



# Turnpike Widening, Sound Walls & Express Lanes from Bird Road/SW 40th Street to Dolphin Expressway/SR 836



## Project Description

Florida's Turnpike is being widened from six to 10 lanes, including two express lanes, between Bird Road/SW 40th Street and the Dolphin Expressway/SR 836.

Nearly 3.5 miles of sound walls will be built along residential areas adjacent to the Turnpike.

The bridge on Coral Way that crosses over the Turnpike will be replaced.

The Turnpike and Dolphin Expressway interchange will undergo major reconstruction.

Operational, safety and capacity improvements for motorists and pedestrians on SW 8th Street and at the Turnpike and SW 8th Street interchange will be added.

The project also includes:

- Asphalt milling and resurfacing
- Guardrail and fencing
- Lane striping and traffic delineators ("plastic poles")
- Drainage improvements
- Signage and lighting improvements

## Construction and Traffic Impacts

Construction will take place mostly during daytime hours. However, nighttime construction will be necessary if the work requires lane closures on the Turnpike. Closures will generally take place between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., to minimize traffic congestion and delays for most drivers. There may also be lane closures, reductions and detours on the cross streets, beneath or over the Turnpike.

Nearby residents and businesses may experience periodic construction noise, vibration and dust. Efforts will be made to limit disruptions for adjacent neighbors as much as possible.

## Project Need and Benefits

Florida's Turnpike is a major urban expressway serving local, regional and statewide traffic. It is the main evacuation route for southern Miami-Dade and the Florida Keys. Based on future traffic volumes, widening this segment of Florida's Turnpike will help prevent severe congestion, but will not eliminate it. Over time, congestion will continue to increase and this future congestion will result in lower travel speeds and decreased mobility.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is adding express lanes and variable priced electronic tolling as tools to manage future congestion.

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## Schedule and Cost

Work between Bird Road/SW 40th Street and the Dolphin Expressway/SR 836 is anticipated to begin in summer 2016 and continue through spring 2019.

The approximate project cost is \$112 million. This project is funded by toll and concessions revenue, not taxes.

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www.FloridasTurnpike.com — o comunicarse con la oficina de información al público.*