



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE, FL (December 18, 2009) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, December 20, 2009.**

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 paving-related lane closures are dependent on weather conditions; rain may delay or cancel paving operations.*

All regularly scheduled construction- and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended from 6 a.m., Wednesday, December 23 to 10 p.m., Monday, January 4, 201 in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes.

THE FOLLOWING URGENT TRAFFIC ADVISORY HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR MOTORISTS TRAVELING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA:

A catastrophic vehicle fire destroyed a northbound Turnpike bridge located north of Orlando, about 30 miles south of the merge with Interstate 75. While the Turnpike remains open to traffic, travelers should be alert for heavy congestion and intermittent stops and delays near Milepost 282.

In that area, traffic will be narrowed to one lane in each direction to travel through the emergency repair work zone. Posted travel speed in the area is reduced to 60 m.p.h., which will be strictly enforced; however, motorists should be prepared for much lower speeds due to the high volume of traffic anticipated during the holiday season.

Weather permitting, the bridge will reopen and normal operations are scheduled to be restored on December 31.

In the meantime, motorists should be prepared for especially heavy congestion on the following dates and times:

Northbound:

- Saturday, December 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday December 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Sunday, December 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Southbound:

- Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, December 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, December 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, December 27, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday, December 28, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Motorists may wish to use the above dates and times as a guide to adjust their travel times to avoid the heaviest periods of anticipated congestion and delays.

Before leaving on your trip, you should visit www.fl511.com or www.floridasturnpike.com to see real-time travel information.

Florida's Turnpike travelers should pay careful attention to overhead lighted message boards and tune to the Highway Advisory Radio (1640 AM) for updated Turnpike traffic advisories. Flashing yellow lights on the blue Highway Advisory Radio signs indicate an important message is being broadcast.

While visiting the Turnpike service plazas, travelers should check the overhead plasma screen televisions for real-time traffic information. The displays also feature important safety and travel messages, and other information designed to help you reach your destination safely.

Florida's Turnpike and the Florida Department of Transportation regret this inconvenience to our valued traveling customers.

Elsewhere in Central Florida, lane closures scheduled through December 22 are as follows:



Turnpike Mainline
ORANGE COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—INTERSTATE 4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)

- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at several locations along the project.
- Be alert for lane shifts, both north- and southbound through the project limits, especially those near the SR 408 ramp to northbound Turnpike, and the SR 429 ramps to southbound Turnpike.
- Construction activities continue from the I-4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at Gotha Rd.
- Motorists on Kirkman Road should be alert for single lane closures in both directions between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays.
- Be alert for daytime lanes closures on Gotha Road, 10 a.m. to 3 pm., Monday through Friday, except for Wednesday, when lane closures are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Motorists should be alert for flagging operations, as well as intermittent day- and nighttime closures in both directions on Apopka-Vineland Road.

- Motorists traveling on Interstate 4 should be alert for overnight, single and double lane closures, both east- and westbound at the Turnpike overpass, between Conroy and Kirkman.

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

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT – SR. 408 TO NORTH OF BEULAH ROAD (MILEPOST 265-270)

- No overnight work is scheduled.
- Watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at several locations along the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$68.8 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes and six to 12 lanes from milepost 266 to milepost 269 in Orange County. The construction includes widening of the bridges over Beulah Rd. and reconstruction of the State Road 50 connector bridge over Florida's Turnpike, resurfacing existing pavement, construction of storm water retention ponds, signing and marking, lighting, landscaping, sound barriers, ITS and utilities. This project is expected to be complete in August 2010.

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—BEULAH ROAD TO STATE ROAD 50 (MILEPOSTS 270-273)

- Be alert for single lane closures near Avalon Road, both north- and southbound, Sundays through Thursdays, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Intermittent rolling operations are possible while moving equipment across the highway.
- Be prepared for single lane closures on State Road 50, both east- and westbound, Sundays through Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The long-term closure of the Winter Garden-Vineland bridge over the Turnpike will continue at least through the end of the year. The bridge must be reconstructed to accommodate the widening of the Turnpike. Local residents are encouraged to use Daniels Road as the detour route to reach the businesses located on State Road 50.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$123.5 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes between Beulah Road and State Road 50 near milepost 272. The project also includes adding an additional lane in each direction on State Road 50, with capacity for future widening as well. The replacement of the bridges at Winter Garden-Vineland Road, Avalon Road and at State Road 50 is included. The interchange will be reconfigured to a diamond style, replacing the current partial-loop interchange and includes open road tolling (ORT) SunPass-only lanes. This project also includes the installation of noise abatement walls on Department right-of-way for qualifying property owners adjacent to the Turnpike. This project will be complete in the summer of 2012.

Beachline West Expressway BEE LINE WEST WIDENING (Mileposts 4-8)

- Be alert for single lane closures westbound, 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., and eastbound from 10 p.m to 5:30 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays on the Beachline between mileposts 4 and 8. Watch for various intermittent ramp closures nightly beginning at 10 p.m. Paving operations are scheduled, however, cold overnight temperatures and rain may result in cancellation and rescheduling of the operation.
- Watch for intermittent lane closures on South Orange Avenue and Landstreet for continuing bridge work.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The \$49 million project to widen the Beachline from the Turnpike (Milepost 4.3) to McCoy Road continues. Improvements include widening the existing bridge structures at US 441, Landstreet Road, CSX Railroad, CSX Railroad Taft Yard, Orange Avenue and McCoy Road. A new bridge will also be constructed for the access ramp over the CSX Railroad. This project is scheduled for completion in spring of 2011.

LAKE JESUP TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION (Milepost 47)

- No lane closures are scheduled next week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is converting the Lake Jesup mainline toll plaza to open road tolling. This \$40.5 million project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline toll plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes.



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 southern 11 miles of the Daniel Webster Western Beltway (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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Travelers on the Florida's Turnpike system of roads may view real-time traffic information by visiting our website at <http://www.floridasturnpike.com>. While traveling in the Orlando, South Florida and Tampa Bay regions, motorists should dial 511 for real-time regional traffic information on the Turnpike and other major roads. This information system is voice-activated; motorists should speak the name of the road they wish to use. They may also visit <http://www.fl511.com> for information. This free service of the Florida Department of Transportation is available 24/7.