



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOE, FL (March 5, 2010) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, March 7, 2010.**

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.**



### Turnpike Mainline ORANGE COUNTY

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

- 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.

**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](http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf)

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

- No nighttime work is scheduled next week.
- All other work is scheduled for daytime operations, from just south of SR 408 to north of SR 429 in the median, and from the SR 429 on-ramp to north of the Beulah Road Bridge on the outside of the southbound lanes.
- Be alert for lane shifts, both north- and southbound and at the SR 408 interchange.

**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 Winter Garden-Vineland, both north- and southbound, Sundays through Thursdays, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- 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 March. 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.
- Be alert for a new traffic shift beginning March 8 and 9. Traffic in each direction will be shifted to the new, outside lanes at the SR 50 bridge over the Turnpike.

**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 BEACHLINE WEST WIDENING (Mileposts 4-8)**

- Paving operations are scheduled beginning nightly at 10 p.m.; however, cold overnight temperatures or rain may result in cancellation and rescheduling of the operation.
- This project is almost complete.

**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.

### **SEMINOLE COUNTY**

## **LAKE JESUP TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION (Milepost 47)**

- Be alert for a new, northbound traffic shift in the SunPass-only lanes.

**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.

## POLK COUNTY

### PACE ROAD INTERCHANGE AND WIDENING PROJECT (Mileposts 22-24)

- Clearing and grubbing, fence installation, pond excavation and mainline embankment activities continue; however, this work does not require any lane closures.
- Motorists should be alert for a flagging operation the week of March 21 near the new interchange location (MP 23). The southbound lane will be closed, and traffic in both directions will be routed around the area while temporary concrete barrier wall is installed. Short-term delays are expected.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Polk Parkway Pace Road Interchange is a public-private partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation—Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, USF Polytechnic, the City of Lake, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and The Williams Company. The new, SunPass-only interchange will be constructed as a design-build project. The contract was awarded in the fall of 2009.

The interchange is part of a larger project that will add two lanes to the northern portion of the Parkway between Interstate 4 and the new interchange. Additionally, the project also includes the construction of SunPass-only lanes at the eastern mainline toll plaza to accommodate the additional traffic that will be added as the result of the new interchange.

This \$40 million project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2011.



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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