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## Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

### Northbound I-275 ramp to westbound SR 60 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramp (Exit 39B) to westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15). DETOUR: Use Exit 39A and take Kennedy Boulevard east, turn left and go north on Westshore Boulevard, then turn left and go west on Spruce Street and enter the highway next to Tampa International Airport.

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### Detours on eastbound or westbound State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Eastbound or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may be closed near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15). Eastbound closures will happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.; westbound closures will occur between 11 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. April 12 - 18 nights. 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 St. to Westshore Blvd., then south on Westshore Blvd. to Cypress St., northbound I-275, or Kennedy Blvd. To access southbound I-275, continue south on Westshore Blvd., then turn right onto Kennedy Blvd., continue west and use the entrance ramp on the west side of Westshore Plaza.
- DETOUR for WESTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street exit, then u-turn at O'Brien Street and use the westbound Spruce Street entrance ramp to westbound SR 60.

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### Airport ramp to northbound I-275 and Kennedy Boulevard to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The ramp from Tampa International Airport (TPA) to eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15). DETOUR: At the split in the loop ramp, traffic will be detoured onto eastbound Spruce Street, then south on Westshore Boulevard. Traffic going to northbound I-275 can enter from Westshore Boulevard; traffic going to Kennedy Boulevard will continue south on Westshore Boulevard.

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**Eastbound Courtney Campbell to be detoured at night**

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60 traffic on the Courtney Campbell Parkway continuing east towards Spruce Street, Tampa International Airport and I-275 may be detoured from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday (April 11) and Monday through Sunday (April 13 - 19) mornings as crews erect bridge girders. DETOUR: Traffic will be directed north on Memorial Highway to the Independence Parkway exit, north on George Road, then east and south on Memorial Highway to eastbound State Road 60.

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**Lane closures on Cypress Street**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. these same days.

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**Night lane closures on SR 60 near TPA**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes) will be closed on eastbound or westbound State Road 60 / Memorial Highway between I-275 and Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15).

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**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 (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15). A complete closure of the northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence may occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (April 11 - 19) 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.

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**TPA entrance road to be closed at night**

TAMPA -- Northbound George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 10 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15). DETOUR: Take the ramp split onto eastbound Spruce Street. Get into the left lane, u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and then use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

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**TPA entrance road to be reduced to one lane**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will closed on the exit ramp to northbound George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) from 6 a.m. Monday (April 13) to 7 a.m. Wednesday (April 15) and from 1 a.m. Thursday (April 16) to 6 a.m. Monday (April 20).

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**Night lane closures on Spruce Street ramp to westbound SR 60**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the Spruce Street entrance ramp onto westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (April 12 - 18) nights (except for Wednesday night, April 15).

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**Flagging on East Frontage Road**

TAMPA -- There may be flagging operations on East Frontage Road (next to westbound State Road 60) between Cypress Street and Lemon Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (April 11 - 19).

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**Westbound SR 60 traffic to be shifted to new alignment**

TAMPA -- Traffic is expected to be shifted to the new westbound State Road 60 lanes from approximately Cypress Street to approximately Fish Creek (south of the Courtney Campbell Parkway) during an overnight work shift Friday, April 17. Barring no weather or other delays, traffic will be in this new alignment by 5 a.m. Saturday, April 18. There will be 3 lanes of westbound traffic in this area (same as today).

Lane closures and detours will be needed for the traffic shift and for several days following the shift. As plans are finalized, more specific details regarding closures and detours will be released sometime between Monday afternoon (April 13) and Tuesday afternoon (April 14).

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

**I-275 lane closures near downtown**

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed in both directions of I-275 between Howard Avenue and Ashley Drive from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 12 - 16) nights.

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**Day lane closures on Himes Avenue**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on both northbound and southbound Himes Avenue from the southbound I-275 exit ramp to La Salle Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 13 - 17).

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

TAMPA -- Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue may be closed south of I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 12 - 16) nights. 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.

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**Day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on northbound North Boulevard between Laurel and Green streets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 13 - 17).

**Project news: Interstate 4 Resurfacing from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to McIntosh Road**

**Night lane and ramp closures on I-4 between Exits 3 and 14**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed in either direction of I-4 in various locations from 50<sup>th</sup> Street (Exit 3) to McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (April 12-18) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

Ramps are scheduled to be closed for resurfacing at two I-4 interchanges (I-75 Exit 9 and U.S. Highway 301 Exit 7) between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (April 13 - 16) nights. The planned schedule is posted on the myTBI.com web site and may be altered due to weather or other issues -- *check myTBI.com daily for schedule changes and detour routes.*

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

**Night lane closure on I-4, east of Exit 33**

LAKELAND -- The right lane will be closed for asphalt repairs on eastbound I-4 about two and a half miles east of State Road 33 (Exit 33) between 9 p.m. Monday (April 13) and 6 a.m. Tuesday (April 14).

**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. Monday through Friday (April 13 - 17) nights. There may also be lane closures and traffic shifts on the interchange ramps at CR 54.

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**Night lane closures and detours for CR 54 under I-75**

WESLEY CHAPEL -- Lane closures or complete closures in either direction are planned for County Road 54 under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday (April 13 - 17) nights. All ramps will be open to traffic, but motorists will not be able to pass under the interstate. Detour information is available at myTBI.com.