



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, Dec. 6.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE ALL-ELECTRONIC OPEN ROAD TOLLING U.S. 1 TO S.R. 836 (MILEPOST 0-26)

- One or two **northbound** and **southbound** SunPass-only open road tolling lanes and several traditional tollbooths will be closed at the **Bird Road** toll plaza from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, through Thursday, Dec. 10, as work crews deliver construction materials and install temporary barrier walls. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.
- Motorists may encounter overnight toll-lane closures at the following ramp plazas, both northbound and southbound:
 - Northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp at Bird Road/Southwest 40th Street - One toll plaza lane closed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, through Thursday, Dec. 10.
 - Northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp at Kendall Drive - One toll plaza lane closed, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, through Thursday, Dec. 10.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Bird Road and Homestead mainline toll plazas and the 17 ramp plazas located between the U.S. 1 and S.R. 836 interchanges are being upgraded to allow for all-electronic tolling on this segment of the Turnpike beginning in early 2011. Cash toll collections will be eliminated simultaneously at all the toll plazas. Approximate cost: \$33 million.

TURNPIKE – MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS (MILEPOST 0-9)

- One **northbound** and shoulder lane will be closed on various segments of the Turnpike between S. Dixie Highway and Allapattah Road (Exit 9) from 10 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, through Thursday, Dec. 10.

- One **southbound** lane and shoulder will be closed on various segments of the Turnpike between Allapattah Road (Exit 9) and S. Dixie Highway from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, through Thursday, Dec. 10.
- **Southbound Turnpike off-ramp to northbound U.S. 1 / S. Dixie Highway** (Exit 1) – May be closed from 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, to 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7.
 - Detour: Continue south on Florida's Turnpike to U.S. 1 / S. Dixie Highway; go south to West Palm Drive, west to Krome Avenue, north to Northeast. 7th street, and then go east to the Turnpike's northbound on-ramp at U.S. 1 / S. Dixie Highway.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction is underway to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe various segments of the Turnpike: from the U.S. 1 (Exit 1) to Allapattah Road (Exit 9). The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010. Approximate cost: \$5.5 million.

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- One or two Turnpike lanes in each direction will be closed north and south of the Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, through Thursday, Dec. 10, for asphalt work, lighting and maintenance of traffic activities.

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 is under construction at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

TURNPIKE – BRIDGE PAINTING AT MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE

- The project is nearly complete and no lane closures are scheduled.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of cleaning and painting the Turnpike bridge over Miami Gardens Drive. Work began in late August and is scheduled for completion by the end of January 2010. Approximate cost: \$260,000.

BROWARD COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING – GRIFFIN ROAD TO SUNRISE BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 53 to 58)

- One to two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

Local interchanges affected:

- Intermittent ramp closures at I-595 west bound ramp from the Turnpike between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. from Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12

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

- One to two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

Local road affected:

- Periodic, off peak, night time lane closures in both directions on Commercial Boulevard from Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a multi-million dollar construction program to widen Florida's Turnpike in Broward County; an additional travel lane is being added to both the northbound and southbound directions. There are three active phases in progress between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). Approximate projects cost: \$260 million.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION – LAKE WORTH ROAD (MILEPOST 93)

- No closures to report this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is an interchange reconfiguration at the Turnpike's Lake Worth Interchange (Exit 93) which will split the existing plaza. A new plaza will be built in the southwest quadrant, providing separate access for northbound and southbound drivers. Approximate project cost: \$17.5 million.

TURNPIKE BRIDGE WORK – OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 99)

- A lane in each direction will be closed periodically on the Turnpike in the vicinity of Okeechobee Boulevard (Exit 99) from 9p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

PALM BEACH COUNTY to FORT PIERCE

UTILITY WORK – PGA BLVD (EXIT 109) to FORT PIERCE (EXIT 152)

- All northbound lanes will be closed Saturday, December 5 between PGA Boulevard (Exit 109) and Fort Pierce (Exit 152). The closure begins Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m. and is projected to be completed by Sunday, December 6 at 8 a.m.
 - All the southbound lanes, entrances and exits at all the interchanges and the Port St. Lucie / Fort Pierce Service Plaza which fall between PGA and Ft Pierce will remain open, while northbound entry at those ramps will remain blocked.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Utility line work will force a full closure of the Turnpike's northbound lanes between PGA Boulevard (Exit 109) and Fort Pierce (Exit 152).

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – FT. PIERCE (EXIT 152) & ST. LUCIE (EXIT 142)

- Single to double lane closures from 7a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Two improvement projects are underway in St. Lucie County. The Port St. Lucie (Exit 142) northbound interchange ramps are being resurfaced and realigned. The project began in July and is projected to be completed in February 2010.

The second project is an improvement of the northbound off ramp at the Ft Pierce interchange (Exit 152). The ramp is being realigned. This project started in June and is projected to be completed in February 2010.

Combined costs for these two projects are approximately: \$2.8 million.

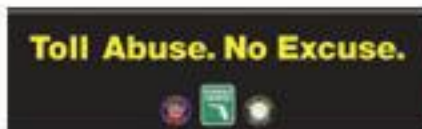
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – (Milepost 173 to Milepost 179)

- Periodic nighttime and daytime off peak lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound lanes of the Turnpike Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Resurfacing and safety improvement are being performed on the Turnpike between the Fort t Pierce area and Fort Drum Service Plaza. This project started in August and is projected to be complete in January 2010. Cost for this project is approximately: \$4.3 million.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing a 460-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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