



# NEWS RELEASE



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## **Rescheduled: Extended Closure of One Lane of the Southbound Turnpike Exit Ramp to Bird Road/SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street Beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 and the lane will reopen in the Spring of 2020**

MIAMI —Florida's Turnpike is scheduled to close one of the two lanes of the southbound exit ramp to Bird Road/SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street for an extended period beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday, February 19. The lane is scheduled to reopen in the Spring of 2020. This closure will allow crews to safely widen this area.

The southbound extended single lane closure will begin just south of the Coral Way bridge over the Turnpike and will end prior to the overhead toll gantry on the exit ramp to Bird Road/SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street. One southbound lane leading into the exit ramp will remain open at all times.

To perform this traffic shift safely, traffic will be detoured during the following dates and times in addition to the extended single lane closure:

- **Florida's Turnpike southbound exit ramp to Bird Road/SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 23) will be closed for the following periods:**
  - **10:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 to 5 a.m. Wednesday, February 20**
  - **10:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20 to 5 a.m. Thursday, February 21**

Motorists will be directed to exit southbound Florida's Turnpike at SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Tamiami Trail (Exit 25), travel east on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Tamiami Trail to SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue and travel south on SW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue to access Bird Road/SW 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

This work is part of the ongoing widening projects on Florida's Turnpike between Sunset Drive and Dolphin Expressway/MDX SR 836. Please note that this schedule may change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions.

For more information about this project, call 1-800-749-PIKE or go to [www.FloridasTurnpike.com](http://www.FloridasTurnpike.com). Drivers may dial 5-1-1 for real-time traffic information or visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) before traveling. They may also follow @FLTurnpikeSFL on Twitter.