



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY



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## Central and West 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, December 17. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones, and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits. All paving-related lane closures depend on weather conditions; rain may delay or cancel paving operations.

Regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays from 6 a.m., Friday, December 22, 2017, to 10 p.m., Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas on the busiest travel days, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops, especially near the Leesburg (Milepost 288), Three Lakes (Milepost 236) and Lake Worth/Lantana (Milepost 88) mainline toll plazas. Traffic volumes may increase between 50-75 percent at these three toll plazas on the peak travel days. Motorists should also be alert for congestion and possible backups at the Turnpike's interchange with both north- and southbound I-75 in Sumter County.

Limited parking and delays can be expected at the Fort Pierce (Milepost 144) and Fort Drum (Milepost 184) service plazas.

### SUMTER COUNTY

#### FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE OKAHUMPKA SERVICE PLAZA - TRUSS CANTILEVER & POST SIGN PANEL REPLACEMENTS (MILEPOST 299)

- Florida's Turnpike, Okahumpka Service Plaza northbound and southbound entrances, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.

#### FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AND I-75 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

- SR 44 eastbound underneath the I-75 overpass, all lanes closed, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.
  - DETOUR – Eastbound traffic on SR 44 will detour to Southbound I-75, then travel to Florida's Turnpike, then take Exit 304 at Main Street and travel north to SR 44.

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound**, single lane closure, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.
- **Florida's Turnpike southbound**, no closures scheduled.
- **I-75 northbound and southbound**, no closures scheduled.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This road widening and improvement project will increase capacity and improve traffic operations at the I-75 interchanges with Florida's Turnpike and SR 44. It includes widening I-75 from two lanes to four lanes through the northbound Turnpike/I-75 interchange and widening the northbound Turnpike from two lanes to three lanes where it ties into I-75. A new flyover entrance ramp from SR 44 to the southbound Turnpike will be constructed, and a new flyover exit ramp from northbound I-75 to SR 44 will be constructed. Work also includes replacing the flyover bridge from southbound I-75 to the southbound Turnpike and I-75, and major drainage improvements. This \$68.5 million-dollar project is expected to be complete in winter 2019.

### SEMINOLE COUNTY

#### CENTRAL FLORIDA GREENEWAY / SR 417 – TOLL MAINTENANCE

- **Central Florida Greeneway, Lake Jesup Toll Plaza northbound**, open road tolling lane closure, 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, December 18. Traffic will be diverted to the cash lanes.
- **Central Florida Greeneway, Lake Jesup Toll Plaza southbound**, open road tolling lane closure, 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Tuesday, December 19. Traffic will be diverted to the cash lanes.

### ORANGE COUNTY

#### FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE TURKEY LAKE SERVICE PLAZA - TRUSS CANTILEVER & POST SIGN PANEL REPLACEMENTS (MILEPOST 263)

- **Florida's Turnpike, Turkey Lake Service Plaza northbound and southbound entrances**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.

#### BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 0-4)

##### I-4 to Florida's Turnpike

- **Beachline Expressway westbound between International Drive and Universal Boulevard, full closure all lanes, from 11 p.m., Tuesday, December 19 to 6 a.m., Wednesday, December 20.**
  - **DETOUR – Beachline Expressway westbound** traffic will be detoured to the exit ramp to Universal Boulevard, then travel north to Convention Way, then south to International Drive, then west to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp. **Universal Boulevard** traffic will be detoured to Convention Way, then travel north to Universal Boulevard, then east to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp.

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound and westbound**, single lane closures, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

#### Beachline Expressway Ramp Closures at International Drive

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to International Drive, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Tuesday, December 19.**
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway eastbound traffic will exit at Orangewood Boulevard, then travel north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp, then west to International Drive.
- **Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp from International Drive, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Tuesday, December 19.**
  - DETOUR – International Drive traffic will be detoured at Convention Way, then travel north to Universal Boulevard, then east to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp.

#### Beachline Expressway ramp closures at John Young Parkway

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Tuesday, December 19.**
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway eastbound traffic will be detoured to the Consulate Drive exit ramp, then travel north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp, then west to John Young Parkway.

