



# TURNPIKE WIDENING, EXPRESS LANES AND INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

## Eureka Drive to Killian Parkway



### Project Description

Florida's Turnpike will be widened from north of Eureka Drive/SW 184th Street to south of Killian Parkway/SW 104th Street, and express lanes will be added to provide:

- 12 lanes from Eureka Drive to State Road 874/Don Shula Expressway
- 8 lanes from S.R. 874 to south of Killian Parkway

The Turnpike/S.R. 874 interchange will be realigned and connections between the Turnpike express lanes and the future express lanes on S.R. 874 will be constructed.

The project will add vehicle capacity and turn-lane improvements at SW 152nd Street/Coral Reef Drive, SW 117th Avenue, and the frontage roads between SW 152nd Street and SW 117th Avenue.

The on- and off-ramps for SW 120th Street and the Snapper Creek Service Plaza will be consolidated and the existing service plaza ramps will be removed.

Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas:

- On the east side of the Turnpike from north of Eureka Drive to south of SW 152nd Street and from north of SW 120th Street to south of Killian Parkway
- On the west side of the Turnpike from north of Eureka Drive to south of SW 168th Street, from north of SW 117th Avenue to South of S.R. 874 and from north of S.R. 874 to south of Killian Parkway

The project also includes:

- Asphalt milling and resurfacing
- Bridge widening and 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 Eureka Drive and Killian Parkway is anticipated to begin in January 2014 and to continue through late 2018.

### Cost and Funding

The approximate construction cost is \$145.3 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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