



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, May 21. 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.

SUMTER COUNTY

FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AND I-75 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.
- **I-75 northbound**, single or double lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.
- **I-75 southbound**, single or double lane closures, 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

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 four to six lanes from just north of the I-75/SR 44 interchange south through the I-75/Florida's Turnpike interchange, constructing a new flyover entrance ramp from SR 44 to the southbound Turnpike and constructing a new flyover exit ramp from northbound I-75 to SR 44. 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.

LAKE COUNTY

NEW MINNEOLA INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 278)

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This design/build project consists of a new, full interchange near Hancock Road at Turnpike Milepost 278. The project includes exit ramps for northbound and southbound motorists providing connectivity with Hancock Road. All-electronic tolling will be employed with SunPass gantries on the southbound entrance and northbound exit ramps. This \$28 million dollar project will include a new Hancock Road Bridge over the Turnpike, extension of Hancock Road to the signalized interchange, lighting, guardrail, sidewalks and a shared use path.

ORANGE COUNTY

BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 0-4)

I-4 to Florida's Turnpike

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound and westbound**, single lane closures, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

John Young Parkway

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, full closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
 - DETOUR – Eastbound Beachline Expressway 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.
- **John Young Parkway northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., from Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

Orangewood/Universal Boulevard Interchange

- **Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp from Universal Boulevard southbound, full closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
 - DETOUR – Universal Boulevard traffic will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp, then travel east to the Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, then north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp.
- **Orangewood/Universal Boulevard northbound**, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 24; **AND** 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Thursday, May 25.

International Drive

- **Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp from International Drive, full closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
 - DETOUR – Westbound traffic will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp from International Drive, then travel east to Orangewood Boulevard then north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp.
- **Beachline Expressway westbound exit ramp to International Drive, full closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
 - DETOUR – Westbound traffic will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway westbound exit ramp to I-4 eastbound, then travel east to Sand Lake Road, then east to International Drive.
- **International Drive northbound and southbound, single lane closures, 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 24; AND 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Thursday, May 25.**

BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WIDENING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 4-8)

Florida's Turnpike to McCoy Road

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound and westbound, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**

US Hwy 441/Orange Blossom Trail

- **US Hwy 441/Orange Blossom Trail northbound at the Beachline Expressway, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., AND double lane closures 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
- **US Hwy 441/Orange Blossom Trail southbound at the Beachline Expressway, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., AND double lane closures, 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
- **Landstreet Road eastbound and westbound, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 8 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**

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)

- **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**, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, May 22 through Thursday, May 25.

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

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, May 21; **AND** 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, May 22.

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.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

VETERANS EXPRESSWAY TOLL MAINTENANCE

- **Wilsky Boulevard Toll Plaza**, single ramp lane closure, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Thursday, May 25. The ramp will remain open to traffic.

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

Sugarwood Toll Plaza to Van Dyke Road

- **Veterans Expressway northbound**, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

- **Veterans Expressway southbound**, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

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, May 22 through Friday, May 26.

Wilcox Road

- **Wilcox Road eastbound and westbound**, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, May 22 through Friday, May 26.

Rawls Road

- **Rawls Road eastbound and westbound**, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, May 22 through Friday, May 26.

Hutchison Road

- **Veterans Expressway northbound entrance ramp from Hutchison Road, full closure, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.**
 - **DETOUR – Travel north on Hutchison road to Wilcox Road, then travel to Lakeshore Road then to Van Dyke Road to return to the Veterans Expressway.**
- **Hutchison Road eastbound and westbound**, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, May 22 through Friday, May 26.

Memorial Highway to Gunn Highway – Express Lanes

- **Veterans Expressway southbound and northbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

Gunn Highway to Sugarwood Toll Plaza

- **Veterans Expressway northbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.
- **Veterans Expressway southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

Gunn Highway at the Veterans Expressway Interchange

- **Gunn Highway westbound and eastbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

Ehrlich Road at the Veterans Expressway Interchange

- **Ehrlich Road eastbound and westbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, May 21 through Thursday, May 25.

Bellamy Road at the Veterans Expressway Overpass

- **No closures scheduled.**

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.

HERNANDO COUNTY

SUNCOAST PARKWAY - OAK HAMMOCK TOLL PLAZA EQUIPMENT TESTING (MILEPOST 53)

The southbound, SunPass-only open road tolling lanes at the Oak Hammock Toll Plaza are closed for testing of the new equipment being installed as part of the Veterans Expressway conversion to all-electronic, cashless tolling. An additional SunPass-only lane has been installed under the mainline plaza canopy.