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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Westbound SR 60 traffic to be shifted to new alignment > expect detours this weekend

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). *If possible, motorists are encouraged to avoid westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway between I-275 and Tampa International Airport (TPA) over the weekend as there will be a lot of work activity from Friday night (April 17) to Monday morning (April 20).*

Closures and *detours* listed below will be used to complete the switch and complete a ramp connection from the new lanes to the Spruce Street/TPA exit:

- 1. Westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway will be closed** to all traffic between I-275 and Spruce Street/TPA from 11 p.m. Friday (April 17) to 5:30 a.m. Saturday (April 18) AND from 11 p.m. Sunday (April 19) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (April 20). This will include closing northbound I-275 Exit 39B and southbound I-275 Exit 39. Traffic will be detoured with commonly-used detours via Westshore Boulevard as follows:
 - *DETOUR for Westbound SR 60/Northbound Memorial Highway 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 Tampa International Airport or westbound State Road 60 (towards the Courtney Campbell Parkway, Veterans Expressway, and other points west and north).
- 2. Northbound I-275 Exit 39B will be closed all weekend** to traffic wanting to enter westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway, **EXCEPT** for motorists going to Tampa International Airport or eastbound Spruce Street. This ramp WILL be open from 5:30 a.m. Saturday to 11 p.m. Sunday ONLY for traffic going to the airport and Spruce Street.
 - *DETOUR to westbound SR 60/northbound Memorial Highway:* Use Exit 39A, turn left at the Kennedy Boulevard traffic signal by Westshore Plaza to enter westbound SR 60/northbound

Memorial Highway towards the Courtney Campbell Parkway, Veterans Expressway, and other connecting roadways.

If there are no major work or weather delays, traffic will be back to normal conditions Monday morning (this will include traffic on new westbound State Road 60 and a new, temporary exit to TPA and Spruce Street). Drivers exiting to the airport and Spruce Street will do so about 200 feet north (west) of where they do today.

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 17 - 25). Eastbound closures will happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.; westbound closures will occur between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (April 20 - 25) 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.

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 17 - 25) 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. Saturday through Saturday (April 18 - 25) 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.

Night lane closures on eastbound Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway near Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (April 19 - 25) nights.

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 17 - 25) 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 17 - 25) nights.

Night detours on Independence Parkway

TAMPA -- A complete closure of the northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence Parkway may occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (April 18 - 26) mornings. Detour: 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.

Lane closures and detours for TPA entrance road at night

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (April 19 - 25) nights with possible complete closures between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (April 20 - 25) 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.

Night lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TPA

TAMPA -- One lane 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. Sunday through Saturday (April 19 - 25) nights.

Lane and complete ramp closures on eastbound SR 60 ramp to southbound I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on the eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway ramp to southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (April 20-23) nights OR the entire ramp will be closed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. these same nights. When the ramp is totally closed, traffic will continue south on EB SR 60 and turn right at the traffic signal on the west side of Westshore Plaza onto Kennedy Boulevard and use the ramp at the end of Kennedy to enter southbound I-275.

Cypress Street ramp to southbound I-275 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The frontage road that allows access to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will be closed from Cypress Street Monday through Thursday nights from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Traffic will be detoured east on Cypress Street, south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard to the entrance ramp onto southbound I-275.

East Frontage Road reduced to one-way northbound traffic

TAMPA -- East Frontage Road (next to westbound State Road 60) has been reduced to one-way northbound traffic between Cypress Street and Lemon Street until about mid-June 2009. Drivers will need to use Occident Street to access Lemon Street, the southern portion of Frontage Road, and other local roads in that area.

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

I-275 lane closures near downtown

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 between Himes Avenue and Ashley Drive from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 19 - 23) nights. Two southbound lanes are also scheduled to be closed Sunday night from downtown to Howard Avenue (Exit 42).

Ashley Drive portion of northbound I-275 Exit 44 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley will be closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 19 - 23) nights. Traffic will be detoured to Scott Street, then south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

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 19 - 23) 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.

Night and day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Laurel and Green streets from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 19 - 23) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (April 20 - 24).

Project news: Interstate 4 Resurfacing from 50th Street to McIntosh Road

Night closures on I-4 ramps at I-75 and U.S. 301

TAMPA -- Crews will be milling and resurfacing ramps at I-75 (Exit 9) and U.S. Highway 301 (Exit 7) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (April 19-23) nights. A ramp closure schedule will be posted on the myTBI.com web site, along with the detour routes. The schedule may be altered due to weather or other issues -- *check myTBI.com daily for schedule changes and detour routes.*

maintenance: Interstate 75

Thursday night lane closure on southbound I-75 near Fowler Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed for maintenance work on southbound I-75 about one mile south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265) from 8 p.m. Thursday (April 23) to 4 a.m. Friday (April 24).

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Night 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 Friday (April 19 - 24) nights. There may also be lane closures and traffic shifts on the northbound exit and entrance ramps at CR 54.

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 Friday (April 19 - 24) 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.