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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 3 - 11) nights. 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.

Detours on eastbound State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may be closed near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (April 3 - 11) 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.

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 3 - 11) nights. 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.

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. Sunday through Saturday (April 5 - 11) 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.

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 3 - 11) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. these same days.

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 3 - 11) 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 (April 3 - 11) nights. A complete closure of the northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence may occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Friday through Sunday (April 3 - 12) 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.

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 3 - 11) nights. 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.

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. Friday through Sunday (April 3 - 12).

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Monday night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed for bridge inspections on all levels in various locations on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. Monday (April 6) and 6 a.m. Tuesday (April 7).

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

I-275 lane closures near downtown

TAMPA -- One to 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 5 - 9) nights.

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) for bridge work from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (April 5 and 6) nights.

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.

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

TAMPA -- Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue may be closed at I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Wednesday (April 6 - 8) nights. 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.

Rome Avenue to be closed at I-275

TAMPA -- Rome Avenue will be closed between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday or Thursday (April 8 or 9) nights. Traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Willow Avenue, and Cypress Street. *This detour will not be used at the same time the Willow Avenue detour is in place (see item below).*

Willow Avenue to be closed at night

TAMPA -- Willow Avenue may be closed between La Salle and Green streets (under I-275) from 10 p.m. Thursday (April 9) to 5 a.m. Friday (April 10). Traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Rome Avenue, and Cypress Street. *This detour will not be used at the same time the Rome Avenue detour is in place (see item above).*

North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- North Boulevard may be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday or Wednesday (April 7 or 8) 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.

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 (April 6 - 10). 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: Interstate 4 Resurfacing from 50th 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 50th Street (Exit 3) to McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Friday night, April 3 and Sunday through Saturday (April 5-11) 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. Friday night, April 3 and Sunday through Friday (April 5 - 10) 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: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Lane to be closed at night on eastbound I-4 exit to Thonotosassa Road

PLANT CITY -- The right lane may be closed on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp to Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (April 6 - 9) nights.

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

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 22 and 25

PLANT CITY -- The right lane will be closed on *eastbound* I-4 between Park Road (Exit 22) and County Line Road (Exit 25) from 10 p.m. Wednesday (April 8) to 6 a.m. Thursday (April 9). The right lane will be closed in the same area on *westbound* I-4 from 10 p.m. Thursday (April 9) to 6 a.m. Friday (April 10).

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 (April 5 - 9) nights.

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. Sunday through Thursday (April 5 - 9) nights. All ramps will be open to traffic, but motorists will not be able to pass under the interstate. On Monday night, the closures will begin three hours earlier (8 p.m.).

DETOUR for westbound CR 54 thru-traffic at I-75 overpass: Go south on SR 581 (Bruce B. Downs Blvd.) to SR 56. Turn right and go west on SR 56 to CR 54.

DETOUR for eastbound CR 54 thru-traffic at I-75 overpass: Go south on I-75. Exit to SR 56 (Exit 275). Turn left onto eastbound SR 56 and cross I-75. Turn left and take northbound I-75 to CR 54 (Exit 279).

DETOUR for northbound I-75 to westbound CR 54: Use Exit 275 and drive westbound on SR 56 to CR 54.

DETOUR for southbound I-75 to eastbound CR 54: Continue south on I-75 past CR 54 and exit at SR 56 (Exit 275). Turn left onto eastbound SR 56 and cross I-75. Turn left and take northbound I-75 to CR 54 (Exit 279).