



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 18, 2019

Contact:  
[Fiorella Teodista](mailto:Fiorella.Teodista@fdot.com), 954-934-1130

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

PORT ST. LUCIE — Florida's Turnpike has scheduled temporary overnight closures of the northbound and 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 northbound entrance and exit ramps at the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza will be closed nightly from 10 p.m. Monday, February 25 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, February 26 and again from 10 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 to 6 a.m. Wednesday, February 27. If necessary to complete this work, this closure will also occur from 10 p.m. Wednesday, February 27 to 6 a.m. Thursday, February 28. **During this closure, northbound motorists will not be able to access the service plaza. Additionally, southbound motorists will not be able to perform U-turns to travel northbound and they will not be able to exit parking areas nor fueling stations to the northbound side of the service plaza. The facility's gas station, convenience store and restaurants will remain open for customers on the southbound side of the plaza.**
- Florida's Turnpike southbound entrance and exit ramps at the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza will be closed from 10 p.m. Wednesday, February 27 to 6 a.m. Thursday, February 28 and again from 10 p.m. Thursday, February 28 to 6 a.m. Friday, March 1. If necessary to complete this work, this closure will also occur from 10 p.m. Monday, March 4 to 6 a.m. Tuesday, March 5. **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 and they will not be able to exit parking areas nor fueling stations to 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 marker 184) and West Palm Beach Service Plaza (mile marker 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.