#### International Drive

- **Northbound and southbound International Drive**, single lane closures, 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

#### Orangewood/Universal Boulevard

- **Northbound Orangewood / Universal Boulevard**, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

#### John Young Parkway

- **Northbound and southbound John Young Parkway**, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

### BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 4-8)

#### Florida's Turnpike to McCoy Road

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound and westbound**, single lane closure, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21. Double lane closures begin at 10 p.m. and end at 5 a.m.

- **Landstreet Road eastbound and westbound**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$174 million project widens SR 528, the Beachline Expressway, from four to eight lanes between Interstate 4 and the Turnpike, and from six to eight lanes from the Turnpike to McCoy Road. The project consists of the addition of two, tolled, SunPass-only Express Lanes between I-4 and John Young Parkway, and one-tolled, SunPass-only Express Lane between John Young Parkway and McCoy Road. The project includes ramp improvements at International Drive, Orangewood/Universal Boulevards and John Young Parkway, with auxiliary lanes between the ramps to alleviate traffic weaving. Six bridges will be widened and the bridge over Shingle Creek will be reconstructed. Noise walls behind the Williamsburg subdivision are included. New sidewalk connectivity along International Drive, Orangewood/Universal Boulevards and John Young Parkway is being provided. The existing through lanes from I-4 to the Beachline West Toll Plaza at Milepost 6 remain untolled. The project is scheduled for completion in 2019.

### **TURNPIKE ORLANDO SOUTH INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS (EXIT 254)**

- **Orlando South Interchange**, no closures scheduled.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is improving the Orlando South Interchange (Exit 254) in Orange County. The project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, curb & gutter, lighting, highway signing, guardrail, bridges, and constructing sidewalks between SR528, US441 and SR91. The approximate cost is \$10.3 million. Construction began in February 2017.

### **TURNPIKE WIDENING FROM BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY TO OSCEOLA PARKWAY & 417 RAMPS (MILEPOSTS 254 TO 249)**

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound**, possible intermittent traffic slowing while a crane is moved, from 11 p.m., Sunday, December 17 to 4 a.m., Monday, December 18.
- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17; and 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is being widened from four to eight lanes, including two express lanes in each direction, between Osceola Parkway and the Beachline Expressway/SR 528. The project includes constructing three ramps at the SR 417 interchange; northbound Turnpike to southbound SR 417, southbound Turnpike to northbound SR 417 and southbound Turnpike to southbound SR 417. Other improvements are widening and/or reconstructing ramps at the Osceola Parkway and Orlando South interchanges, replacing the ramp bridge at the Orlando South interchange, replacing the Turnpike bridges over the Central Florida Rail corridor and Central Florida Parkway/CSX railroad spur, and replacing the roadway overpasses at Orange Avenue/CR 527 and Taft-Vineland Road. The approximate cost is \$176 million. Construction began in April 2017 and expected to be completed in 2021.

### **OSCEOLA COUNTY**

#### **FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE CANOE CREEK SERVICE PLAZA - TRUSS CANTILEVER & POST SIGN PANEL REPLACEMENTS (MILEPOST 229)**

- **Florida's Turnpike, Canoe Creek Service Plaza northbound and southbound entrances**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.

## RESURFACE FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (MILEPOSTS 238 TO 249)

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17; **AND** 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is improving the pavement and ramps between mileposts 238 and 249. The \$11.7 million project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, signing and pavement markings, and lighting improvements. Construction will continue through late 2017.

## OKEECHOBEE AND INDIAN RIVER COUNTIES

### RESURFACE FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (MILEPOSTS 185 to 190)

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 10 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is improving the pavement between mileposts 185 and 190. The \$10.2 million project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, pavement markings, bridge joint repairs, guardrails and signage. Construction will continue through March 2018.

### RESURFACE FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (MILEPOSTS 176 TO 185)

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is improving the pavement and ramps between mileposts 178 and 185. The \$15.8 million project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements and pavement markings. Construction will continue through March 2018.

