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## project news: I-175 from I-275 to 4th Street

### Daytime 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 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 14-18).

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### Day entrance ramp closures on westbound I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- The 4th Street, 6th Street, and 9th Street entrance ramps onto westbound I-175 may be alternately closed between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 14-18).

## project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

### Night lane closures on main span of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes may be closed on the main span of northbound I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. nightly until further notice. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH during lane closures.

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

### Night and day lane closures on I-275 in south St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (January 13-17) nights. There may also be periodic ramp closures these nights; traffic will be detoured to the next interchange.

One of three lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-275 in the same area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 14-18).

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**project news: I-275 from 62nd Avenue N. to Gandy Blvd.**

**Westbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed at night**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The westbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Monday (January 11-14) nights and Thursday night (January 17). [The ramp will NOT be closed at the same time the eastbound entrance ramp is closed.]

DETOUR: Continue west on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at the traffic signal at Grand Avenue, and proceed to the eastbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

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**Eastbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed at night**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday night (January 11) and Monday through Thursday (January 14-17) nights. [The ramp will NOT be closed at the same time the westbound entrance ramp is closed.]

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at Dr. M.L. King Street (9th St. N.), and proceed to the westbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

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**Night lane closures on I-275 near Gandy Blvd.**

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-275 between 62nd Avenue North and Gandy Boulevard between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (January 13-17) nights.

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**Night lane closures on Gandy Boulevard at I-275**

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed periodically in each direction of Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) under I-275 between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (January 13-17) nights.

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**Eastbound Gandy ramp to northbound I-275 closed several nights**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to northbound I-275 will be closed periodically between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Monday and Wednesday (January 13, 14, and 16) nights.

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., turn left and go north on Roosevelt Blvd. (State Road 686), and proceed to the Roosevelt entrance ramp to northbound I-275.

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### **Southbound I-275 Exit 28 closed several nights**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The southbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday night (January 13) and Tuesday through Thursday (January 15-17) nights.

DETOUR: Exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn left off the exit ramp and go east on Roosevelt Blvd. to Gandy Boulevard.

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### **Northbound I-275 Exit 28 closed Tuesday night**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The northbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday (January 15) and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (January 16).

DETOUR: Continue north on I-275 and exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp and proceed east to Gandy Boulevard.

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

### **Ashley entrance ramp to southbound I-275 to be closed periodically this weekend**

TAMPA -- The Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed from 11 p.m. Friday (January 11) to 11 a.m. Saturday (January 12) and from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday (January 13) for construction work.

DETOUR for the 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 flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays until further notice. Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

## **maintenance: Interstate 75**

### **Lanes closed on southbound I-75 at I-4 Monday and Tuesday nights**

TAMPA -- The center and right lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 between I-4 (Exit 261) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 260) for maintenance work from 8 p.m. Monday (Jan. 14) to 4 a.m. Tuesday (Jan. 15). The left lane will be closed in the same area from 8 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 15) to 4 a.m. Wednesday (Jan. 16).

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### **Southbound I-75 exit to I-4 closed Wednesday night**

TAMPA -- The southbound I-75 exit to I-4 (Exit 261) will be closed from 8 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 16) to 4 a.m. Thursday (Jan. 17) for maintenance work. DETOUR: Exit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 260), turn left and cross over I-75, then turn left and take northbound I-75 to I-4.

## **project news: I-75 Freeway Management System**

### **Night lane closures and traffic pacing on southbound I-75**

TAMPA -- There will be night traffic impacts on southbound I-75 in various locations from I-275 to U.S. Highway 301 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (January 15-17) nights. Crews will be installing Dynamic Message Signs over the highway in four locations.

Two of three lanes will be closed at any of the following locations:

- \* South of Fowler Avenue, Exit 265;
- \* South of I-4, Exit 261;
- \* South of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Exit 260; and
- \* south of the Crosstown Expressway, Exit 256.

Also, traffic may be paced for lengthy durations of up to 30 minutes throughout the southbound I-75 corridor between midnight and 4 a.m. these nights. Law enforcement officers will lead the paces and entrance ramps within the pacing area will be closed until the front of the traffic pacing operation passes the entrance ramp.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid delays.

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

### **I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs resume Monday night**

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (January 14-17) nights as crews erect bridge girders. [NO detours are scheduled for January 11-13 nights.]

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at the Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 Exit 270, cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramp.

Traffic will be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching this interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard will have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs. Law officers will handle traffic control where the ramps intersect Bruce B. Downs.

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

**TIA exit road to be closed very early mornings**

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday (January 12) morning and Monday through Saturday (January 14-19) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Traffic going to I-275 can take Spruce Street east to Lois Avenue, then turn right and take Lois to I-275, or choose routes listed at myTBI.com.

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**Ramp from Spruce Street to westbound SR 60 closed early mornings**

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday (January 12) morning and Monday through Saturday (January 14-19) mornings. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60). [Please note: This ramp will not be closed the same nights as westbound State Road 60 (see below). Either the ramp or westbound State Road 60 will be closed depending on the work activities.]

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**Brief delays on State Road 60 ramps to southbound I-275 at night**

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flag persons on the eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway and westbound State Road 60/Kennedy Boulevard entrance ramps onto southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday (January 16-19) nights.

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**Brief delays on Cypress Street ramp to southbound I-275 at night**

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flag persons on the Cypress Street entrance ramp to southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday (January 16-19) nights.

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**Night lane closures on State Road 60**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport area between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (January 11-18) nights. The right lane of eastbound SR 60 approaching I-275 will be closed the same hours Wednesday through Saturday (January 16-19) nights.

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### **Westbound State Road 60 to be closed near TIA early mornings**

TAMPA -- Westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway will be closed between I-275 and Tampa International Airport (TIA) from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Friday (January 12-18) mornings for bridge demolition over the roadway. [Westbound State Road 60 will not be closed the same nights as the Spruce Street ramp (see above). Either the ramp or westbound State Road 60 will be closed depending on the work activities.]

#### **DETOURS:**

Northbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60: Use Exit 39A to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Boulevard). Go east on Kennedy, then north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

Southbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60: Use Exit 40A (Westshore Boulevard). Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

Kennedy Boulevard to westbound State Road 60: Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

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### **Night lane closures on TIA entrance road**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (inbound roadway to Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Wednesday (January 14-16) nights.