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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

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 (October 9 - 17) 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. [No detours will be in place until at least 2 hours after the U2 concert October 9 and the USF football game on October 15.]

* 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.

Eastbound and westbound Courtney Campbell to be detoured early mornings

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 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (October 10 - 18) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. [No detours will be in place until at least 2 hours after the U2 concert October 9 and the USF football game on October 15.] 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.

Lane closures on SR 60 approaching I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway from south of the Courtney Campbell Parkway to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (October 11 - 17) nights. [No closures will be in place until at least 2 hours after the USF football game on October 15.]

Westbound SR 60 exit to airport may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway exit to George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (October 9 - 17) nights. [No detours will be in place until at least 2 hours after the U2 concert October 9 and the USF football game on October 15.]

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.

Lane closures on TPA exit road at night

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (October 11 - 17) nights. [No closures will be in place until at least 2 hours after the USF football game on October 15.]

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. Sunday through Saturday (October 11 - 17) nights. [No closures will be in place until at least 2 hours after the USF football game on October 15.]

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. Sunday through Saturday (October 11 - 17) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday (October 12 - 18). [No closures will be in place until at least 2 hours after the USF football game on October 15.]

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane of southbound I-275 on all levels of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge will be closed between 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (October 14 and 15) nights. Crews will be doing inspections.

Project news: Tampa Bay SunGuide on Interstate 275 from 54th Ave. S. to 54th Ave. N.

Lane closures and very slow traffic on northbound I-275 Monday and Tuesday nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching work zones from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday (October 11 and 12 nights). In addition, one to two traffic paces will be used to set overhead sign structures between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. these same nights. During the traffic paces, all entrance ramps within the pacing area will be closed until the front of the pacing operation passes. The traffic paces will be very long -- up to 30 minutes. Motorists should be prepared for these delays and may want to choose alternate routes. Here are the work zones and the traffic pacing areas:

Sunday night, October 11: Install the structure over northbound I-275, just south of 28th St. S. at mile post 20.8. Pacing will begin at the Sunshine Skyway toll plaza and proceed north. During the pacing, all entrance ramps onto northbound I-275 will be closed between Pinellas Point Drive and 22nd Avenue South (Exit 16 to 19).

Monday night, October 12: Install the structure over northbound I-275, north of 22nd Avenue N. at mile post 23.8. Pacing will begin at 54th Ave. S. and proceed north. During the pacing, all entrance ramps onto northbound I-275 will be closed between 54th Avenue South and 22nd Avenue north (Exits 17 to 24). *This will also include closing the westbound entrance ramps onto I-175 and I-375.*

Closures and pacing operations could take place additional nights if work is not completed. Check myTBI.com for status updates.

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

Night lane closures on I-275 north and south of Roosevelt Boulevard

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes lane will be closed on northbound and southbound I-275 between Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28) and Ulmerton Road (Exit 31) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (October 9 and 10) nights and Monday through Friday (October 12 - 16) nights.

Day and night lane closures on Roosevelt Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes 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. Saturday through Saturday (October 10 - 17) and from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday (October 9 and 10) nights and Monday through Saturday (October 12 - 16) nights.

Southbound I-275 exit to Roosevelt / CR 296 to be closed early mornings

ST. PETERSBURG -- Southbound I-275 Exit 30 to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) and County Road 296 (118th Avenue) will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (October 10 - 17) mornings. **DETOURS:** Use Exit 31 and take Ulmerton Road

(State Road 688) west to Roosevelt Boulevard. If going to County Road 296, go east on Roosevelt, then turn right on 28th Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118th Avenue.

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

Southbound I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- The left lane may be closed on southbound I-275 from west of the Hillsborough River to Himes Avenue (Exit 41C) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 11 - 15) nights.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Night lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One lane will be closed on northbound and southbound I-75 from north of the rest areas to north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 11 - 15) nights.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Sunday night lane closure on northbound I-75

HERNANDO COUNTY -- The right lane will be closed for maintenance work on northbound I-75 over the Withlacoochee River between 9 p.m. Sunday (October 11) and 5 a.m. Monday (October 12).