periodically between Milepost 117 and Milepost 125 from Monday Oct. 29 to Friday, Nov. 2 and on Sunday evening, Nov.4.
All southbound lanes will be open during peak traffic from 7 am to 9 am. All northbound lanes will be open during peak traffic between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.
No closure will extend for more than two miles.

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, Oct. 29, through Friday, Nov.2.
- 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 will be closed periodically, during off-peak hours on Monday, Oct. 29, through Friday, Nov.2. One lane in each direction will remain open. No closure will extend for more than two miles.

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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