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

### **I-275 West Tampa project set to begin**

TAMPA -- A project to reconstruct two miles of northbound I-275 from Himes Avenue to the Hillsborough River will begin Monday (August 13). The \$106 million project is expected to be completed by early 2010. When finished, this stretch of I-275 will feature four through-lanes, wider shoulders, and improved lighting and drainage. The majority of the new interstate will be built to the south of the existing northbound lanes and tie into the existing roadway at Himes Avenue and the Hillsborough River.

Interstate lane closures will be limited to night hours between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; side street closures will be allowed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Project and closure information can be found on the [www.myTBI.com](http://www.myTBI.com) site, where users can also sign up for free e-mail updates.

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### **Northbound I-275 lane closures at night approaching downtown**

TAMPA -- The right two lanes on northbound I-275 between Himes Avenue and Ashley Drive (Exit 44) will be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 13-16) nights for barrier wall installation and temporary striping.

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### **Daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 13-17). Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

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### **Day lane closures on Green Street south of I-275**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Green Street from Laurel Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 13-17). Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

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

**Day 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 (August 13-17).

**maintenance: Interstate 275**

**Monday lane closure on the Howard Frankland Bridge**

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday (August 13) for bridge inspection work.

**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 and/or westbound I-175 between I-275 and 4th Street between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 13-17).

**project news: I-4 Freeway Management System**

**Lane closures and traffic pacing on I-4 Sunday and Monday nights**

TAMPA/PLANT CITY -- Lane closures and traffic pacing will be used on Interstate 4 in eastern Hillsborough County to erect sign structures and message boards for the SunGuide Freeway Management System Sunday and Monday (August 12 and 13) nights. Lane closures will be used between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and traffic paces will occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. and last up to 20 minutes each. One traffic pace is expected for each structure installation. Traffic will be blocked from entering the interstate at all interchange entrance ramps until the law enforcement officers leading the paces pass the ramps. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Updates will be posted on the myTBI.com Web site. Here is the schedule for lane closures and traffic paces:

Sunday (August 12): 2 eastbound lanes closed near Alexander Street/State Road 39 (Exit 21). Traffic pace to begin at Branch Forbes Road, Exit 17.

Monday (August 11): 2 westbound lanes closed near Thonotosassa Road (Exit 19). Traffic pace to begin at Park Road, Exit 22.

**project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City**

**Lane closures on I-4 Sunday through Wednesday nights**

TAMPA -- There will be periodic lane closures in both directions of I-4 between I-275 and 50th Street between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (August 12-15) nights.

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**Day 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 (August 13-16).

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

TAMPA -- One lane may 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 (August 13-17).

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

**MLK ramp to southbound I-75 closed Saturday and several nights**

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday (August 11) and from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Wednesday nights (August 13-15). Traffic will be detoured west on MLK, then north on U.S. Highway 301, then east on I-4 to Exit 9 (southbound I-75).

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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 (August 12-16) nights.

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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 (August 12) to 6 a.m. Monday (August 13). 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.

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

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

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound I-75 at the Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) interchange from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 12-16) nights.

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**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 the Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) interchange to the Hillsborough River from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 12-16) nights.

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

**Traffic impacts near post office at TIA**

TAMPA -- Traffic on the service road near the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport will be controlled by flag persons between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday (August 10) through Saturday (August 18). There will also be flagging operations on the connector road from southbound George Bean Parkway to the service road by the Post Office from 11 p.m. Sunday (August 12) to 6 a.m. Monday (August 13).

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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 Friday (August 12-17) nights.

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**Night lane closures on Veterans / Memorial Highway approach to State Road 60**

TAMPA -- There will be intermittent left lane (of three lanes) closures on southbound Veterans Expressway / Memorial Highway approaching westbound State Road 60 (Courtney Campbell Causeway) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (August 12-17).

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**Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 on Courtney Campbell**

TAMPA -- The right lane (of three lanes) will be closed periodically on westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway near Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (August 12-17).

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**Brief closures for lighting maintenance on SR 60 and Spruce Street**

TAMPA -- There will be periodic closures on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 between the Veterans Expressway and I-275 and on eastbound Spruce Street by Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (August 12-17).