



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST WEEKLY LANE CLOSURES AND WORK ZONE ADVISORY

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida's Turnpike announces updated lane closures and work zones due to construction and maintenance projects in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties, **for the week beginning Sunday, January 18.** Due to the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, all lanes will remain open Sunday and Monday.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

TURNPIKE – MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECTS (Milepost 0-9, 11-16 & 20-22)

- One or two *northbound* OR *southbound* Turnpike lanes will be closed between Southwest 88th Street/Kendall Drive and Southwest 56th Street/Miller Drive from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Thursday, Jan. 24. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Two construction projects are underway to remove the existing pavement and to resurface and restripe various segments of the Turnpike: from the U.S. 1 (Exit 1) to Allapattah Road (Exit 9); from Southwest 216th Street (Exit 11) to Southwest 117th Avenue (Exit 16); and from Southwest 88th Street/Kendall Drive (Exit 20) to Southwest 56th Street/Miller Drive at Milepost 22. New shoulders will be constructed on the ramps at the following interchanges: Campbell Drive, Biscayne Drive, Tallahassee Road and Allapattah Road. The existing paved shoulders will be widened at the ramps to U.S. 1 and to Biscayne Drive. One project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009; the other is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010. Combined cost: \$14.4 million.

TURNPIKE – SOUTH FLORIDA INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PROJECT

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Data collection equipment, including cameras, vehicle detectors and travel-time detectors, along with two electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed on Florida's Turnpike from Milepost 0 to Milepost 117 and from Milepost 0X to 4X. The equipment will help the Turnpike's Traffic Management Center identify and manage traffic incidents. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2009. Approximate project cost: \$20.6 million.

TURNPIKE – 'SMART HIGHWAYS' PROJECT

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A total of 36 electronic, dynamic message signs (DMS) are being installed in the southern portion of the Turnpike. This includes 16 signs on arterial roads, 11 signs at toll plazas and 9 signs along Florida's Turnpike. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2009. Approximate project cost: \$11.7 million.

OKEECHOBEE TOLL PLAZA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND NW 74TH STREET INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 32)

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Okeechobee mainline toll plaza will be converted into an open-road tolling plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to travel at highway speeds while their toll is collected via SunPass equipment overhead ... no gates, no tollbooths. Cash-paying motorists will pull off the highway onto ramps with traditional tollbooths and then merge back onto the travel lanes. A new SunPass-only interchange is under construction at Northwest 74th Street. Construction began in January 2007 and is scheduled for completion in late 2009/early 2010. Approximate cost: \$63.4 million.

TURNPIKE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE (MILEPOST 33-35)

- Two of three southbound Turnpike lanes closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for two nights, Tuesday, Jan. 20, and Wednesday, Jan. 21.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bridge crews will perform routine repairs on the pavement.

BROWARD COUNTY

SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY – OPEN ROAD TOLLING AT DEERFIELD TOLL PLAZA

- One lane in each direction may be closed on the Sawgrass Expressway from Lyons Road to Florida's Turnpike between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Thursday, Jan. 24. Two lanes in each direction will remain open.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Deerfield mainline toll plaza on the Sawgrass Expressway will be converted into a high-tech, open-road tolling (ORT) plaza that will allow motorists with SunPass to pay their toll while traveling at highway speeds of 65 mph. The work entails constructing SunPass-only gantries west of the existing plaza and

removing the center tollbooths from the existing toll plaza. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009. Approximate cost: \$39 million.

TURNPIKE WIDENING – GRIFFIN ROAD TO SUNRISE BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 53 to 58)

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Friday, Jan. 23.

Local roads affected:

- There will be intermittent off peak closures at the Griffin Road (Exit 53) southbound entrance ramp.
- One lane in each direction will be closed 24/7 on Broward Boulevard between East Acre Drive and NW 48th Avenue.

Major highway affected:

- I - 595 intermittent single lane closures in both directions from the Turnpike flyover to Davie Road's I-595 Exit.

TURNPIKE WIDENING – SUNRISE BOULEVARD TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD (MILEPOST 58 to 66)

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike between Sunrise Boulevard (Exit 58) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Friday, Jan. 23.

Local roads affected:

- Weekend lane closures on Lyons Road under the Turnpike from 10 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday
- Single lane, nighttime closure on Commercial Boulevard over the Turnpike.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is the first phase of a multi-year, multi-million dollar construction program to widen Florida's Turnpike in Broward County. The first phase is in its third year of construction on the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) to Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). Approximate project cost: \$265 million. Completion is anticipated summer of 2010. _

TURNPIKE – ONE MILE SOUTH OF SAWGRASS INTERCHANGE (MILEPOST 70.0 to 70.5)

- One or two lanes in both directions will be closed periodically on the Turnpike north of Sample Road (Exit 69) and south of Glades Road (Exit 75) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Friday, Jan. 23.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Broward County is extending Wiles Road to Powerline Road by constructing a bridge over the Turnpike.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERCHANGE RE-CONFIGURATION (MILEPOST 80-82)

- No lane closures scheduled this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Widening of Florida's Turnpike from four to six lanes between the Atlantic Avenue interchange and the Lantana toll plaza, including the reconstruction of the Atlantic Avenue interchange. The interchange project started in 2005 and is scheduled for completion in early 2009. Approximate cost: \$81 million.

TURNPIKE – ONE MILE NORTH OF LANTANA TOLL PLAZA (MILEPOST 89)

- No lane closures this week.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Palm Beach County is extending Hypoluxo Road over the Turnpike.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is part of the Florida Department of Transportation overseeing a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: *THE FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE, EXTENDING NORTH FROM HOMESTEAD IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO WILDWOOD IN SUMTER COUNTY, THE SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY AND SOUTHERN CONNECTOR (TOLL 417) IN SEMINOLE, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES, THE BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WEST (TOLL 528) IN ORANGE COUNTY, THE POLK PARKWAY (TOLL 570) IN POLK COUNTY, THE VETERANS EXPRESSWAY AND SUNCOAST PARKWAY IN HILLSBOROUGH, PASCO AND HERNANDO COUNTIES (TOLL 589), THE SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY (TOLL 869) IN BROWARD COUNTY, AND THE Daniel Webster Western Beltway Part C (Toll 429) in Orange County.*

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