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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Detours on State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Complete closures of eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed Friday through Saturday (February 20 - 28) nights. Eastbound closures with detours will be between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.; westbound detours will be between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Watch closely for lighted message signs alerting of the closures and to guide you to the detours.

- **DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE:** Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TPA exit, continue east on Spruce Street to Westshore Boulevard, then south on Westshore Boulevard to Cypress Street, northbound I-275, or Kennedy Boulevard. To access southbound I-275, continue south on Westshore Boulevard, then turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard, continue west and use the entrance ramp on the west side of Westshore Plaza.
- **DETOUR for WESTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE:** Northbound I-275 traffic will be directed off at Kennedy Boulevard (exit 39A). Southbound I-275 traffic will be directed to Exit 40A. All traffic will be directed north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street to westbound State Road 60 or Tampa International Airport.

Night lane closures on Courtney Campbell east of Rocky Point

TAMPA -- One of three lanes will be closed in each direction of State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway from east of Rocky Point Drive to Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (February 22 - 28) nights.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 (between S. Frontage Road and O'Brien Street) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 20 - 28) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday (February 21) and Monday through Saturday (February 23 - 28).

Night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street

TAMPA -- Two lanes (of 4 lanes) will be closed on the eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 20 - 28) nights.

Night lane closures on westbound Spruce Street

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on westbound Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (February 20 and 21) nights.

Night lane closures or detours on Independence Parkway

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures may happen on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway this week. One of two lanes may be closed on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 20 - 28) nights. A complete closure of the northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence may occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (February 21 - 28) mornings. For the complete closures, traffic will remain northbound on Memorial, exit left to Memorial at the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

Night lane closures on TPA entrance and exit roads

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of George Bean Parkway (roadway in and out of Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (February 22 - 28) nights.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Lane closures on I-275 ramps

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 23 - 27) on the following two I-275 ramps:

- the northbound I-275 exit ramp to I-175 (Exit 22); and
- the 5th Avenue S. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

Project news: Northbound I-275 from Himes Avenue to the Hillsborough River

I-275 lane closures two nights

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue (Exit 42) to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (February 22 and 23) nights.

Tuesday lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on northbound and southbound Himes Avenue from Arch Street to I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday (February 24).

Armenia or Howard avenues to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Armenia Avenue and Howard Avenue will each be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. at I-275 one night. Howard Avenue will be closed Tuesday night (February 24); Armenia Avenue will be closed Wednesday night (February 25). Armenia will be closed between Laurel and La Salle streets; Howard will be closed from La Salle Street to the northbound entrance ramp. All interstate ramps at the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange will remain open. However, traffic may be very congested in the Howard/Armenia area at I-275. In order to avoid delays, motorists are advised to consider alternate routes.

DETOUR for Armenia Avenue closure: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on Mac Dill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia.

DETOUR for Howard Avenue closure: Howard Avenue traffic will be detoured east on Cypress Street, north on Rome Avenue, then west on Main Street back to Howard. Traffic wishing to access I-275 will continue west on Main Street, then south on Armenia Avenue. Motorists going south on I-275 will use the ramp at Green Street. Motorists accessing northbound I-275 will continue south on Armenia Avenue, then go east on Laurel Street to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

Lanes closed Monday on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday (February 23).

Lane closures on Rome Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Rome Avenue between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 23 - 27). Watch for flaggers.

Night and day lane closures on Willow Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Willow Avenue between La Salle and Green streets (under I-275) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (February 23 and 24) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday (February 25). Watch for flaggers.

North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between Laurel Street and Green Street from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 22 - 26) nights. DETOUR for southbound traffic: West on Main Street, south on Willow Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to North Boulevard. DETOUR for northbound traffic: east on Laurel Street, then west on Green Street back to North Boulevard.

Day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Laurel and Green streets (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 23 - 27).

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 any time between 12:01 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 23 - 27). Traffic will be detoured as follows:

Northbound: East on Laurel Street, north on Ashley Drive, east on Scott Street, north on Franklin Street, then west on Henderson Avenue to Doyle Carlton.

Southbound: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street.

Project news: Tampa Bay SunGuide on Interstate 4 from Park Road to U.S. Highway 27

Monday night lane closures and traffic pacing on eastbound I-4 between Exits 19 and 25

PLANT CITY / LAKELAND -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4, just west of County Line Road (Exit 25) between 10 p.m. Monday (February 23) and 6 a.m. Tuesday (February 24). There will also be a traffic pace sometime during that time frame from Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) to Exit 25. Motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes, as long delays are expected. The traffic pace will last at least 30 minutes, during which all ramps along the route entering eastbound I-4 will be closed until the front of the pacing operation passes. Crews will be installing a sign structure with an electronic message board across the eastbound lanes.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Westbound I-4 ramp to Southbound I-75 to be closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 ramp (Exit 9) to southbound I-75 will be closed for maintenance repairs from 10 p.m. Sunday (February 22) to 7 a.m. Monday (February 23).

DETOUR: Continue west, exit to U.S. Highway 301 (Exit 7), go south over I-4 and use the entrance ramp to eastbound I-4. Take the next exit (Exit 9) to southbound I-75.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-75 from north of the rest area to just north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 22 - 26) nights. Crews will be resurfacing the travel lanes.