



# 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, January 17.**

### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

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

- One or two northbound and/or southbound SunPass-only open road tolling lanes will be closed at the **Bird Road** toll plaza from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Thursday, Jan. 21.
  - At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

**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** lane and shoulder will be closed on various segments of the Turnpike between Tallahassee Road/Southwest 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Exit 6) and Allapattah Road (Exit 9) from 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, through Thursday, Jan. 21
- Northbound Turnpike exit ramp to Allapattah Road/Southwest 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for three nights — Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Thursday, Jan 21.
  - Detour: Exit the northbound Turnpike at Biscayne Drive (Exit 5); go east to Tallahassee Road/Southwest 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue; go north to Moody Drive/Southwest 268<sup>th</sup> Street and then head east to Allapattah Road/Southwest 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**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)**

- All SunPass-only open road tolling lanes, either northbound or southbound, will be closed at Okeechobee toll plaza from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, through Thursday, Jan. 21, for asphalt work, drainage inspections, lighting and maintenance of traffic activities.
  - All SunPass traffic will be diverted to the traditional SunPass and cash toll lanes at the plaza.
- All **northbound** Turnpike traffic will be **slowed** to approximately **15 mph** from south of Northwest 41<sup>st</sup> Street to north of the Okeechobee toll plaza for 20-30 minutes, sometime between 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, and 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.
  - Construction crews will perform repairs on a sign structure that crosses over the northbound traffic lanes.

**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 74<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in the spring 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

### **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, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

##### **Local interchanges affected:**

- Intermittent ramp closures at I-595 westbound ramp from the Turnpike between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.
- Intermittent ramp closures at Sunrise Blvd's (Exit 58) southbound off ramp between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Thursday, Jan. 21.

##### **Local road affected:**

- Periodic, off peak, nighttime lane closures westbound on Broward Boulevard from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

#### **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, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

##### **Local road affected:**

- Periodic, off-peak, nighttime lane closures in both directions on Commercial Boulevard from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

- Periodic, off-peak, nighttime lane closures in both directions on SR 7 / US 441 from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.
- Periodic, off-peak, daytime lane closures in both directions on Lyons Road from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

**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)**

- A lane in each direction will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between the West Palm Beach Service Plaza (Milepost 94) and Hypoluxo (Milepost 90) between 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

**Local road affected:**

- Periodic, off-peak, nighttime lane closures in both directions on Lake Worth Road from Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

**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.

### **UTILITY WORK – SOUTHERN BLVD (EXIT 97) to JUPITER / INDIANTOWN RD (EXIT 116)**

- Turnpike's northbound lanes will be closed between Southern Blvd (Exit 97) and Indiantown Rd (Exit 116) for up to four hours; beginning Tuesday, January 19, at midnight. The closure is projected to be completed later that morning by 4 a.m.

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

- Periodic nighttime and daytime off peak single lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound lanes of the Turnpike Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

**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 single lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound lanes of the Turnpike Sunday, Jan. 17, through Friday, Jan. 22.

#### 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 late January 2010. Cost for this project is approximately: \$4.3 million.



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