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NEW LANES ON THE BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY/SR 528 FROM I-4 TO THE TURNPIKE OPENED JULY 2, 2019

(ORLANDO) –The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced the new lanes on the Beachline Expressway/SR 528 from I-4 to the Turnpike opened July 2, 2019. This section features two express lanes and the addition of one auxiliary lane in each direction. The section from the Turnpike to McCoy Road is scheduled to open later this year and will feature one express lane per direction.

This project is a part of the ongoing strategy to relieve congestion and improve safety in urban areas of the state and will provide customers with the additional capacity on the Beachline Expressway/SR 528. This project includes intersection improvements and has a total cost of \$170 million.

Customers traveling in the express lanes will pay the same toll amount they pay to use the general lanes on the Beachline Expressway/SR 528 today. At this time, there will not be an additional toll to use the new lanes. The express lanes will allow customers to travel direct to I-4 and the Orlando International Airport. Initially, the express lanes will be separated from the general lanes using double skip striping only, allowing customers time to become familiar with using the new lanes. Customers should follow the guide signs. Stay left for express, stay right for local.

Customers must have a SunPass, or other interoperable transponder, to travel in the express lanes as no cash or TOLL-BY-PLATE is accepted. Only two-axle vehicles and buses are permitted, no trucks are allowed in the express lanes.

FDOT constantly evaluates congestion relief strategies throughout the state and will continue to monitor traffic conditions and driver behavior using the latest in congestion management technology for the Beachline Expressway/SR 528.

To learn more about express lanes in Florida, please visit www.floridaexpresslanes.com. To learn more about the benefits of being a SunPass customer, please visit www.sunpass.com.