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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Courtney Campbell to be closed early Thursday – long detours

TAMPA -- Both eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway will be closed just west of Bayport Drive between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Thursday, August 13 (Wednesday night into Thursday morning) for installation of an overhead sign structure. During that time, drivers will only be able to exit to Bayport Drive (Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay) via eastbound S.R. 60 and will only be able to enter westbound S.R. 60 from Bayport Drive. **DETOUR:** Traffic will be detoured using S.R. 60, I-275 (Howard Frankland Bridge), Ulmerton Road, and U.S. Highway 19.

Detours on 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 (August 7 - 15) nights. 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. 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.

Night lane closures on SR 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway between I-275 and Cypress Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 9 - 15) nights.

Night lane closures on Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Memorial Highway and Rocky Point Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights.

Eastbound and westbound 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 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights as crews do bridge work over the road.

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.

Westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway traffic going onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway may also be detoured these same hours and nights. DETOUR: Continue north, exit to Independence Parkway, go north on George Road, then east and south on Memorial Highway to the westbound State Road 60 exit towards Clearwater.

Night lane closures on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on westbound/northbound Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway (south of the Veterans Expressway) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights.

Northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence Parkway may be closed between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights. 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 on southbound Memorial/Veterans approaching Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on southbound Veterans Expressway (SR 589) / Memorial Highway north of Independence Parkway between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 9 - 15) nights.

Lane and complete closures of westbound SR 60 exit to airport

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on the westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway exit to George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights. The entire ramp between may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. the same 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 use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

Eastbound SR 60 exit to airport may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway exit to Tampa International Airport may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday

(August 7 - 15) nights. DETOUR: Exit to Spruce Street. Get into the left lane, u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

Night lane closures on Spruce Street bridge near Tampa International Airport

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 4 lanes) may be closed on the eastbound SR 60/southbound George Bean Parkway (roadway out of Tampa International Airport) bridge over SR 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 9 - 15) nights.

Night lane closures on Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (August 7 - 15) nights.

Night closure of westbound Spruce Street near TPA

TAMPA -- Westbound Spruce Street may be closed just east of State Road 60 between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 8 - 16) mornings. DETOUR to westbound SR 60/northbound Memorial Highway: Go south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (SR 60) which turns into Memorial Highway at I-275.

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 (August 7 - 15) nights and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday through Saturday (August 8 - 15).

Project news: Northbound I-275 Connector to CR 296 / SR 686

Night lane closures on northbound I-275 at Roosevelt Boulevard

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed on northbound I-275 from about one-half mile south of Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) to the Roosevelt Boulevard exit ramp (Exit 30) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 10 - 13) nights.

Day lane closures on I-275 Exit 30 ramp

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed on the northbound I-275 Exit 30 ramp to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 10 - 14). Temporary barrier wall will be set and the left lane will remain closed on this ramp for widening and the construction of the new ramp to County Road 296.

Day lane closures on westbound CR 296

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed on the ramp from southbound I-275 to westbound County Road 296 near 28th Street North from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 10 - 14).

Day lane closures on Roosevelt Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) from I-275 to 28th Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (August 10 and 11).

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

Northbound I-275 lane closures near downtown

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 between Himes Avenue (east of Exit 41B) and Ashley Drive/Scott Street (Exit 44) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 9 - 13) nights.

Traffic impacts on weekend of August 14 as additional lanes open on northbound I-275

TAMPA -- Beginning Friday night, August 14 (weather permitting), work will begin to put northbound I-275 between Dale Mabry Highway and Ashley Drive into its final traffic alignment.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the overnight hours between 11:30 p.m. Friday (August 14) and 8 a.m. Saturday (August 15). Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes to avoid potential long delays during these hours.

For the remainder of the weekend, traffic may be reduced to just two lanes in that area as workers restripe the roadway into its final configuration. All lanes are expected to be open no later than 5:30 a.m. Monday (August 17). Slow traffic can be expected on northbound I-275 all weekend, with the worst period being Friday night into Saturday morning.

When the work is completed, there will be a minimum of four through-lanes on northbound I-275 from the Dale Mabry Highway entrance ramp past the Hillsborough River in downtown Tampa. A fifth lane on the right will allow traffic to enter from Himes Avenue and exit to the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange, as well as between the Howard Avenue entrance ramp and the exits to Scott Street and Ashley Drive.

Half of I-275 Exit 44 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramps to Ashley Drive and Scott Street may alternately close between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. during one night Wednesday through Friday (August 12 - 14). At the time of this release, it was not known which night the closures would occur.

- Detour when Scott Street exit (left half of Exit 44) is closed: Traffic will be detoured to Ashley Drive (right ramp of Exit 44), then east on Cass Street, then north on Florida Avenue to Scott Street.
- Detour when Ashley Drive exit (right half of Exit 44) is closed: Traffic will be detoured to Scott Street, then south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

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 Green and Laurel streets from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 9 - 13) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 10 - 14).

North Boulevard may also be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 9 - 13) 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.

Day lane closures on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on eastbound Laurel Street from North Boulevard to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 10 - 14).

Day lane closures on Green Street at I-275

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Green Street between Laurel Street and North Boulevard (at 275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday (August 9 - 14).

Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on I-4 near Exit 19

PLANT CITY -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound I-4 between Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17) and Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (August 9 - 12) nights. Single-lane westbound closures in that area may also take place between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. these same nights. The closures are to restore the roadway near the old weigh stations.

maintenance: Interstate 75

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

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed for maintenance work on southbound I-75 about one mile south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265) at the Tampa Bypass Canal from 8 p.m. Wednesday (August 12) to 4 a.m. Thursday (August 13).

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Night lane closures and traffic control for CR 54 under I-75

WESLEY CHAPEL -- Lanes will be closed on eastbound and/or westbound County Road 54 under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday through Thursday (August 8 - 13) nights. Traffic may be directed under the interstate on the lanes normally used for turns onto I-75.