

Florida Department of Transportation/Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR Turkey Lake Service Plaza | Mile Post 263 |Bldg. #5315 P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761 KEVIN J. THIBAULT, P.E. SECRETARY

For Immediate Release May 27, 2021 Contact: Angela Starke (407) 459-6822 | <u>Angela Starke@dot.state.fl.us</u>

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Opens Road Up to E-ZPass Customers SunPass PRO™ Debuts as New Interoperable Transponder

OCOEE, Fla. – On Saturday, May 29, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) will become part of the E-ZPass network, bringing interoperability to millions of toll road customers on the East Coast and as far west as Illinois. As a result of this exciting partnership, FTE is launching the SunPass PRO[™], a new portable transponder that can be used everywhere E-ZPass is accepted.

The move means E-ZPass can be used as a payment method for tolls on the Turnpike System and on toll facilities owned and operated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), giving E-ZPass customers the ease of using one transponder on more than 900 miles of roadway in Florida.

"Florida's transportation system, under Governor Ron DeSantis, has made progressive steps in all-electronic toll collection, which helps us continue to reduce congestion and improve safety on toll roads," said FDOT Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. "We are glad to enter this partnership with E-ZPass and to take such a critical step toward national interoperability, a long-term and ongoing pursuit of the transportation industry."

"Automobiles largely remain the preferred mode of travel, more so today than ever before, and now travelers can enjoy the ease of using one transponder to pay for tolls when visiting Florida," said Nicola Liquori, FTE Executive Director and CEO. "Revenue collection will be more efficient for tolling agencies and more convenient for our customers. It's an all-around win."

IAG Quote TK

The brand-new SunPass PRO[™] will cost \$14.95, plus tax, and offers customers several benefits, including parking at most international airports in Florida, the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami and more locations to come. SunPass customers also save nearly 25% on Florida toll roads compared to TOLL-BY-PLATE. The PRO[™] can be purchased at more than 3,000 retail locations <u>listed here</u>, online at <u>www.SunPass.com</u>, by calling 888-TOLL-FLA (888-865-5352) or visiting a SunPass Customer Service Walk-In Center at one of <u>these locations</u>.

SunPass PRO[™] is accepted in the following E-ZPass states: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Rhode Island, Indiana, Delaware, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maine , West Virginia, New York and Ohio.

Improve Safety, Enhance Mobility, Inspire Innovation floridasturnpike.com | @FloridaTurnpike | Facebook.com/MyFDOTTurnpike

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.



Florida Department of Transportation/Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR Turkey Lake Service Plaza | Mile Post 263 |Bldg. #5315 P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761

KEVIN J. THIBAULT, P.E. SECRETARY

Travelers had long sought the convenience of one transponder for toll roads in Florida and the Northeast. The new agreement should be particularly appealing to winter visitors who come to Florida's mild climate to escape frigid temperatures.

The existing SunPass Portable and SunPass Mini transponders will continue to be accepted in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. SunPass customers wanting seamless travel within the E-ZPass network will need to upgrade to the SunPass PRO[™].

E-ZPass, the largest interoperable toll collection program in the nation, consists of agencies in 18 states with Minnesota joining soon.

To learn more about Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, please visit <u>www.FloridasTurnpike.com</u> or follow us on Facebook at <u>MyFDOTTurnpike</u> and Twitter at <u>@FloridaTurnpike</u>.

###

Improve Safety, Enhance Mobility, Inspire Innovation floridasturnpike.com | @FloridaTurnpike | Facebook.com/MyFDOTTurnpike

The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of the state's environment and communities. The department is committed to building a transportation system that not only fits the current needs of Florida's residents and visitors, but also enhances mobility throughout the state to accommodate its consistent and rapid growth. The unique nature of the Sunshine State and its year-round warm climate provides numerous opportunities to achieve the department's mission through multiple transportation modes including highways/streets, air, rail, sea, spaceports, transit, and the ever-expanding deployment of bicycle & pedestrian facilities.