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*Motorist news for July 28-August 4, 2007*

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## project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

### Rolling roadblocks on I-4 and I-275 Sunday through Thursday nights

TAMPA -- There will be periodic traffic paces, lane closures, and ramp closures in both directions of I-275 approaching the ramps to eastbound I-4 between 10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (July 29-August 2) nights as follows:

- Entrance ramps to northbound I-275/eastbound I-4 from Ashley Drive and Jefferson Street will be closed. Use the left-entry ramp from Jefferson Street as an alternate.
- The right two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 heading onto eastbound I-4.
- Traffic paces will occur on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue to I-4 and on southbound I-275 from Hillsborough Avenue onto the ramp (Exit 45B) to I-4. Motorists should expect delays up to 15 minutes.

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### Lanes closed on westbound I-4 Wednesday night

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two to three lanes (of 3-4 lanes) will be closed on westbound I-4 between 50th Street (Exit 3) and I-275 from 11:30 p.m. Wednesday (August 1) to 5:30 a.m. Thursday (August 2).

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### 21st Street ramp to westbound I-4 closed Sunday night

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The entrance ramp to westbound I-4 from 21st Street will be closed from 11:30 p.m. Sunday (July 29) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (July 30). Motorists should use the 50th Street entrance to access westbound I-4 or enter I-275 from downtown.

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**Westbound I-4 Exit 3 to 50th Street closed Monday night**

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 exit ramp to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed from 11:30 p.m. Monday (July 30) to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (July 31). Motorists should use Exit 5 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) and go west on MLK to 50th Street.

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**Columbus Drive/50th Street ramp to westbound I-4 closed Tuesday night**

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to westbound I-4 from Columbus Drive/50th Street will be closed between 11:30 p.m. Tuesday (July 31) and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (August 1). Motorists should use the MLK or 21st Street entrance ramps to access westbound I-4.

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**Westbound I-4 Exit 1 closed Thursday night**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The westbound I-4 exit ramp to 22nd Street (Exit 1) will be closed between 11:30 p.m. Thursday (August 2) and 5:30 a.m. Friday (August 3). Motorists can exit at 50th Street (Exit 3), go south on 50th Street, and then travel west on 7th Avenue or State Road 60 to 21st/22nd streets.

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**Night lane closures on 15th Street at I-4**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on 15th Street near I-4 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (July 30-August 2).

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**Day and night lane closures on 21st/22nd streets at I-4**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One lane may be closed on both 21st Street and 22nd Street from 13th Avenue to 19th Avenue between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (July 30-August 2) and from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights.

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**Day lanes closure on 34th Street at I-4**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One lane may be closed in each direction of 34th Street from Columbus Drive to 13th Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 30-August 3).

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**Lanes closure on 40th Street under I-4**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of 40th Street under I-4 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 30-August 3).

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### **Night lane closures on northbound 50th Street near I-4**

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound 50th Street from 10th Avenue to Melbourne Boulevard between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (July 30-August 2).

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### **Day lane closures on 50th Street near I-4**

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound and southbound 50th Street from Columbus Drive to north of I-4 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 30-August 3).

### **project news: I-175 from I-275 to 4th Street**

#### **Lane closures on I-175**

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound I-175 between I-275 and 4th Street between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (July 29-August 2) nights.

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

#### **Day and night lane closures on southbound I-275**

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of three lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 between 5th Avenue South and 26th Avenue South between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 30-August 3). One to two lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 in the same area between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 30-August 2) nights.

### **project news: I-75 from north of State Road 60 to south of I-4**

#### **Lane closure over the weekend on westbound MLK at I-75**

BRANDON -- One lane will be closed on westbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) at I-75 between 4 a.m. Saturday (July 28) and 6 a.m. Monday (July 30).

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#### **Southbound I-75 Exit 260 to MLK to be closed this weekend**

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Exit 260) may be closed from 4 a.m. Saturday (July 28) to 6 a.m. Monday (July 30). [It may be open as early as Sunday afternoon.]

DETOUR: Traffic will be detoured to the next exit, which is State Road 60 (Exit 257). Motorists will exit to State Road 60 by getting in the right lane of the 3-lane left turn area of the ramp. From there, proceed under I-75 and take the first right to enter the ramp to northbound I-75. Go north and exit at either Exit 260A (eastbound on MLK/SR 574) or Exit 260B (westbound on MLK/SR 574).

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### **Northbound I-75 exit ramp to westbound MLK closed Sunday night**

BRANDON -- The northbound I-75 exit ramp (Exit 260B) to westbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) will be closed from 8 p.m. Sunday (July 29) to 6 a.m. Monday (July 30). Traffic will be detoured to westbound I-4 (Exit 261), then to U.S. 301 (Exit 7). Motorists can then head south on U.S. 301 to MLK.

\* Please note: This ramp will not be closed until the southbound I-75 ramp to MLK is reopened. See related item above.

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### **Night lane closures on I-75 between SR 60 and I-4**

BRANDON -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound and southbound I-75 between State Road 60 (Exit 257) and I-4 (Exit 261) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (July 29-August 2) nights.

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### **MLK ramp to northbound I-75 closed some nights**

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 30 - August 2) nights. Traffic will be detoured to southbound I-75, exit at State Road 60/Adamo Drive (Exit 257), then to the ramp to northbound I-75 from State Road 60. Motorists may also use U.S. Highway 301 or County Road 579 to I-4 to I-75.

## **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 from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) to the Hillsborough River between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (July 29-August 2) nights.

## **project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)**

### **Sunday night lane closures / traffic pacing on eastbound SR 60 approaching I-275**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 approaching I-275 from 8:30 p.m. Sunday (July 29) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (July 30). There will also be a traffic pace after 1 a.m. Monday (July 30) for traffic on eastbound State Road 60 from Bayport Drive, and southbound Memorial Highway from the Veterans Expressway. Law enforcement officers will lead the pace, which should last about 5 to 10 minutes. Traffic will be shifted to the left on eastbound State Road 60 approaching I-275; motorists should be alert to these changed conditions Monday morning.

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### **Lane closures on southbound George Bean Parkway**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (July 29-August 2) nights.

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### **TIA exit road to be closed very early mornings**

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday (July 28) morning and Monday through Saturday (July 30-August 4) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Traffic going to I-275 can take Spruce Street east to Lois Avenue, then turn right and take Lois to I-275, or choose routes as described below:

**TO ACCESS SOUTHBOUND I-275:** Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can go south on O'Brien Street, turn right onto Cypress Street, then turn left on the entrance ramp to southbound I-275 immediately after passing under the State Road 60/Memorial Highway overpass.

**TO ACCESS NORTHBOUND I-275:** Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

**TO ACCESS STATE ROAD 60:** Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to Kennedy Boulevard (State Road 60). Turning left will put motorists onto eastbound State Road 60; turning right will put motorists onto westbound State Road 60.

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### **Monday night traffic impacts near post office at TIA**

TAMPA -- Traffic on the service road just north of the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport will be controlled by flag persons between 11 p.m. Monday (July 30) and 6 a.m. Tuesday (July 31).

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### **Spruce Street ramp to westbound SR 60 detoured early mornings**

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday mornings (July 31-August 4). Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound State Road 60).