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Florida's Turnpike in Miami-Dade to become a no-cash toll road starting February 19 from Exit 1 in Florida City to Exit 47 at the Miami-Dade/Broward County Line

FORT LAUDERDALE — The 10-day countdown to a new way of paying tolls on Florida's Turnpike is underway. Beginning Saturday, Feb. 19, all Turnpike tolls will be collected electronically between the U.S. 1 (Exit 1) and County Line Road (Exit 47) interchanges in Miami-Dade County, and cash will not be accepted. Motorists must use either [SunPass](#) or TOLL-BY-PLATE, and everyone will have the benefit of paying tolls without having to stop.

The transition to all-electronic tolling will take place over a 48-hour period beginning at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. At that moment, construction crews will be deployed and the southern 47 miles of Florida's Turnpike will become a temporary work zone. Cash toll lanes will be closed and blocked to traffic, signs will be removed or replaced, and various traffic lanes will be closed. During the transition period, motorists may encounter a mix of all-electronic and cash toll collections on the 37 toll plazas located on this segment of the Turnpike. With all the construction activity and equipment moving around, it is important that drivers avoid distractions and pay attention to the road signs.

Removing cash toll collections will improve safety by eliminating driver decisions about lane choice. All-electronic toll collection is quicker and there are no lines. It also benefits the environment by reducing air pollution and fuel consumption.

Currently, approximately 80 percent of the tolls paid on the southern 47 miles of the Turnpike are collected with SunPass, Florida's prepaid electronic toll collection system. The system utilizes small, credit card size electronic devices, called [SunPass transponders](#), which attach to the inside of car windshields. When a

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SunPass-equipped vehicle goes through a tolling location, the transponder sends a signal and the toll is deducted from the customer’s account.

For customers without [SunPass](#), the alternative is TOLL-BY-PLATE, a collection system that takes a photo of a vehicle’s license plate as it travels under tolling equipment installed overhead and mails a bill for the tolls incurred over a 30-day period, plus a \$2.50 administrative charge per invoice, to the registered owner of the vehicle.

For those traveling in a rental vehicle, there is an easy and convenient way to pay tolls without stopping. Most rental car companies have programs that allow their customers to charge the tolls to the credit card being used to rent the vehicle. Motorists should check with their rental car company for details. For information about participating rental car companies, go to www.SunPass.com/rentalcar.

Travelers will still be able to pay cash on all other segments of Florida’s Turnpike, from its northern point at I-75 in Wildwood to its junction with I-95 in north Miami-Dade.

While cash tolls will only be removed on the [southern 47 miles](#) of Florida’s Turnpike on Feb. 19, the entire Turnpike system of roadways eventually will go to all-electronic tolling. It is anticipated the next phase, from the Golden Glades interchange in northern Miami-Dade County to the I-595 interchange in Broward County, will be ready in 2014.

SunPass is the most cost effective way to pay tolls electronically. Customers pay the lowest toll rates and generally save 25 percent on tolls, when compared to cash or TOLL-BY-PLATE customers.

The SunPass Mini transponder is essentially free. It costs \$4.99 initially, but is reimbursable as a toll credit when registering the SunPass account. It is available at Publix, CVS/pharmacy, Navarro Discount Pharmacies, Sedano’s Supermarkets, all AAA locations in Florida, all Turnpike service plaza gift shops and gas stations, www.SunPass.com and at 1-888-TOLL-FLA (865-5352).

For more details about the Feb. 19 launch of all-electronic open road tolling on the southern 47 miles of Florida’s Turnpike, go to www.FloridasTurnpike.com and click on the green “[all-electronic](#)” button or call 1-800-749-PIKE.

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Note: See area map on next page.

[Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise](#) is part of the Florida Department of Transportation and oversees a 460-mile system of limited-access toll highways: *THE FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE, EXTENDING NORTH FROM FLORIDA CITY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO WILDWOOD IN SUMTER COUNTY, THE SEMINOLE EXPRESSWAY AND SOUTHERN CONNECTOR (TOLL 417) IN SEMINOLE, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES, THE BEACHLINE EXPRESSWAY WEST (TOLL 528) IN ORANGE COUNTY, THE POLK PARKWAY (TOLL 570) IN POLK COUNTY, THE VETERANS EXPRESSWAY AND SUNCOAST PARKWAY IN HILLSBOROUGH, PASCO AND HERNANDO COUNTIES (TOLL 589), THE SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY (TOLL 869) IN BROWARD COUNTY, AND THE DANIEL WEBSTER WESTERN BELTWAY PART C (TOLL 429) IN ORANGE COUNTY.*

