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maintenance: Interstate 275

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

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA --The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge may be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16). The closure will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and end in Hillsborough County.

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

Northbound ramp & Howard Avenue to be closed at I-275 this weekend

TAMPA -- Howard Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Laurel Street from 7 p.m. Friday (May 9) to 6 a.m. Sunday (May 11) for crews to erect bridge beams over the roadway. The entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from Armenia/Howard avenues will also be closed during that time.

DETOURS: Traffic will be detoured west on Cypress Street, north on Dale Mabry Highway, then east on Columbus Drive back to Howard Avenue. Trucks will be directed to use Kennedy Blvd. instead of Cypress Street. Motorists entering northbound I-275 can use the Dale Mabry ramp.

Northbound I-275 lane closures Sunday and Monday nights

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from east of Howard Avenue to east of Exit 44 (Ashley Drive/Scott Street/Tampa Street) between 10 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday (May 11 and 12) nights.

Northbound I-275 Exit 44 ramp to Ashley Drive to be closed two nights

TAMPA -- The right half of the Exit 44 ramp to Ashley Drive will be closed between 10 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday (May 11 and 12) nights. Traffic will be detoured to the left half of the ramp to Scott Street, then south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

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Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed under I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive will be closed under I-275 between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (May 11-15) nights. DETOUR: Northbound Doyle Carlton Drive will be directed east on Laurel Street, north on Ashley Drive, east on Scott Street, north on Franklin Street, then west on Henderson Avenue to Doyle Carlton Drive. Southbound Doyle Carlton Drive and traffic exiting southbound I-275 to Doyle Carlton Drive will be detoured east on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street to Doyle Carlton Drive.

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.

Daytime lane closures on Howard Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Howard Avenue just south of I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16).

Daytime lane closures on Armenia Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Armenia Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16).

Lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane 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 (May 12-16).

Lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on southbound Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16).

Lane to be closed on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Laurel Street between Green Street and North Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16). Flaggers will direct traffic.

Lane closures on La Salle Street

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures and flagging operations on La Salle Street from Monroe Avenue to Willow Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 12-16).

Ashley Drive ramp closures to and from southbound I-275

TAMPA -- Both the southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive (left ramp off Exit 45A) and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (May 13 and 14) nights.

DETOUR FOR EXIT RAMP CLOSURE: Traffic will be detoured to the Doyle Carlton Drive exit ramp at Exit 45A, then north on Doyle Carlton, east on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

DETOUR FOR ENTRANCE RAMP CLOSURE: Traffic will be detoured east on Cass Street, north on Florida Avenue, then west on Kay Street to the entrance ramp at Tampa Street.

North Boulevard closed at I-275

TAMPA -- North Boulevard is closed from the south side of I-275 to Main Street. The closure began April 18 and will last through approximately June 30, 2008. The closure is needed to install 72-inch storm pipe on both sides of the interstate.

DETOURS: Traffic is being detoured using Cass Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street back to North Boulevard. Truck traffic is being directed to Armenia Avenue (southbound route) and Howard Avenue (northbound route) instead of using Willow Avenue.

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 week of May 11

SEFFNER -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (May 11-15) nights for paving operations.

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

Night lane closures on southbound I-75 south of Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 between Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) and the Hillsborough River (about 3 miles south of Bruce B. Downs) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Sunday (May 9-11) nights.

Night lane closures on Bruce B. Downs at I-75

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on southbound Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) from Dona Michelle Drive to I-75 between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (May 11-15) nights.

Northbound Bruce B. Downs ramp to northbound I-75 to be closed two nights

NEW TAMPA -- The northbound Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (May 12 and 13) nights.

DETOUR: Go north on Bruce B. Downs to State Road 56, turn left and go west to the northbound I-75 entrance ramp at that interchange.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures & detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closure of eastbound or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway are scheduled near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit nights and mornings through Saturday, May 17. When a complete closure is in place, it will only be for one direction at a time. Lane closures will occur between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will take place between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m.

DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: All traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TIA exit. Traffic can 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.

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Traffic pacing Thursday morning approaching Veterans

TAMPA -- Florida Highway Patrol officers will pace traffic for about 5 minutes in both directions of Memorial Highway between Tampa International Airport and the Veterans Expressway between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Thursday (May 15) morning. Motorists can expect delays during that time on westbound State Road 60 approaching the Courtney Campbell Parkway, on eastbound State Road 60 east of Rocky Point to Memorial Highway, and on the southbound Veterans Expressway approaching Independence Parkway.

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 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday (May 12-17) for pipe construction.

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