



# 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, March 25. 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.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Consecutive exit and entrance ramps in the same direction will not be closed at the same time.**

### SUMTER COUNTY

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

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound in the vicinity of Milepost 309, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**

**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.

### ORANGE COUNTY

#### I-4 ULTIMATE

- **I-4 eastbound exit ramp to Florida's Turnpike, full ramp closure, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Friday, March 23 through Friday, March 30.**

**PROJECT INFORMATION:** For detours and other information about this FDOT construction project, visit <http://i4ultimate.com/>.

## FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE – SR 50 (EXIT 267)

- **Florida's Turnpike eastbound entrance ramp from SR 50, full ramp closure, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29 to 1 a.m., Friday, March 30.**
  - DETOUR – SR 50 traffic will continue east, make a U-turn at Economic Court and travel west to the Turnpike westbound entrance ramp.
- **Florida's Turnpike eastbound exit ramp to SR 50, 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Traffic will take the Turnpike westbound exit ramp at SR 50 and travel west, make a U-turn before reaching the SR 429 overpass, and continue east on SR 50.

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

### I-4 to Florida's Turnpike

- **Beachline Expressway westbound lanes between International Drive and Universal Boulevard, full closure all lanes, 11 p.m., Thursday, March 29 to 6 a.m., Thursday, March 30.**
  - DETOURS – **Beachline Expressway westbound traffic** will be detoured to the Universal Boulevard exit, then travel north to Convention Way, then south to International Drive, then east to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp. **Universal Boulevard traffic** will be detoured to Convention Way, then travel south to International Drive, 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, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**

### Beachline Expressway ramp closures at I-4

- **Beachline Expressway westbound exit ramp to I-4 eastbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Wednesday, March 28.**
  - DETOURS – **Beachline Expressway westbound traffic** will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway westbound exit ramp to International Drive, then travel north to Sand Lake Road, then west to the I-4 eastbound entrance ramp. **International Drive traffic** will be detoured to Sand Lake Road, then travel west to the I-4 eastbound entrance ramp.

### Beachline Expressway ramp closures at International Drive

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp from International Drive southbound, partial ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 and Monday, March 26. *If needed to complete this work, this closure will also occur from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, March 27 through Thursday, March 29.***
  - 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 westbound exit ramp to International Drive, partial ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 and Monday, March 26. *If needed to complete this work, this closure will also occur from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, March 27 through Thursday, March 29.*
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway westbound traffic will be detoured at International Drive to Convention Way, then travel north to Universal Boulevard, then east to Central Florida Parkway, then west to International Drive.

#### **Beachline Expressway ramp closures at Orangewood/Universal Boulevard**

- Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp from Universal Boulevard southbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 28.
  - DETOUR – Universal Boulevard southbound traffic will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp, then travel east to the Beachline Expressway exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, then north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp.
- Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp from Universal Boulevard northbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27.
  - DETOUR – Universal Boulevard northbound traffic will be detoured to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp, then travel west to International Drive, then south to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp.
- Beachline Expressway westbound exit ramp to Universal Boulevard, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 to 6 a.m., Thursday, March 29.
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway westbound traffic will be detoured to the exit ramp to International Drive, then travel south to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp, then east to the Beachline Expressway exit ramp to Universal Boulevard.
- Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp from Universal Boulevard northbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m., Wednesday, March 28 to 6 a.m., Thursday, March 29.
  - DETOUR – Universal Boulevard northbound traffic will be detoured at 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.

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

- Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. Sunday, March 25 to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26.
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway eastbound traffic will be detoured to Consulate Drive, then travel north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp, then west to John Young Parkway.
- Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to John Young Parkway southbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. Sunday, March 25 to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26.
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway eastbound traffic will be detoured to the exit ramp to Consulate Drive, then travel north to the Beachline Expressway westbound entrance ramp, then west to John Young Parkway.

#### **Beachline Expressway ramp closures at Consulate Drive**

- **Beachline Expressway eastbound exit ramp to Consulate Drive, full ramp closure, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 to Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Beachline Expressway eastbound traffic will be detoured to the exit ramp to John Young Parkway northbound, then travel north to Commerce Park Drive, then east to Consulate Drive.

