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project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

Night southbound lane closures on main span of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes may be closed on southbound I-275 on the main span of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. nightly until further notice. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH during lane closures.

project news: I-275 from 26th Avenue S. to 5th Avenue S.

Night and day lane closures on I-275 in south St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound or southbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 13-17) nights. There may also be periodic ramp closures these nights; traffic will be detoured to the next interchange.

One of three lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-275 in the same area between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 14-18).

Closures will not be in place immediately before the Tampa Bay Rays' games and until at least one hour after games to allow traffic volume leaving Tropicana Field to be reduced.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Daytime lane closures on northbound I-275 on Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (April 15 and 16) on the elevated portion of the bridge for inspections. On Thursday and Friday (April 17 and 18) from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the right lane will be closed beginning on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and ending in Hillsborough County.

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project news: I-275 Box Culvert from Howard Frankland Bridge to Lois Ave.

Line work over I-275 this week

TAMPA -- Utility crews will be performing work over I-275 between Westshore Boulevard and Lois Avenue (Exit 40B) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 14-18). All lanes will be open, but workers/vehicles/equipment may be on the shoulders and in the median.

Night lane closures on Kennedy exit ramp

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the northbound I-275 Exit 39A ramp to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Blvd.) from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (April 14-18) nights.

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

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 this weekend

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue will be closed from LaSalle Street to Laurel Street on the south side of I-275 for storm drain installation from 8 p.m. Friday (April 11) to 4 a.m. Monday (April 14).

DETOUR: Mac Dill Avenue traffic will be detoured around the closure area using Cypress Street, Armenia Avenue (southbound) or Howard Avenue (northbound), and Main Street back to Mac Dill Avenue.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on both southbound and northbound North Boulevard from Main Street to Laurel Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 14-18).

Daytime lane closures on northbound Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on northbound Himes Avenue from La Salle Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 14-18).

Lane closures on Howard Avenue under I-275

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes will be closed on Howard Avenue under I-275 between 9 a.m. Monday (April 14) and 4 p.m. Tuesday (April 15) for utility work.

Turn lane closed on I-275 exit ramp to Armenia Avenue

TAMPA -- The right turn lane will be closed on the northbound I-275 Exit 42 ramp to Armenia Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday (April 15).

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Daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays until further notice. Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of May 2008. Local access to Presbyterian Village will be maintained. Laurel Street has been turned into two-way traffic between Green Street and North Boulevard for the detour.

project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on eastbound I-4 between Exits 10 and 14

SEFFNER -- The center and right lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. one night between Monday and Thursday (April 14-17) nights as crews install an overhead sign.

project news: I-75 at Bruce B. Downs (County Road 581) Flyover

Nighttime I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday night (April 13) and Tuesday through Thursday (April 15-17) nights for bridge work.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 (Exit 270), cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramps.

Traffic may be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching this interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard will have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs. Law officers will handle traffic control where the ramps intersect Bruce B. Downs.

Early Monday lane closures on Bruce B. Downs at I-75

NEW TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in either direction of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard at I-75 from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. Monday (March 14).

Bruce B. Downs closed at I-75 Monday night

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 10 p.m. Monday (April 14) to 5 a.m. Tuesday (April 15). During the closures, no traffic will be able to pass under I-75. Motorists will be directed onto I-75 on either side of the interstate.

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DETOUR: Enter I-75, exit at the next interchange (either SR 56 - Exit 275) or Fletcher Avenue - Exit 266), enter the other direction of I-75, and exit at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (Exit 270).

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

No night closures on Tax Day

TAMPA -- No closures will occur in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area on Tuesday night, April 15 to allow tax filers full access to the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport.

Night lane closures approaching Veterans

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway just before the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. Sunday (April 13) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (April 14).

Traffic pacing early Monday and Tuesday heading towards TIA

TAMPA -- Traffic pacing led by law officers will take place in order to move a construction crane Monday and Tuesday mornings (April 14 and 15). Traffic will be paced for about 5 minutes sometime between 12:01 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. each of these mornings.

Traffic on southbound I-275 (starting at Dale Mabry Highway), westbound State Road 60 from Westshore Plaza, and northbound I-275 (starting at the Howard Frankland Bridge) will be paced up to the Tampa International Airport area.

Night lane closures on eastbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on eastbound Spruce Street between the ramp to Tampa International Airport and O'Brien Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (April 16 and 17) nights.

Delays for signal work near TIA Post Office

TAMPA -- Officers will control the signals and motorists will be flagged through intersections on the west side of the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (April 16 and 17) nights.

Flagging operations on East Frontage Road near TIA

TAMPA -- Traffic on East Frontage Road just south of Spruce Street will be controlled by flaggers between 7 a.m. Thursday (April 17) and 7 a.m. Saturday (April 19) for pipe construction.