



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, Nov. 25.**

For the most part, scheduled construction and maintenance lane closures remain suspended to accommodate heavy traffic volumes through 10 p.m., Monday, November 26. Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas on the busiest travel days, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops.

For information on Florida's Turnpike Holiday Safety Breaks and other travel tips, visit our website at <http://floridasturnpike.com/PressReleases/HolidayTrafficRelease11-07.pdf>. Regularly scheduled lane closures return on Monday night, as follows:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

HOMESTEAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 10)

- All SunPass-only lanes, northbound and southbound, closed at the Homestead toll plaza from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 27-29. The mixed-use (cash/SunPass) lanes will remain open.

BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 22)

- Two SunPass-only express lanes and one or two cash/SunPass lanes closed at the Bird Road toll plazas, northbound and southbound, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 27-29.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Bird Road and Homestead mainline toll plazas are being converted into open-road tolling (ORT) 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. The ORT lanes opened the week of November 11 at the Bird Road Plaza. Construction is scheduled for completion this winter season. Approximate (combined) cost: \$15.3 million.

NORTHWEST 106TH STREET INTERCHANGE (EXIT 34)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

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 northbound Turnpike lane closed south of Okeechobee toll plaza.
- From 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 28-29.
- **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**.
- Monday, Nov. 26, from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 27-30. 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.
- **Eastbound Sawgrass off-ramp to northbound US 441** – Closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 26-27. Motorists should use the off-ramp to southbound US 441 and make a u-turn on US 441 to head north.
- **Eastbound Sawgrass off-ramp to southbound 441** – Closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28. Motorists should use the off-ramp to northbound US 441 and make a u-turn on US 441 to head south.

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.
- However, **wide-load vehicles** (wider than 12 feet) are not able to go through the **southbound** tollbooths and will be **detoured**. These vehicles will be directed to get off at Oakland Park Boulevard and follow the detour signs.

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 in each direction on the Sawgrass Expressway may be closed between Lyons Road and the Deerfield toll plaza Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 27-29. Northbound/eastbound lane may be closed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.; southbound/westbound lane may be closed between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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)

- Periodic, double lane closures on the Turnpike's southbound and northbound lanes between Griffin Rd. and Sunrise Blvd. (Milepost 53 to 58) Monday, November 2, through Friday, November 30, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. (On Monday the closure starts at 10 p.m.) One lane will remain open at all times.

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

- Periodic, double lane closures on the Turnpike's southbound and northbound lanes between Sunrise Blvd. and Commercial Blvd. from Monday, November 26 through Friday, November 30 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. (On Monday the closure starts at 10 p.m.) One lane will remain open at all times.

Local roadways affected:

- One or two eastbound lanes closed periodically on Commercial Blvd. between SR 7 and Rock Island Road.
- Single lane closures in both directions on Lyons Road 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). 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)

- No lane 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)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

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 - NORTH OF S.R.710 TO NORTH OF JUPITER (Milepost 107 to 118)

- Traffic entering the southbound Turnpike from Indiantown Road will be impacted on Monday, November 26, from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Traffic will be directed by FHP to come to complete stop at the ramp and proceed with caution. Tuesday, November 27, is scheduled as the rain date.
- The Turnpike's southbound entrance ramp from PGA Boulevard will be closed on Tuesday, November 27, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, is scheduled as the rain date.
- Single lane closures in both directions Monday through Friday from 7:30 pm to 6:00 a.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 117-125)

- One lane in both directions will be closed periodically Tuesday, November 27, through Friday, November 30.
- All southbound lanes will be open during peak traffic from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. All northbound lanes will be open during peak traffic between 4 p.m. and 7 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.

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 Tuesday, November 27, through Thursday, November 29, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, November 30, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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.

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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