



# FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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## Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE, FL (February 25, 2011) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, February 27, 2011.**

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 or cool temperatures may delay or cancel paving operations**

## Turnpike Mainline

### ORANGE COUNTY

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

- Paving operations continue, weather permitting.
- Watch for intermittent lane closures as crews complete utility work for the next two weeks.

**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 almost complete.

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

- Be alert for single lane closures, 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.

**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. 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.

## Other Roadways

### SEMINOLE COUNTY

#### Seminole Expressway (Toll 417)

##### LAKE JESUP TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION (MILEPOST 47)

- Paving operations continue, weather permitting.

**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

#### Polk Parkway (Toll 570)

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

- Watch for lane closures, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., February 27-28. Traffic is being shifted onto the newly constructed bridge.

**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. Click here to download a PDF aerial map of the project interchange:

<http://floridasturnpike.com/maps/Pace%20Road%20Interchange%20Aerial%20Map.pdf>.

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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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.