



### Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Marketing Presentation
Florida Transportation Commission
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### **Agenda**

- Research
- Turnpike Brand
- SunPass Brand
- New Sales Channels
- Media Plan
- Sponsorships
- Measurement
- Toll Rate Increase



### **Research Methods**

- Focus groups
- Dyads
- Ride-alongs
- Surveys



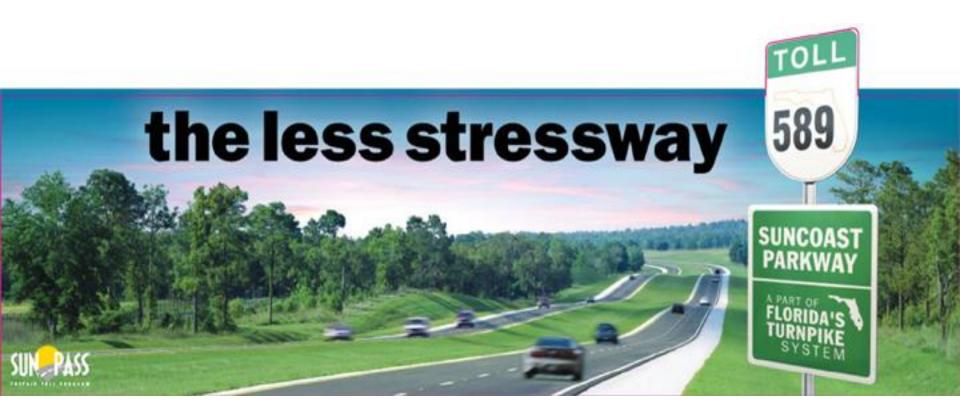
### **The Turnpike Brand**

"The Less Stressway"

**Creative strategy** 

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# Bypass Clogged Marteries.



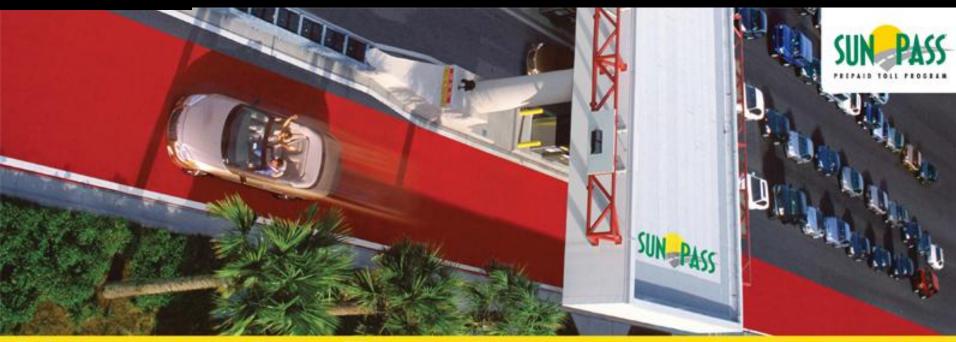


### **SunPass Branding and Sales**

"Life in the SunPass lane"

**Creative strategy** 

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Life in the SunPass Lane

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### **New Sales Channels**



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### Media Plan - Strategy/Rationale

- Advertising consists primarily of two key elements
  - Outdoor
  - Radio
    - Drive Time: 60s
    - Traffic Report Sponsorships



### **Summer 2003 - 2004**

**Advertising Timing** 



### **Major Markets**

- Miami-Ft. Lauderdale
  - Road Branding
    - Outdoor
  - SunPass Sales
    - Outdoor
    - Radio
- West Palm Beach
  - Road Branding
    - Outdoor
  - SunPass Sales
    - Outdoor
    - Radio



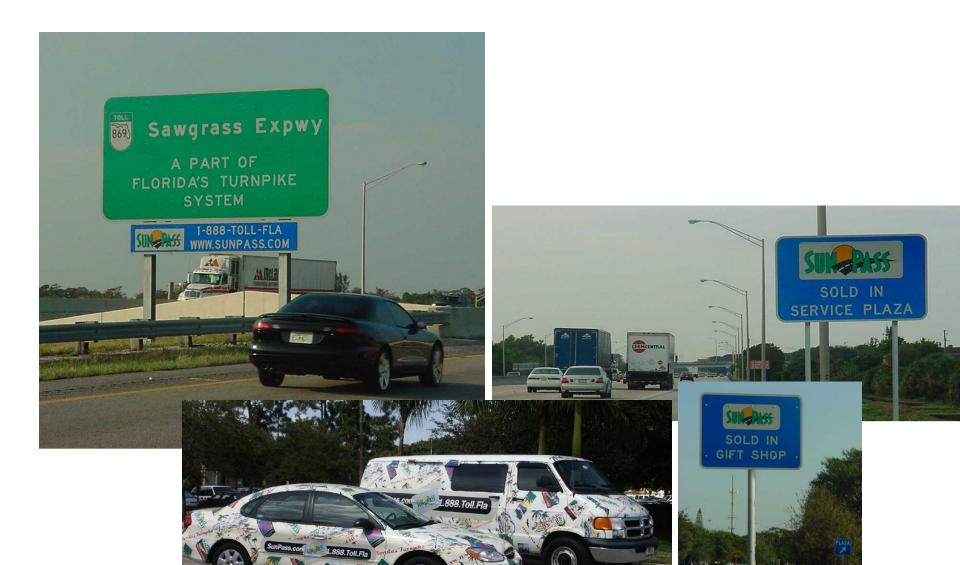
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- Tampa-St. Petersburg
  - Road Branding
    - Outdoor
  - SunPass Sales
    - Outdoor
    - Radio
- Orlando
  - Road Branding
    - Outdoor



