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### **Overnight Closures of Florida's Turnpike Southbound Entrance & Exit Ramps to Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza**

**Port St. Lucie, Fla.** –Florida's Turnpike has scheduled temporary overnight closures of the southbound entrance and exit ramps at the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza (mile post 144) to allow construction crews to perform paving activities. To perform this work safely, service plaza traffic will be affected during the following dates and times:

- **Florida's Turnpike southbound entrance and exit ramps at the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza will be closed for the following time periods:**
  - 10 p.m. Monday, March 4 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 5**
  - 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, March 6**
  - 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 to 6 a.m. Thursday, March 7**

During this closure, southbound motorists will not be able to access the service plaza. Additionally, northbound motorists will not be able to perform U-turns to travel southbound nor exit parking areas or fueling stations on the southbound side of the service plaza. The facility's gas station, convenience store and restaurants will remain open for customers on the northbound side of the plaza.

The Fort Drum Service Plaza (mile post 184) and West Palm Beach Service Plaza (mile post 94) are alternate stops for drivers. Please note this schedule may change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions.

The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza is undergoing a \$21 million renovation and reconstruction project. Improvements include a new 40,000 square-foot restaurant building; new 3,500 square-foot convenience store and fueling pumps; and expanded truck parking. The renovations are a joint project of the Florida Department of Transportation and Areas USA, which has a 30-year concession agreement to run the fuel, food and retail operations at Turnpike service plazas.

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