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Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOEE,— Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, July 24, 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

OSCEOLA COUNTY

CANOE CREEK SERVICE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT (MILEPOST 229)

- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles and ongoing work in the area between the gas station and the main service plaza building. Access will be maintained at all times and construction will not interfere with traffic through the plaza facility.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and Areas USA have begun a \$162 million project to renovate all eight service plazas located on Florida's Turnpike. In Orlando, construction has begun on a new 3,500 sq.-ft. convenience store/gas station. After the new convenience store is open later this year, the old gas station will be demolished. At that time, the project to reconstruct the restaurant/restroom facility will begin.

ORANGE COUNTY

TURKEY LAKE SERVICE PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT (MILEPOST 263)

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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.
- Daytime lane closures are possible northbound, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, including the off-ramp at Milepost 272 and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the southbound on-ramp. These daytime lane closures are primarily for landscape installation.
- Motorists on the mainline should continue to exercise caution as trucks will continue to access various work areas throughout the project

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

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Southern Connector Extension (Toll 417)

MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 1-5)

- The milling and resurfacing operation is temporarily discontinued until the first week of August.
- Be alert for single lane closures 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is conducting a \$4 million project to resurface the Southern Connector Extension of the Central Florida GreeneWay. The project starts at the Interstate 4 ramps near World Drive and extends north to the SR 536/International Drive South interchange. The project is expected to take about 280 days to complete and includes the following: new asphalt and pavement markings, new and upgraded guardrail and new post-mounted signs.

POLK COUNTY

Polk Parkway (Toll 570)

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

- No mainline lane closures are scheduled next week, but motorists should be alert for the new traffic pattern near the interchange.

- Final asphalt placement on the Interstate 4 ramps will begin at 9 p.m., Sunday, August 7. Detours along Old Dixie Highway, Berkley and Pace Roads will be in place. Watch detour signs for the route. The ramp sequence is as follows:
 - Polk Parkway eastbound (northbound) off-ramp westbound Interstate 4, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., August 7 and 8
 - Interstate 4 westbound to Polk Parkway westbound (southbound), 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., August 9 and 10
 - Interstate 4 eastbound to Polk Parkway westbound (southbound), 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., August 11.
- After the above ramp paving is complete, the contractor will pave the Polk Parkway mainline and Pace Rd interchange.

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 Lakeland, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and The Williams Company. The new, SunPass-only interchange is 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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