## POLK COUNTY

### SUNTRAX TEST FACILITY – ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- **Polk Parkway northbound at the East Toll Plaza (mile point 21), no closures scheduled.**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** SunTrax, a long-term partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike and Florida Poly, includes a 2.25 mile oval track on a 400-acre site in the city of Auburndale. An entrance road from Braddock Road to the infield area of the track, operations and storage buildings, intelligent transportation systems, landscaping and lighting are also components of the project. Construction of the oval track is scheduled to be complete in spring 2019. Construction of the 200-acre infield, purpose-built for automated and connected vehicles testing, is scheduled to begin in fall 2018.

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

### VETERANS EXPRESSWAY – MAINTENANCE (MILEPOSTS 3-9)

#### South of Memorial Avenue to Gunn Highway

Veterans Expressway northbound and southbound, rolling roadblocks with intermittent traffic slowing, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

### VETERANS EXPRESSWAY (Toll 589) WIDENING (MILEPOSTS 9-14)

#### Linebaugh Avenue to Van Dyke Road

- Veterans Expressway southbound, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.
- Veterans Expressway northbound, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, December 17 through Thursday, December 21.

#### Lake Le Clare Road

- Lake Le Clare Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Friday, December 22.

#### Wilcox Road

- Wilcox Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Friday, December 22.

#### Rawls Road

- Rawls Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, Friday, December 22.

#### Hutchison Road

- Hutchison Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Friday, December 22.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$380 million improvement project widens 11 miles of the Veterans Expressway (Toll 589) in Hillsborough County, providing much needed congestion relief to this regionally significant corridor. The improvements, which are divided into five separate projects, double the capacity of the highway from four to eight lanes. Improvements include reconstruction of 38 existing bridges and building three new bridges. The widening project also includes a concurrent project to convert the section of highway between Memorial Highway and Van Dyke Road to all-electronic tolling (AET), providing non-stop travel to the nearly 150,000 customers who travel the Veterans Expressway on a daily basis. The project also introduces the Express Lane concept to the region. A congestion management tool, Express Lanes offer motorists a choice that provides an opportunity for a through-trip, with greater trip reliability and safety. This \$11.2 million conversion project includes gantry foundation installation,

toll plaza equipment buildings, asphalt milling/resurfacing, roadway reconstruction/widening, lighting, drainage, utilities, demolition and final landscape work.

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, PASCO COUNTY AND HERNANDO COUNTY**

**SUNCOAST PARKWAY (TOLL SR 589) ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING CONVERSION (MILEPOSTS 14 – 55)**

**Van Dyke Road to US 98**

- **Suncoast Parkway northbound exit ramp to SR 54, full ramp closure, from 12 a.m. (midnight) to 6 a.m., on Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19.**
  - DETOUR – Suncoast Parkway northbound traffic will exit at Lutz Lake Fern Road, then travel west to Gunn Highway, then north to SR 54.
  
- **Suncoast Parkway southbound entrance ramp from SR 54, full ramp closure from 9 p.m., Sunday, December 17 to 5 a.m., Monday December 18; AND from 12 a.m. (midnight) to 6 a.m., on Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20.**
  - DETOUR – SR 54 traffic will continue west to Gunn Highway, then travel south to Lutz Lake Fern Road, then east to enter the Suncoast Parkway.
  
- **Anclote Toll Gantry southbound, single lane closures, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.**
  
- **Anclote Toll Gantry northbound, single lane closures, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.**
  
- **Spring Hill Toll Gantry southbound, single lane closures, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.**
  
- **Spring Hill Gantry northbound, single lane closures, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.**
  
- **Oak Hammock Toll Gantry northbound and southbound, single lane closure, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21.**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This \$30 million improvement project to convert the section of highway between Van Dyke Road and US 98 to all-electronic tolling (AET), providing non-stop travel to customers who travel the Suncoast Parkway on a daily basis. This conversion project includes gantry foundation installation, toll plaza equipment buildings, asphalt milling/resurfacing, roadway widening at the new gantry locations, lighting, drainage, utilities, and demolition.