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Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE, FL (October 26, 2006) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, October 29, 2006.**

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.

NEW INTERCHANGE AT KISSIMMEE PARK ROAD (MILEPOSTS 239-240)

- Turnpike motorists should expect single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday for bridge construction work

- No nighttime closures are scheduled for the week of October 29

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$18.9 million project includes construction of a SunPass-only northbound on ramp and a SunPass-only southbound off ramp at Kissimmee Park Road (Milepost 240) near its intersection with Old Canoe Creek Road. Included in the project are the reconstruction and realignment of the Kissimmee Park Road Bridge over the Turnpike, and the reconstruction of Kissimmee Park Road and removal of the curve in its alignment with Old Canoe Creek Road east of the bridge. The project limits extend to the west near Clay Whaley Road. The new ramps are scheduled to open by the end of the year.

Most construction activities will occur Mondays through Saturdays, during the overnight hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. There may be occasional lane closures or traffic shifts that will affect off-peak traffic on the Turnpike, Kissimmee Park Road and Canoe Creek Road. There will also be increased truck traffic on all three roads as construction materials are delivered to the job site.

ORANGE COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 254-259)

- Motorists traveling on Toll 528 between mileposts 3-5 should expect delays due to intermittent, single lane closures, both east-and westbound, Sunday through Thursday, during the overnight hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Single lane closures in each direction at Consulate Drive, US 17-92/441 (Orange Blossom Trail), and on the Turnpike mainline between mileposts 254-259 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Motorists should expect flagging operations near the Exit 255 ramp at Consulate Drive during off-peak daylight hours as construction materials are delivered to the site.

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 November 2007. 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.

Fourth Street Bridge Replacement (Mileposts 269-270) at Milepost 272 and Northbound Exit Ramp Improvements (Mileposts 271-272)

- Turnpike motorists should be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, October 29 through Wednesday, November 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$4 million project replaces the Fourth Street Bridge over the Turnpike near Milepost 272. The bridge replacement accommodates the future widening of the Turnpike through Orange County, which is scheduled to begin in 2007. After the bridge work is completed, the Turnpike's northbound exit ramp at Milepost 272 will be extended to the south, and widened to two lanes. The Fourth Street Bridge/Milepost 272 project is scheduled for completion in March 2007.

LAKE COUNTY

LEESBURG MAINLINE TOLL PLAZA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (MILEPOST 287)

- Motorists traveling through the toll plaza should be alert for construction crews working in the area
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction continues 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 December 2006.

Regional Projects

OSCEOLA/ORANGE COUNTIES

TOLL ROAD 429—THE DANIEL WEBSTER WESTERN BELTWAY PART C

- Expect single lane closures on Interstate 4 near milepost 60, both east- and westbound, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Friday until further notice

The Turnpike has opened a five-mile section of the \$326 million Daniel Webster Western Beltway to traffic between Seidel Road and US 192. The Western Beltway provides alternatives to motorists wishing to avoid the Interstate 4 and US 192 tourist corridors, while providing easy access to the Turnpike mainline, Toll 408 (the East/West Expressway), US 27 and CR 545.

The five-mile section of the Western Beltway in Osceola County between Interstate 4 and US 192 will open to traffic on December 8, 2006.

To view a project map, visit the Turnpike website at http://www.floridasturnpike.com/about_system_westernbeltway.cfm



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 Part C (Toll 429) in Orange County.

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