



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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

OCOOE, FL (April 12, 2007) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, April 15, 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, overnight 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, April 16 to Thursday, April 19.
- No daytime lane closures are scheduled next week.

**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.

#### **BOGGY CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (MILEPOSTS 245-247)**

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. These lane closures accommodate work to install the new Boggy Creek Bridge over the Turnpike.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Boggy Creek Road is being widened, which requires reconstruction of the Turnpike overpass.

#### **ORANGE COUNTY**

##### **TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 254-259)**

- Single lane closures are also to be expected on US 17-92/441 (Orange Blossom Trail), at the Turnpike between Landstreet 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.

#### **LAKE COUNTY**

##### **LEESBURG MAINLINE TOLL PLAZA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (MILEPOST 287))**

- Turnpike motorists should be alert for intermittent, single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, through April 27, as the crew completes resurfacing operations at the toll plaza.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Construction nears completion on the \$10 million design-build SunPass enhancement project at the Turnpike's Leesburg mainline toll plaza. The plaza is being widened to accommodate the addition of two cash lanes in each direction. To improve continuity with other Turnpike system plaza configurations, the SunPass-only lanes will be relocated to the extreme left. Additionally, the approaches to the plazas will be widened, and enhanced signage, lighting and landscaping will be installed. The Leesburg toll plaza enhancement project is scheduled for completion in April 2007.

## **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 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 that will shift to inside and outside lanes, throughout the length of the project.
- Ramp closures are scheduled as follows:
  - South Florida Avenue westbound off-ramp—12:01 a.m., April 24 to 11:59 p.m., April 25.
  - South Florida Avenue westbound on-ramp—12:01 a.m., April 26 to 11:59 p.m., April 27
  - **MOTORISTS SHOULD USE HARDEN BOULEVARD OR LAKELAND HIGHLANDS ROAD RAMPS.**
- There is a permanent lane closure (outside lane) from approximately mileposts 17 to 18, westbound, through April 23. This closure accommodates base repairs to the lane.
- **Toll plazas have been modified to include new SunPass-only lanes at the Lakeland Highlands Road and South Florida Avenue ramps.**
- Reduced speed limits remain in effect in the construction zone and will be strictly enforced.
- Motorists traveling eastbound near the Central Mainline Toll Plaza should be alert for a single, inside lane closure in advance of the plaza. Equipment testing is ongoing in the area for the next five weeks.

**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.

## OSCEOLA/ORANGE COUNTIES

### TOLL ROAD 429—THE DANIEL WEBSTER WESTERN BELTWAY IS NOW OPEN

- Roadway work continues near the Indian Creek Boulevard overpass. The outside northbound lane remains closed until further notice for asphalt work. Be alert for paving vehicles in both the north- and southbound lanes.
- The Sinclair Road interchange is fully opened to traffic in all directions.

The Western Beltway is now open from Interstate 4 (exit 60) in Osceola County near the Walt Disney World resort area to US 441 in Apopka.



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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