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Growing with Broward County

Project Newsletter; Third Edition 2008

Greetings,

The first phase of the Broward Widening Program has reached the half way point with two years in and two years left. Much progress has been made and is evident once you are on the Turnpike between Griffin Road (Exit 53) and Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66).

This phase of the program has a couple years left until completion. We would like to keep you updated throughout the project, with communications such as this annual newsletter. This newsletter is intended to highlight construction activities occurring in your neighborhood and/or along your commute on the Turnpike.

If you require more up to date information please log onto our website at www.floridasturnpike.com. Click the third tab on top which reads "construction". Then reference the drop down list then click "Broward County Widening Projects". The webpage is updated monthly if not more frequently.

On behalf of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and our construction crews we continually thank you for your understanding and patience while construction is underway. Your comments and questions on "Florida's Turnpike Widening Program in Broward County" are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Nichole Kalil

Public Information Officer, FTE Broward Mainline Projects

Project Information

Upcoming and On-going Developments:

- ▶ **Sound wall installation** along the northbound lanes (east side of the Turnpike) will be built as part of the next phase of the Broward Widening Program. This phase is currently projected to begin in 2009.
 - On the west side of the Turnpike along the southbound lanes sound walls will be installed on the newly built portion of the road just south of Commercial Blvd.
 - Sound walls will be installed along the southbound lanes just south of Sunrise Blvd.
 - Sound walls will be installed along the southbound lanes just south and north of Broward Blvd.

- ▶ For information on sound walls on the Turnpike near its intersection at I-595 please visit www.i-595.com.

- ▶ As part of the Broward widening, it is necessary to work on bridges over the Turnpike in Broward County. Bridge work is a major function of this widening project because it accommodates the widening of the Turnpike underneath it. **Bridge work** involves pile driving, which can create a pounding sound. During pile driving a concrete pillar is being driven onto the ground. That pillar will eventually support the bridge above it. Bridge work also often involves setting foundations. When possible bridge work will be performed during the day. However when lane closures become necessary, this work must be performed during the evening. The bridges under construction or soon to be under construction are listed from south to north.

- Griffin Road Bridge
- Broward Blvd
- Due to the traffic shift on Peters Road Bridge, Florida's Turnpike has hired crossing guards and has installed signalized crosswalks, because many school age children use the pedestrian walk on this bridge.

- Commercial Blvd please see "Work near toll plazas".
- Lyons Road / Northwest 31st Street

Because the Turnpike travels over several **local roads** it becomes necessary to perform work on them. This work is similar to the bridge work described above. The local roads we are currently working on are listed below, from south to north.

- Griffin Road Bridge - Drivers will experience occasional nighttime lane closures.
- I-595 – Drivers will experience nighttime closures on I-595 and occasional detours.
- Broward Blvd will be minus a lane in both directions for approximately six months.
- SR 7 / US 441 - Drivers will experience occasional nighttime lane closures.
- Lyons Road / Northwest 31st Street Drivers will experience occasional daytime lane closures.

Work near toll plazas

- Construction of a retention pond is nearly complete in the northeast quadrant near Sunrise Blvd. Toll Plaza and the Turnpike. The pond is designed to collect and store storm water that drains from the roadway.
- Two of the toll lanes at the Turnpike's Commercial Blvd Toll Plaza are currently closed around the clock. One lane entering the plaza and one lane exiting the plaza are closed to continue to



Beam setting at Commercial Blvd



Cypress Creek Open Road Tolling (ORT)

realign the plaza ramps. The ramps are being aligned to meet up with the new bridge built.

- The traffic configuration will continue to change. Due to demolition of the existing bridge and switching traffic to ride on the new bridge in the east bound direction.
- ▶ **General improvements**
- Drainage improvements are being installed on an ongoing basis

Progress we have made

- ▶ **Cypress Creek ORT** the Open Road Tolling (ORT) conversion at the Cypress Creek Toll Plaza is complete. This plaza is the first plaza on the Turnpike in Broward County to be converted to ORT and is now open to traffic. ORT, at Cypress Creek, allows SunPass customers to remain near highway speed while having their tolls deducted from their prepaid accounts.
- ▶ The majority of sound walls have been installed along the southbound lanes (west side of the Turnpike).
 - South of Sunrise Blvd
 - South of Commercial Blvd
 - 2 shoulder walls north and south of Broward Blvd
- ▶ **Underground utility relocation** began April 2007 and is near complete along the northbound lanes (east side of the Turnpike).

Contact:

- ▶ To assure Florida's Turnpike meets your information needs, please call or e-mail us to let us know what aspects of communications are most helpful to you.

You can also schedule a civic, HOA, PTA, business or municipal presentation by contacting us at, 954-321-8102 or e-mail nichole.kalil@dot.state.fl.us.

Attention student drivers!

Florida's Turnpike is now hosting a myspace page. Please visit us at www.myspace.com/floridasturnpike to learn roadway safety tips.

Specific concerns you may have

- ▶ Daytime and nighttime drivers should be aware of limited shoulders. At night you will also notice a decreased amount of lanes as well. As construction progresses modifications to lanes become increasingly more common. Please use caution when on the road and observe all posted signs. Roadway signs are there for your safety and for the safety of our construction crews.

For free up-to-date travel information statewide, please dial 511 before you get on the road. Please check out our website at floridasturnpike.com

