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

Northbound I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 7 - 11) nights.

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 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 7 - 11) nights.

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.

Daytime lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound Himes Avenue near the entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 8 - 12). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

Day lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane of both northbound and southbound Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 8 - 12).

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Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 between 11 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday (September 7 - 12) as needed. No closures will take place between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Traffic will be detoured as follows:

Northbound: East on Laurel Street, north on Ashley Drive, east on Scott Street, north on Franklin Street, then west on Henderson Avenue to Doyle Carlton.

Southbound: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street.

Lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- Intermittent closures of the right lane on northbound North Boulevard may occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 8 - 12) as crews paving adjoining Green Street.

Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately mid-September. 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.

maintenance: Interstate 4

Night lane closures in Plant City area on I-4

PLANT CITY -- Lane closures will take place on I-4 between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (September 8 and 9) nights as follows:

* Monday night: One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4, east of Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17).

* Tuesday night: One to two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4, east of Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17).

maintenance: Interstate 75

Wednesday night lane closures on southbound I-75 in Tampa

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed for maintenance work on southbound I-75, north of U.S. Highway 301 (Exit 254), between 9 p.m. Wednesday (September 10) and 3 a.m. Thursday (September 11).

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 lane will be closed on southbound I-75 from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) to the Hillsborough River (about 3 miles south of Bruce B. Downs) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 7 - 11) nights.

Night lane closures on eastbound Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on eastbound (northbound) Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) under I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 7 - 11) nights.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures and detours on eastbound State Road 60 under I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 (Memorial Highway) under I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (September 7 - 13) nights.

Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures of eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit as needed Saturday through Sunday (September 6-14). Lane closures will occur between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will happen 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.

Watch closely for lighted message signs on I-275 and State Road 60 that will state which directions are closed and guide you to the detour routes. You may also find specific night closings on myTBI.com as they are scheduled.

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Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street / TIA closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (September 6 - 14) mornings. Traffic will be routed to Kennedy Boulevard, then to northbound Westshore Boulevard, then to Spruce Street. Motorists going to TIA can enter via the westbound Spruce Street ramp.

[This exit will not be closed at the same time when eastbound State Road 60 is closed; one or the other will be open. See previous item.]

TIA exit road to be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Sunday (September 8 - 14) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Depending on the destination, traffic will then be routed to I-275 or State Road 60 using local roads including Spruce Street, O'Brien Street, Cypress Street, and Westshore Boulevard. Please see myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

Night lane closures on SR 60 on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the east end of the Courtney Campbell Parkway near Bayport Drive between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (September 6 - 13) nights.

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