

Construction on Florida's Turnpike in Broward County

Program history

Since it opened in 1957 traffic on Florida's Turnpike has increased dramatically.

Nowhere is that growth more evident than right here in Broward County where the Turnpike now serves over 94,000 motorists per day. Because this trend is likely to continue in the years to come, Florida's Turnpike will begin to widen the Turnpike in Broward County beginning in February of 2006. This multi-year widening program will add an additional lane both southbound and northbound through Broward County.



Pompano Beach Service Plaza c. May 1957

This first phase of this widening program encompasses a thirteen-mile span which crosses four Turnpike interchanges. This first phase will start with the southbound lanes from Griffin Road (Exit 53) to Atlantic Boulevard (Exit 66). There will be more than \$200 million worth of construction, funded by toll revenue, taking place over the next few years. The southbound phase is expected to be completed in 2010 and includes the installation of sound walls.

During the second phase of the widening program in Broward County, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will then add a northbound lane from Griffin Road to Atlantic Boulevard. Construction on the northbound side also includes the installation of sound walls. The second phase of this widening program is scheduled to begin in 2008.



Governor LeRoy Collins at Pompano Service Plaza c. 1957

Need for this project

The primary goal of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is to improve roadway capacity, safety and efficiency. Signs of congestion along this stretch of road are already noticeable. Currently, this portion of the Turnpike carries an estimated 94,000 vehicles per day. By 2020, it is predicted that this stretch of road will carry up to 160,000 vehicles per day. This widening program is a long term solution to current and future traffic congestion.

Our role

At Florida's Turnpike, we will do all we can to be a good neighbor. Please consider the magnitude of this project and that there will be some unavoidable, temporary inconveniences. To help ease delays and reduce inconveniences on your daily commute, the Turnpike has taken the following plan of action:

- Existing lanes may be closed during off-peak hours. Off-peak hours are from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Contractors are encouraged to complete work on or ahead of schedule. Florida's Turnpike has offered the contractors monetary incentives and bonuses for early completion.
- Early completion of sound walls is a priority. The majority of walls are anticipated to be completed within 15 months of the start of construction.
- The State Farm Safety Patrol, the Turnpike's Road Rangers, rove the Turnpike from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to assist motorists in need of minor vehicle repairs, and provide gas, diesel fuel and water. All services are free of charge.
- The Florida Highway Patrol will also maintain a heavy presence along this construction corridor.
- Landscape enhancements will be made that include planting new vegetation, trees and shrubbery, and relocating some of the existing trees. There will be a total of \$2,434,237 worth of landscaping planted along the southbound project corridor.

What to expect

Southbound Florida's Turnpike will be widened from south of Griffin Road to just south of Atlantic Boulevard from three to four through lanes. There will also be an acceleration / deceleration lane added.

In addition to widening the Turnpike, existing interchange ramps and side roads will be modified to accommodate the planned four lane section. Some general roadway improvements will also take place. Improvements such as: drainage, lighting, landscaping, signing, pavement markings, signalization, milling and resurfacing will take place on the existing roadway.

The current southbound phase of the widening is taking place within the Turnpike's existing property. Residents and business owners should not be concerned with acquisitions of property. Any necessary acquisitions have already taken place.

Concurrent with the widening of the southbound corridor the Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) lines, which presently run under the Turnpike on the northbound side, will be relocated further east. The two existing mains will be replaced with one larger main. For more information, you may contact FGT directly at 1-800-381-1477.

Sound walls

Sound walls will be constructed at the proposed locations along the southbound lanes of the Turnpike. The majority of the sound walls are anticipated to be completed within 15 months of the start of the



first phase (southbound widening) of the widening of Florida's Turnpike in Broward County from Griffin Road to Atlantic Boulevard. Monetary incentives for early completion of the sound walls will be awarded to the contractors.

The sound walls along the northbound lanes from Griffin Road to Atlantic Boulevard of the Turnpike will be constructed at the proposed locations as part of the northbound phase widening improvements. The northbound phase is expected to start in 2008.

*Note a sound wall map of your particular area of interest can be sent to you by requesting it at 954-321-8102.

Bridges and interchanges

As part of the southbound phase of this widening program, some Turnpike bridges will be widened. Some bridges will be entirely replaced, and one new bridge will be built. A new bridge will be built at the southbound off-ramp to Sunrise Boulevard.

Bridges to be widened are:

- Turnpike bridge over Griffin Road
- Turnpike bridge over Interstate 595
- Turnpike bridge over Broward Boulevard
- Turnpike bridge over State Route 441
- Turnpike bridge over Northwest 31st Street (Lyons Road)

Bridges and ramps to be replaced are:

- Peters Road Bridge over the Turnpike
- Commercial Boulevard Bridge over the Turnpike
- Commercial Boulevard ramp bridge over the Turnpike

Local roadways that will be affected

Local intersections which will be affected due to new traffic signals and roadway lighting being installed are:

- Orange Drive / Griffin Road and the Turnpike
- Peters Road is being reconstructed from SW 54th Avenue to SW 50th Avenue
- Broward Boulevard under the Turnpike
- Sunrise Boulevard and the Turnpike
- Commercial Boulevard is being reconstructed from NW 49th Avenue to NW 47th Terrace
- State Route 441 under the Turnpike
- Northwest 31st Street (Lyons Road) under the Turnpike