



## 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, December 16.**

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)

- Three of six **northbound** toll lanes closed 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, through 6 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. Northbound tolls lifted from 6 to 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17.
- Three of six **southbound** toll lanes closed 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, through 6 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Southbound tolls lifted from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17-18.
- Major **delays** are anticipated and motorists are urged to use alternate routes and plan for **longer travel times** between the Speedway Boulevard (Exit 6) and Caribbean Boulevard (Exit 12) interchanges.
- Two SunPass-only lanes and one cash lane in each direction closed at the Homestead toll plaza from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10-20. All Turnpike lanes will remain open.

##### BIRD ROAD TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING (MILEPOST 22)

- One or two cash/SunPass lanes may be closed at the Bird Road toll plazas, northbound and southbound, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 16-17.
- Between SR 836 and Southwest 120<sup>th</sup> Street - All northbound **or** southbound Turnpike **traffic slowed to 5 mph** for approximately **30 minutes at a time** between midnight and 4 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, Dec. 18-20, as massive signs are installed over the traffic lanes.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project entails converting the Bird Road and Homestead mainline toll plazas into open-road tolling plazas, to 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. Open road tolling at the Bird Road toll plaza went

into effect the week of Nov. 11. Construction is scheduled for completion this winter season. Approximate (combined) cost: \$15.3 million.

#### **NORTHWEST 106<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (EXIT 34)**

- The project is scheduled for completion Dec. 14, and no lane closures are anticipated.
- Beginning Friday morning, Dec. 14, cash tolls are no longer accepted at this interchange.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Northwest 106<sup>th</sup> 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 December. Approximate cost: \$200,000.

#### **OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)**

- Two southbound Turnpike lanes closed north of Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, through Thursday, Dec. 20.
- **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 Okeechobee Road/US 27 (Exit 35) and reenter the Turnpike at Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street (Exit 29). When northbound, wide-loads should exit at 41<sup>st</sup> Street and reenter the Turnpike at Okeechobee Road/US 27.

**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 through Thursday, Dec. 16-20; 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.
- One lane in each direction may be closed on Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs Drive, University Drive, US 441 and Lyons Road, beneath the Sawgrass Expressway from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

**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 northbound lane on the Sawgrass Expressway closed at the Sunrise toll plaza between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 16-20. Two lanes will remain open.
- 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

- The Sawgrass northbound on-ramp and southbound exit ramps will be reconfigured and traffic will be shifted onto new pavement Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17-18.
- One eastbound lane on Commercial Boulevard, east of the Sawgrass Expressway, will be closed between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21.

**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 Sunday through Friday, Dec. 16-20. 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.
- Sawgrass eastbound on-ramp from Lyons Road closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, and Tuesday, Dec. 18.

**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.

## OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT CYPRESS CREEK TOLL PLAZA

- **Florida's Turnpike will be closed** in both directions between Commercial Boulevard (Exit 62) and Coconut Creek Parkway (Exit 67) beginning Monday, December 17 at 11 p.m. through Tuesday, December 18 at 5 a.m.
- The Pompano Service Plaza and Citgo Station will also be closed for this evening.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Open Road Tolling (ORT) conversion currently underway, at the Cypress Creek Toll Plaza. ORT, will allow SunPass customers to remain at near highway speed while having their tolls deducted from their pre-prepaid accounts. This \$6.5 million dollar project is projected to be completed by the end of January 2008.

## 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, Dec. 17, through Friday, Dec. 21.

### 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)

- **Closure of the southbound lanes** between Sunrise Blvd (Exit 58) and Commercial Blvd (Exit 62), beginning Tuesday, December 18 at 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning. This closure will most likely continue for a few more nights lasting

until Friday, December 21 at 5 a.m. The northbound lanes and northbound entrances at both Commercial Blvd and Sunrise Blvd 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 may be closed 24/7.

**Local roadways affected:**

- Lyons Road – Periodic single lane closures in both directions 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)**

- Single southbound inside lane closure Monday, Dec.17 and Tues., Dec. 18 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**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)**

- Northbound entrance and exit ramps from Indiantown Road closed Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Single northbound lane closures Sunday 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)**

- Single southbound lane daytime closures Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 7 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.

## **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 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- One northbound lane closed periodically Sunday 9 p.m. to 7 am and Monday through Thursday 7 p.m. to 7 a.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.

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