

Expansion Projects Description



1990 The Sawgrass Expressway is a 23-mile, four-lane, limited access toll facility located in northern Broward County. It begins with a connection at I-595 and I-75, extending north then east to Powerline Road between the Turnpike Mainline and I-95.



1999 The Polk Parkway is a 25-mile, two-lane and four-lane, limited access toll facility in Polk County that provides a beltway around the western, southern and eastern perimeters of the City of Lakeland.



1994 The Seminole Expressway is an 18-mile, four-lane, limited access toll facility that extends OCEA's Central Florida GreeneWay (SR 417) north from the Orange County line, across the 2.1-mile Lake Jesup Bridge to a connection with I-4. The last six miles of the Seminole Expressway, completing the Eastern Beltway around Orlando, were fully opened to traffic in September 2002.



2001 The Suncoast Parkway is a 42-mile, four-lane, limited access toll facility extending north from the Veterans Expressway near Van Dyke Road in Hillsborough County through Pasco County to US 98 in northern Hernando County. The Veterans Expressway and Suncoast Parkway, as contiguous facilities, have the same SR 589 route designation.



1994 The Veterans Expressway is a four-lane, limited access toll facility that extends 15 miles from near SR 60/Courtney Campbell Causeway west of Tampa International Airport to SR 597/Dale Mabry Highway in northern Hillsborough County.



2006 The Daniel Webster Western Beltway, Part C is a 22-mile, four-lane, limited access toll facility constructed through a partnership between the Turnpike and OCEA. The Turnpike owns and operates the southern most 11 miles of the facility extending from I-4 in Osceola County to Seidel Road in Orange County.



1996 The Southern Connector Extension is a six-mile, four-lane, limited access toll facility that connects the section of the Central Florida GreeneWay, operated by OCEA, southwestward to I-4 in Osceola County.

The Turnpike expansion program was authorized by the Florida Legislature in 1990 to meet the State's backlog of needed highway facilities. The Legislature set environmental and financial feasibility standards and allowed a higher toll rate-per-mile on the new projects by enacting Section 338.231 (1) of the Florida Statutes. To date, Florida's Turnpike has opened six expansion projects, and acquired one under this expansion program. The six facilities constructed by the Turnpike are Seminole Expressway, Veterans Expressway, Southern Connector Extension, Polk Parkway, Suncoast Parkway and Western Beltway, Part C. The acquired facility is the Sawgrass Expressway.

With the exception of portions of Sawgrass Expressway, all of the expansion facilities utilize the coin method of toll collection and the "N minus 1" toll rate formula to establish the truck (3+ axle) toll schedule. Due to lighter traffic volumes, tolls on some of the ramps on Sawgrass Expressway are only collected by unmanned coin machines or SunPass. A decade ago in early FY 2000, the SunPass electronic payment system was introduced at the Sawgrass Expressway toll plazas. In the following year, SunPass was implemented on the five existing expansion projects.