



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, March 14.**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE ALL-ELECTRONIC OPEN ROAD TOLLING U.S. 1 TO COUNTY LINE ROAD (MILEPOST 0-47)

- One or two SunPass-only express lanes in each direction will be closed at the **Bird Road** toll plaza from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 14, and Monday, March 12.
- One SunPass-only express lane in each direction will be closed at the **Homestead** toll plaza from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18.
- **Southbound Turnpike entrance ramp from Northwest 27th Avenue** – Beginning at 10 p.m. Sunday, March 14, motorists who wish to use this ramp **must have either SunPass or exact change**. The staffed tollbooth will be closed permanently and **change will not be provided**.
 - One ramp lane will be closed from 9 p.m. Sunday, March 14, to 6 a.m. Monday, March 15.
- **Northbound Turnpike exit ramp to Northwest 27th Avenue** – Beginning at 10 p.m. Monday, March 15, motorists who wish to use this ramp **must have either SunPass or exact change**. The staffed tollbooth will be closed permanently and **change will not be provided**.
 - One ramp lane will be closed from 9 p.m. Monday, March 15, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 16.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Two construction projects are underway to upgrade the Homestead, Bird Road, Okeechobee and Miramar mainline toll plazas and the 33 ramp plazas located between the U.S. 1 and County Line Road interchanges. The upgrades will allow for all-electronic open road tolling on this segment of the Turnpike beginning in early 2011, when cash toll collections will be eliminated simultaneously at all the toll plazas. Approximate combined cost: \$57.8 million.

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

- One **southbound** lane will be closed on various segments of the Turnpike between Allapattah Road (Exit 9) and South Dixie Highway/U.S. 1 (Exit 1) from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18.
- **Southbound Turnpike connector to Southbound U.S. 1** – Closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 14, and Monday, March 15.
 - Detour: Motorists should take Exit 1 to U.S. 1 North/Florida City and turn left at the traffic signal to get on southbound U.S. 1.
- **Northbound Turnpike entrance ramps from northbound and southbound U.S. 1** – One ramp lane will be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, through Thursday, March 18.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction is underway to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe various segments of the Turnpike from 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)

- Two Turnpike lanes in each direction and two **northbound** or **southbound** SunPass-only express lanes will be closed at Okeechobee toll plaza between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18, for asphalt work and drainage pipe inspection.
 - At least one Turnpike lane and one SunPass-only express lane in each direction will remain open.

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 of 2010. Approximate cost: \$64.8 million.

TURNPIKE – MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS (MILEPOST 38-43)

- One Turnpike lane in each direction will be closed between the Interstate 75 and Red Road interchanges from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, March 14, through Thursday, March 18, for milling and resurfacing activities. One lane in each direction will remain open.
- One lane may be closed as needed on the Turnpike's northbound exit and southbound entrance ramps at Red Road/Northwest 57th Avenue between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 18.
 - All toll lanes will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project entails pavement milling and resurfacing on a six-mile segment of the Turnpike Extension, from the Interstate 75 interchange (Exit 39) in Miami-Dade County to just east of the Northwest 57th Avenue/Red Road interchange (Exit 43) at the Miami-Dade / Broward County line. In addition, the existing bridge railings at the Snake Creek Canal and Flamingo Road bridges will be replaced, along with the concrete pavement on the approaches to the Snake Creek Canal bridges. Construction began Feb. 8 and is scheduled for completion in mid-2010. Approximate cost: \$2.8 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. Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

Local road affected:

- A lane will be closed in both the eastbound and westbound direction on Broward Boulevard until further notice.

Local interchange affected:

- Intermittent closures of the Sunrise Blvd interchange ramps will take place between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

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. Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

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)

- Periodic nighttime off peak single lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound lanes of the Turnpike Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

Local road affected:

- Periodic, off-peak, nighttime lane closures in both directions on Lake Worth Road from Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

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 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 Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

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 spring 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 2009 and is projected to be completed spring 2010.

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

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – (Milepost 169 to Milepost 179)

- Periodic nighttime and daytime off peak single lane closures will take place on the northbound and southbound lanes of the Turnpike Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 19.

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.



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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