#### International Drive

- **International Drive southbound, full closure all lanes, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 and Monday, March 26. *If needed to complete this work, this closure will also occur from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.***
  - DETOUR – International Drive southbound traffic will be detoured at Convention Way, then travel north to Universal Boulevard, then east to the Beachline Expressway eastbound entrance ramp.
- **International Drive northbound and southbound, single lane closures 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**

#### Orangewood/Universal Boulevard

- **Orangewood / Universal Boulevard northbound, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**

#### John Young Parkway

- **John Young Parkway northbound and southbound, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**

### 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, March 25 through Thursday, March 29; AND double lane closures from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
- **Florida's Turnpike northbound in the vicinity of the Orlando South Interchange and Consulate Drive, single lane closure, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
- **Landstreet Road eastbound and westbound, single lane closures, 9:30 p.m. to 8 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
- **Consulate Drive westbound, long-term single lane closures, ongoing until 6 a.m., Sunday, April 12. One lane will remain open to traffic.**

- **Consulate Drive westbound, full closure all lanes, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - **DETOUR – Beachline Expressway traffic will exit at Consulate Drive then travel south to US 441 / Orange Blossom Trail, then south to Taft Vineland Road, then west to John Young Parkway, then north to Commerce Park Drive, then east to return to Consulate Drive.**

**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)**

- **Florida’s Turnpike and 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 & TOLL 417 RAMPS (MILEPOSTS 254-249)**

- **Florida’s Turnpike northbound entrance ramp from SR 417 northbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m., Sunday, March 25 to 5 a.m., Monday, March 26.**
  - **DETOUR – SR 417 northbound traffic to Florida’s Turnpike northbound will be detoured at SR 441/Orange Blossom Trail, then travel to the Orlando South Interchange to enter Florida’s Turnpike.**
- **Florida’s Turnpike southbound entrance ramp from SR 417 northbound, full ramp closure, 11 p.m., Sunday, March 25 to 5 a.m., Monday, March 26.**
  - **DETOUR – SR 417 northbound traffic to Florida’s Turnpike southbound will be detoured at SR 441/Orange Blossom Trail, then travel to Osceola Parkway to enter Florida’s Turnpike.**
- **SR 417 northbound at milepost 12, intermittent traffic slowing, from 11 p.m., Sunday, March 25 to 4 a.m., Monday, March 26.**
- **Florida’s Turnpike in the vicinity of mileposts 249-251, intermittent traffic slowing, from 11 p.m., Thursday, March 29 to 4 a.m., Friday, March 30.**
- **Florida’s Turnpike northbound and southbound, single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25; AND 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.**

- **SR 417 northbound and southbound** single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25; **AND** 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.

**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 207-220)**

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 28; **AND** 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 and Thursday, March 29.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is improving the pavement between mileposts 207 and 220. The \$28 million project includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, signing and pavement markings, and improvements to CR-523 and CR-523A at the Turnpike overpasses. Construction will continue through Fall of 2019.

### **OKEECHOBEE AND INDIAN RIVER COUNTIES**

#### **RESURFACE FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE (MILEPOSTS 185-190)**

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound and southbound**, single lane closures, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.

**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 176-185)**

- **Florida's Turnpike northbound**, single lane closure, beginning at 10 p.m., Sunday, March 25 and continuing around-the-clock until 10 a.m., Thursday, March 29; **AND** single lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.

**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**, 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 WIDENING (MILEPOSTS 9-14)

#### Linebaugh Avenue to Van Dyke Road

- **Veterans Expressway southbound**, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.
- **Veterans Expressway northbound**, single lane closures, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.
- **Veterans Expressway southbound exit ramp to Hutchison Road, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Continue to Ehrlich Road then travel east to Hutchison Road.
- **Veterans Expressway southbound entrance ramp from Hutchison Road, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOURS – **Southbound** traffic continues to Ehrlich Road, then travel west to the Veterans Expressway. **Northbound** traffic continues to Mobley Road, then travel west to Gunn Highway/Sheldon Road, then south to Ehrlich Road, then east to the Veterans Expressway.
- **Veterans Expressway northbound entrance ramp from Hutchison Road, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Continue to Wilcox Road, then travel east to Lakeshore Road, then north to Van Dyke Road, then west to the Veterans Expressway.
- **Veterans Expressway northbound exit ramp to Hutchison Road, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Exit at Ehrlich Road and travel east to Hutchison Road, then north to the Veterans Expressway.

- **Veterans Expressway northbound exit ramp to Dale Mabry Highway, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Traffic will exit at Van Dyke Road and travel east to Dale Mabry Highway.
- **Veterans Expressway northbound exit ramp to Van Dyke Road, full ramp closure, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, March 25 through Thursday, March 29.**
  - DETOUR – Exit northbound at Dale Mabry Spur (Exit 13) and travel east to Dale Mabry Highway, then travel south to Van Dyke Road.

#### 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, March 26 through Friday, March 30.**

#### Wilcox Road

- **Wilcox Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30.**

#### Rawls Road

- **Rawls Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30.**

#### Hutchison Road

- **Hutchison Road eastbound and westbound, temporary lane closure, tentatively scheduled, under the Veterans Expressway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30.**

**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 daily. 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)**

- **Anclote Toll Gantry southbound, single lane closures, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.**



- **Anclote Toll Gantry northbound**, single lane closures, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.
- **Spring Hill Toll Gantry southbound**, single lane closures, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.
- **Spring Hill Toll Gantry northbound**, single lane closures, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.
- **Oak Hammock Toll Gantry southbound and northbound**, single lane closures, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29.

**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 daily. 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.