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**Rescheduled Overnight Closure of the Northbound Turnpike Entrance Ramp to Access the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, September 16 and Monday, September 17**

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida’s Turnpike has rescheduled a temporary closure of the northbound entrance ramp to access the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza (mile marker 144) on Florida’s Turnpike to allow construction crews to perform paving activities. The northbound Turnpike entrance ramp will be closed nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, September 16 and Monday, September 17. If necessary to complete this work, this closure will also occur nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 19. The facility's gas station, convenience store and restaurants will remain open for customers. The Fort Drum Service Plaza (mile marker 184) and West Palm Beach Service Plaza (mile marker 94) are alternate stops for drivers.

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.

For more information about this project, call 1-800-749-PIKE or go to www.Floridasturnpike.com. Drivers may dial 5-1-1 for real-time traffic information or visit www.FL511.com before traveling. They may also follow @fl511_Turnpike on Twitter.

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