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### **Holiday Travel Advisory**

## **Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Offers Free Coffee at Service Plazas During Peak Thanksgiving Travel Periods**

**Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.** – Free Coffee Safety Breaks for motorists will be provided during heavy travel times this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, one of the enhanced services being offered by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), in partnership with Areas and Florida Turnpike Services, to promote driver safety.

### **Take a Coffee Safety Break on FTE**

FTE urges drivers to take a safety break and enjoy a complimentary pick-me-up at Shell convenience stores and lobbies located at Turkey Lake, Canoe Creek, Fort Drum, Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach Restaurant Plazas at the following times:

- 11 p.m., Wednesday, November 27 to 6 a.m., Thursday, November 28
- 11 p.m., Sunday, December 1 to 6 a.m., Monday, December 2

### **State Farm Safety Patrol**

During the holidays, the State Farm Safety Patrol will provide around-the-clock coverage in urban areas and extended hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. north and south of Orlando. Coverage will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on other Florida's Turnpike System limited access highways.

### **Be prepared to encounter other tolling methods during your Turnpike travel**

All-electronic tolling (AET), no-cash tolling, is now in place in southern Broward and Miami-Dade counties, along with the Sawgrass Expressway, the Veterans Expressway, the Suncoast Parkway, and the I-4 Connector in the Tampa Bay area. With AET, tolls will be collected electronically using a SunPass transponder, or other interoperable transponder, and through TOLL-BY-PLATE.

### **Try to avoid the peak travel periods on Friday and Monday if possible**

The normal morning and afternoon rush-hour periods 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. may be congested with holiday travelers and local commuters on their way to work. We encourage motorists to schedule their travel around these peak hours.



### **Check Tires/Tire Pressure**

Many traffic accidents can be traced back to improper inflation or condition of tires. Be sure to check your vehicle's tires and tire pressure before you travel.

### **SunPass Customers**

Enjoy the convenience of managing your SunPass account, anytime, just by downloading the SunPass app. You can also access the [SunPass.com](http://SunPass.com) website on the go using your smart phone. Take advantage of replenishment and other services available at thousands of locations statewide. Customers with an active SunPass account enrolled in "Easy Pay" can enjoy the ease and convenience of SunPass Plus Parking at Hard Rock Stadium and airports in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm and Orlando.

To stay up to date with real-time traffic information, dial 5-1-1 or visit [www.fl511.com](http://www.fl511.com). Drivers may also follow [@FloridaTurnpike](https://twitter.com/FloridaTurnpike) on Twitter.

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