



TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS & EXPRESS LANES SW 216th Street to Eureka Drive



Project Description

Florida's Turnpike will be widened as follows:

- SW 216th Street to Caribbean Boulevard - 4 lanes to 6 lanes
- Caribbean Boulevard to U.S. 1 - 6 lanes to 8 lanes
- U.S. 1 to Eureka Drive - 6 lanes to 10 lanes

Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas on the east side of the Turnpike — between the C-1 Canal, located north of Southwest 216th Street, and U.S. 1.

The project also includes:

- Asphalt milling and resurfacing
- Bridge improvements
- Landscaping
- Lighting improvements
- Major drainage improvements
- Traffic signal improvements on local roads
- Signage improvements



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 Keys.

Based on future traffic volumes, widening this segment of Florida's Turnpike will help prevent severe congestion, but it 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 will add express lanes as a tool to manage future congestion. Variable priced tolls on the express lanes are anticipated to manage congestion, similar to the I-95 Express Lanes.

Construction Schedule

Work between Southwest 216th Street and Eureka Drive is anticipated to begin in July 2013 and to continue through Spring 2017.

Cost and Funding

The approximate construction cost is \$40.9 million.

Project funding is derived from toll and concession revenues, not taxes.

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. These lane closures will generally take place between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., to minimize traffic congestion and delays for most drivers. Occasionally, lane and ramp closures may happen on weekends.

There may also be lane reductions and detours on the cross streets, beneath the Turnpike overpasses.

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.

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