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project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Westbound 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) interchange as needed Friday through Sunday (October 24 - November 2). Lane closures will be between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TIA exit, 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 alerting of the closures and to guide you to the detours.

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street / TIA closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport may be closed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday through Sunday (October 24-November 2) nights. 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.]

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Ramp from Spruce Street to westbound SR 60 may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (October 24 - November 1) nights. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60). This ramp will not be closed when the westbound State Road 60 detour is in place (see news "Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA").

TIA exit road may be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- All or part of southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (October 25 - November 2) 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. See myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on westbound Spruce Street from O'Brien Street to Tampa International Airport (TIA) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (October 24 - 31) nights.

Lane closures on eastbound SR 60 approaching I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway from Cypress Street to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (October 24 - 31) nights.

Sunday afternoon/night closures on Cypress Street at SR 60

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Cypress Street from Frontage Road to O'Brien Street (under State Road 60/Memorial Highway) from 4 p.m. Sunday (October 26) to 5 a.m. Monday (October 27). No traffic will be able to pass under the overpass for about 15 minutes each time one of four girders is set above traffic. Expect delays and watch for traffic control officers.

Night detours and lane closures for SR 60 connection to Memorial/Veterans

TAMPA -- Traffic heading east or west on State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway may be detoured at the traffic signal to northbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (October 24 - November 1) nights. One to two lanes may also be closed in that area on westbound State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (October 24 - 31) nights .

DETOUR: Eastbound traffic will be directed east to the Spruce Street exit, where it will u-turn at O'Brien Street, then enter westbound State Road 60 and continue to Memorial Highway or the Veterans Expressway. Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Memorial Highway to Independence Parkway, then north on George Road to Memorial Highway, then east/south on Memorial to the ramp to westbound State Road 60.

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) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 26 - 30) 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 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 26 - 30) 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.

Southbound I-275 Ashley ramps to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 may be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 26 - 30) nights.

Detours: for the southbound I-275 exit ramp closure: Use Exit 45A to Doyle Carlton Drive. Turn right at bottom of ramp onto Doyle Carlton, turn right onto Henderson Avenue, turn right onto Tampa Street and go south, turn right and go west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

For northbound Ashley Drive entrance ramp closure to southbound I-275: Going north on Ashley Drive, turn right and go east on Cass Street, turn left and go north on Florida Avenue, turn left on Kay Street and go west to the I-275 entrance ramp at the Tampa Street/Kay Street intersection.

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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 (October 27 - 31). 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 Arch Street to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (October 27 - 31).

Armenia or Howard avenues to be closed south of I-275 at night

TAMPA — Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue will be closed at I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 26 - 30) nights. Armenia will be closed between Laurel and Arch streets; Howard will be closed from Arch Street to the northbound entrance ramp. All interstate ramps at the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange will remain open. However, traffic may be very congested in the Howard/Armenia area at I-275. In order to avoid delays, motorists are advised to consider alternate routes.

DETOUR for Armenia Avenue closure: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on Mac Dill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia.

DETOUR for Howard Avenue closure: Howard Avenue traffic will be detoured east on Cypress Street, north on Rome Avenue, then west on Main Street back to Howard. Traffic wishing to access I-275 will continue west on Main Street, then south on Armenia Avenue. Motorists going south on I-275 will use the ramp at Green Street. Motorists accessing northbound I-275 will continue south on Armenia Avenue, then go east on Laurel Street to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Arch and Green streets between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (October 27 - 31).

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 between midnight and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (October 27 - 31) as needed. 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.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Lane closure Monday night on northbound I-75 near Fowler

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-75, one-half mile south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265) between 10 p.m. Monday (October 27) and 5 a.m. Tuesday (October 28). Crews will be working on an overhead changeable message sign.

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

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

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed in both directions of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard under I-75 from 9 p.m. Sunday (October 26) to 5 a.m. Monday (October 27). One lane will also be closed on northbound (eastbound) Bruce B. Downs Blvd. under I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (October 29 and 30) nights.

Bruce B. Downs ramp to northbound I-75 to be closed Sunday night

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed from 9 p.m. Sunday (October 26) to 5 a.m. Monday (October 27).

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.

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. Monday through Thursday (October 27 - 30) nights.

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