



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

**OCOE, FL (December 6 2007)** — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, December 16, 2007. All lane closures are dependent on weather conditions; temperatures below 60 degrees or rain may delay or cancel paving operations.**

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. Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present.

All regularly scheduled construction and roadway maintenance lane closures will be suspended from 6 a.m., Friday, December 21, 2007 through 6 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2008. While lanes will remain open, work in some areas may continue behind barrier wall and motorists should still be alert for personnel in the work zones.

### 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, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, December 17 to Thursday, December 20 for ongoing work between Mileposts 198 to 207 and Mileposts 227 to 250.

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, overnight 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 16 to Thursday, December 20, between Mileposts 227 and 243.

**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, December 9, and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Thursday, December 10 to December 13.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions between Interstate 4 and the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.
- Motorists on Kirkman Road should be alert for lane shifts. Crews are placing barrier wall and be shifting traffic lanes for work beginning in the median as part of the bridge widening phase of construction.
- Turnpike motorists near, both north- and southbound should be alert for traffic pacing operations near Gotha Road, as crews begin demolition of the existing bridge. Traffic will be maintained on Gotha Road during the reconstruction process.

**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**

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

- Motorists should be alert for eastbound Beachline inside lane closures from Interstate 4 to milepost 4 for median guardrail installation, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday night December 16 to Friday December 21.
- Be alert for westbound Beachline outside lane closures from Milepost 4 to Interstate 4 for milling and resurfacing, 9 p.m., Sunday, December 16 to Friday, December 21.

**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

### 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 the Western Mainline Toll Plaza (Milepost 8)) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Crews have begun final placement of final friction course. This is a moving operation and motorists should be alert for crews moving traffic control devices as work .
- Motorists should be alert for the following ramp closures:
  - Due to weather, the placement of final friction course on all of the ramps has been affected. When weather conditions are favorable, two to three ramps may be completed each day. **NO TWO RAMPS WILL BE CLOSED AT THE SAME TIME.** Motorists should pay attention to variable message signs along the highway for updates on ramp status. The *proposed* schedule is as follows:
    - Eastbound Interstate 4 to Eastbound Polk Parkway, Monday and Tuesday, December 17-18

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work is nearing completion on the \$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 occurs 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 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: 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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