### **Road Signage Programs**

- SunPass
  - Burma Shave
    - Veterans/Suncoast
    - Mainline
    - 417 (Seminole #2)
  - Gift shop sales
- Turnpike Gateway Signs
- Vehicle wraps





### **Additional Marketing Programs**



### **Proactive media strategy**

- Utilize the media
- Develop a list of positive newsworthy stories
- Conduct meetings between top Turnpike management and newspaper editorial boards
- Vigorously respond to inaccurate letters to the editor



#### Results

NEWS

Cuba

Columns

SPORTS

Dolphins Marlins

Heat

Panthers High school College

motorists.



The toll increase is expected to drum up about \$43.5 million per

year. Almost half that amount would come from South Florida

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Tolls and the turnpike

Palm Beach Post Editorial Monday, December 1, 2003

Though the bonds that financed Florida's Turnpike were retired years ago, the state keeps selling bonds to help finance improvements. The reason for the first toll increase in a decade on the 450-mile system, turnpike officials say, is that toll revenue covers operations, maintenance HOME NEWS BUSINESS SPORTS FEATURES ENTERTAINMENT

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#### Turnpike offers jolt of caffeine

By staff report December 26, 2003

Florida's Turnpike will offer free coffee at the 24-hour service plazas as an awareness break during the heaviest holiday travel periods, said turnpike spokeswoman Christa Deason.

The heaviest times are:

- •11 p.m. Sunday through 6 a.m. Monday.
- •11 p.m. Dec. 31 through 6 a.m. Jan. 1.

The free pick-me-up safety break requires motorists to promise they will buckle up during their drive, Deason said.



### **Relationship Marketing**

- Direct Mail
- Newsletter
- Sales collateral



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### Public Outreach And Sponsorships

#### Sawgrass Mills Mall





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### **Sponsorship Marketing**

- Complement marketing objectives
- Establish process to screen/create
- Evaluate
  - Rank and weight
  - Be opportunity neutral
- Sample opportunities
  - SunFest, Miami Dolphins, South Florida Fair





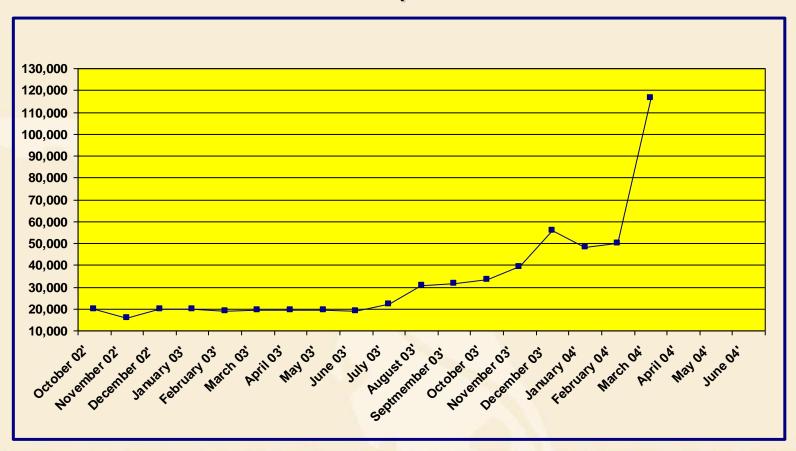
#### Measurement

- Usage and revenue
  - Year over year
- SunPass
  - Transaction increases
- Ongoing quantitative tracking
- Qualitative evaluations



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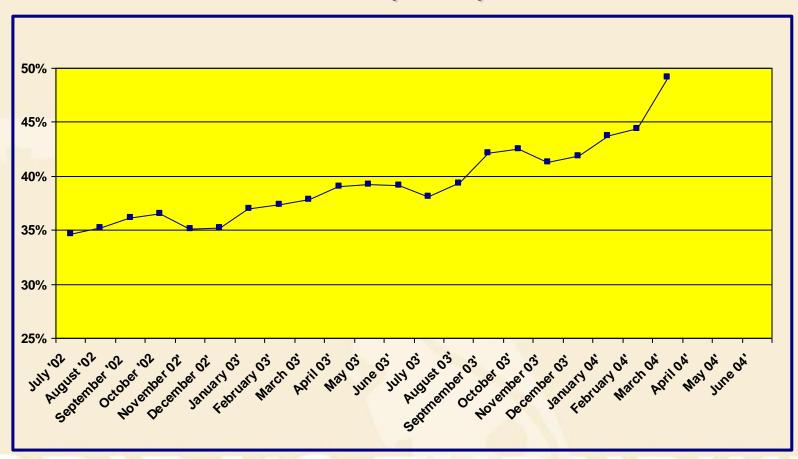
SunPass transponder sales





#### Measurement

#### SunPass participation





#### **Toll Rate Increase Timeline**

- December 1-12: Workshops
- January 5-16: Hearings
- Visit Editorial Boards statewide
- February 16: Announce Increase approved to press
- Week of February 23:
  - Started radio spots
  - Print ads in major newspapers
  - Posters in all lanes
- Week of March 1:
  - 1.2 million fliers to cash customers
  - VMS boards on roadway
  - Stories with media



### **Toll Rate Increase**









