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### **Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Earns National Perpetual Pavement Award**

*Turnpike Mainline in Palm Beach County Recognized for Excellence in Asphalt*

**OCOE, Fla.** —The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is proud to announce it has received the 2024 Perpetual Pavement by Performance Award from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) for a five-mile stretch of Florida's Turnpike (State Road 91) from milepost 76 to milepost 81 in Palm Beach County.

This national award recognizes asphalt roadways that exemplify exceptional performance over time through superior design, quality construction, and cost-effective maintenance. The selected segment, originally opened in 1957 as part of the Sunshine State Parkway, has withstood nearly seven decades of growth, weather, and heavy traffic, yet remains structurally sound, smooth, and safe for Florida's traveling public.

"This award is a testament to the exceptional work of our engineers, experts, transportation professionals, and industry partners," said **FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "Together, we are fulfilling FDOT's mission to provide a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation network for all Floridians."

The honored segment of Florida's Turnpike, now 67 years old, has only been resurfaced four times, averaging 14.3 years between maintenance cycles. It serves over 110,000 vehicles daily and nearly 100 million equivalent single axle loads.

"Our team takes great pride in maintaining infrastructure that supports the safe and efficient movement of people and goods," said **Nicola Liquori, CEO of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise.** "This award not only reflects our commitment to engineering excellence, but also to transparency, stewardship, and delivering lasting value to Florida's residents and visitors."

The roadway, which predates the national interstate system, continues to demonstrate the advantages of Perpetual Pavement: durability, smoothness, sustainability, and low life-cycle costs. The award-winning segment showcases forward-thinking planning and rigorous maintenance standards upheld by FDOT and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise.

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