



FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

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Central and West Central Florida Weekly Lane Closures and Work Zone Advisory

OCOOE, FL (February 12, 2009) — Florida's Turnpike announces lane closures and work zone information for construction and maintenance projects in Central Florida **beginning Sunday, February 15, 2009.**

Florida's Turnpike strives to maintain traffic flow in work zones; however, motorists may encounter heavier traffic near construction sites. Motorists should drive with caution through the work zones, and adhere to posted detour signs and speed limits. Speeding fines double in construction zones when workers are present. **All paving-related lane closures are dependent on weather conditions; rain or temperatures below 65 degrees may delay or cancel paving operations.**

Regularly scheduled daytime construction and maintenance-related lane closures are suspended on Monday, February 16, in observance of the President's Day holiday. Following race week activities, motorists traveling southbound on the Turnpike on February 16 should expect heavy traffic volumes and minor delays between the Three Lakes (Osceola County) and Lantana (Palm Beach County) toll plazas.



Turnpike Mainline ORANGE COUNTY

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—INTERSTATE 4 TO GOTHA ROAD (MILEPOSTS 259-265)

- Motorists should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at several locations along the project.
- Be alert for lane shifts, both north- and southbound through the project limits, especially those near the SR 408 ramp to northbound Turnpike.
- Construction activities continue from the I-4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at Gotha Rd.
- Motorists on Kirkman and Gotha Roads should be alert for single lane closures in both directions between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays.
- Motorists should be alert for nightly closures in both directions on Apopka-Vineland.
- Construction activities continue from the I-4 bridges to north of the Turkey Lake Service Plaza at Gotha Rd.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$128.6 million project adds two lanes in each direction between Interstate 4 and the SR 408 Interchange. Construction includes widening the existing bridges over Interstate 4 and Apopka-Vineland Road, and replacing the Kirkman Road and Gotha Road bridges over the Turnpike. Additionally, improvements will be made at the Interstate 4 and SR 408 (East-West Expressway) interchanges. This project is scheduled to be complete in August 2010. Click here for a map of soundwall installation locations: http://floridasturnpike.com/pdfs/I-4_Gotha_Noise%20Map.pdf

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT – SR. 408 TO NORTH OF BEULAH ROAD (MILEPOST 265-270)

- Watch for construction vehicles entering and exiting traffic at locations along the project.
- Be aware of the single laning on the State Road 50 Connector Rd. and the merging traffic at the on- and off-ramps.
- Be alert for lane shifts in both directions on the Turnpike as well as the northbound ramps from SR 408.
- Expect nightly single lane closures, both north- and south bound, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Traffic on Beulah Road will be detoured nightly, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., beginning Sunday, February 15. The detour will be in place approximately two weeks to accommodate demolition of the old northbound Beulah Road bridge over the Turnpike.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$68.8 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes and six to 12 lanes from milepost 266 to milepost 269 in Orange County. The construction includes widening of the bridges over Beulah Rd. and reconstruction of the State Road 50 connector bridge over Florida's Turnpike, resurfacing existing pavement, construction of storm water retention ponds, signing and marking, lighting, landscaping, sound barriers, ITS and utilities. This project is expected to be complete in August 2010.

TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT—BEULAH ROAD TO STATE ROAD 50 (MILEPOSTS 270-273)

- Be alert for single lane closures, both north- and southbound, Sundays through Thursdays, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Intermittent rolling operations are possible while moving equipment across the highway.
- Be alert for single lane closures, both east- and westbound on S.R. 50 near the Turnpike overpass, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays, as crews work on constructing temporary travel lanes.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$123.5 million project consists of widening of Florida's turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes between Beulah Road and State Road 50 near milepost 272. The project also includes adding an additional lane in each direction on State Road 50, with capacity for future widening as well. The replacement of the bridges at Winter Garden-Vineland Road, Avalon Road and at State Road 50 is included. The interchange will be reconfigured to a diamond style, replacing the current partial-loop interchange and includes open road tolling (ORT) SunPass-only lanes. This project also includes the installation of noise abatement walls on Department right-of-way for qualifying property owners adjacent to the Turnpike. This project will be complete in the summer of 2012.

SUMTER COUNTY

ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT (MILEPOSTS 296-309)

- Weather permitting, be alert for lane closures associated with the ongoing daytime paving operation near the Turnpike's merge with Interstate 75.
- Motorists should be alert for detours, as follows:
 - Southbound entrance ramp at US 301 (Exit 304), 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday, February 15.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This \$13.5 million resurfacing project, which began March 3, includes milling and resurfacing the roadway, including drainage and guardrail improvements, is nearing completion. For more information on the Sumter County resurfacing project, visit <http://www.sumterconstruction.com/index.html>

Beachline West Expressway BEE LINE WEST WIDENING (Mileposts 4-8)

- Be alert for single lane closures, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays on the Beachline between mileposts 4 and 8.
- Watch for intermittent lane closures next week on McCoy Road, Orange Blossom Trail and on Landstreet Road. Crews are working on the Beachline overpass bridges superstructures.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In June 2008, a \$49 million project began to widen the Beachline from the Turnpike (Milepost 4.3) to McCoy Road. Improvements include widening the existing bridge structures at US 441, Landstreet Road, CSX Railroad, CSX Railroad Taft Yard, Orange Avenue and McCoy Road. A new bridge will also be constructed for the access ramp over the CSX Railroad.

SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY

LAKE JESUP TOLL PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION (Milepost 47)

- Watch for overnight lane closures in both directions near the mainline toll plaza nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Be alert for daytime construction activities, both north- and southbound.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has begun a project to convert the Lake Jesup mainline toll plaza to open road tolling. This \$40.5 million project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of the existing mainline toll plaza with major capacity improvements and additional lanes.

Regional Projects

POLK COUNTY

TOLL ROAD 570—THE POLK PARKWAY

SUNPASS TOLL PLAZA CONVERSION PROJECT (Mileposts 0-18)

- The outside lanes remain closed at all ramp plazas from Airport Rd. to Old Dixie Hwy, with the exception of South Florida Avenue and Lakeland Highlands Road.
- Thermoplastic striping and delineator installation will continue next week at all ramp plazas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Florida's Turnpike is nearing completion of its project to add SunPass-only lanes at the ramp toll plazas. Crews are also completing final installation of sign panels

This \$3.2 million project is scheduled for completion this month.



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: 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 southern 11 miles of the Daniel Webster Western Beltway (Toll 429) in Orange and Osceola Counties.

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