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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Moves to Electronic Toll Collection on Polk Parkway/SR 570 between Airport Road and Eastern Mainline Plaza *Cash collection ends Friday, September 23, 2022*

OCOOE, Fla. – As part of its ongoing pursuit toward more efficient business operations and customer convenience, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Enterprise) will begin its implementation of fully electronic toll collection along the entire portion of Polk Parkway/SR 570 to improve safety and enhance mobility along the corridor. Cash will no longer be accepted at any tolling point on Polk Parkway, between Airport Road and Eastern Mainline Plaza, in Polk County beginning Friday, September 23, 2022.

"We began electronic toll collection with the launch of the SunPass program in 1999," said Nicola Liquori, Executive Director and CEO of the Enterprise. "The Department has had a longstanding vision to implement electronic tolling for efficiency and sees it as the best approach to increasing safety and adapting to customer's changing needs."

The tolling points from Airport Road to the Eastern Mainline Plaza include the following locations:

- Airport Road (Milepost 3)
- Waring Road (Milepost 4)
- Harden Boulevard (Milepost 5)
- South Florida Avenue (Milepost 7)
- Western Mainline Plaza (Milepost 8)
- Lakeland Highlands Road (Milepost 9)
- Central Mainline Plaza/SR 540 (Milepost 13)
- SR 540 (Milepost 14)
- Old Dixie Highway/CR 546 (Milepost 18)
- Eastern Mainline Plaza (Milepost 21)

Conversion on most Turnpike facilities will be completed in mid-2023 with the completion of the Polk Parkway Widening Project between Old Dixie Highway/CR 546 and south of Pace Road.

Accepted toll payment methods are SunPass, a compatible transponder, or TOLL-BY-PLATE. The SunPass Prepaid Toll Program offers the lowest toll rate in Florida, resulting in an average savings of 25% when compared to TOLL-BY-PLATE. Plus, SunPass customers avoid the \$2.50 administrative fee for each invoice mailed. Both SunPass and TOLL-BY-PLATE allow customers to link a debit or credit card to pay for future tolls. Accounts may be replenished with a card or cash.

For information about SunPass or TOLL-BY-PLATE, please visit SunPass.com or call 1-888-TOLL-FLA (1-888-865-5352). For information about this electronic toll collection project, please visit Florida'sTurnpike.com.

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