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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

New exit to airport and Spruce Street now open

TAMPA -- A new exit ramp from westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway to Tampa International Airport and Spruce Street opened at 4 a.m. Friday, November 13.

This exit ramp is located further to the south, meaning that traffic coming from I-275 or Kennedy Boulevard will exit sooner than the current location. The new exit (that exits to the right -- same as before) is located just after crossing Cypress Street. Once on the new ramp, drivers can go to the right to Spruce Street or stay straight in one of the two lanes that enter the airport.

Drivers should be cautious in this area as everyone gets used to the changes. Additional lanes will be opened in the area by the airport later this year which will further assist with traffic entering westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway from I-275.

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 (November 13 - 21) 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.

Eastbound and westbound Courtney Campbell to be detoured early mornings

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60 traffic on the Courtney Campbell Parkway going north toward the Veterans Expressway and other roads to the north may be detoured from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (November 14 - 22) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. DETOUR: Drivers will be directed south on eastbound SR 60/Memorial Highway to the Spruce Street exit, where they will then make a u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and then enter westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway to the Veterans and other connecting roadways.

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 southbound Memorial Highway

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on southbound Memorial Highway/eastbound State Road 60 from the Tampa International Airport exit to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 13 - 21) nights.

Eastbound SR 60 ramp to southbound I-275 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway ramp to southbound I-275 may be closed between 11 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 13 - 21) nights. DETOUR: Traffic will continue south on SR 60 and turn right at the traffic signal on the west side of Westshore Plaza onto Kennedy Boulevard and use the ramp at the end of Kennedy to enter southbound I-275.

Watch for night work on Cypress Street ramp to southbound I-275

TAMPA -- The frontage road and ramp that allows access to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will have various night work between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (November 15 - 21) nights.

Night lane closures on eastbound Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Rocky Point Drive and Memorial Highway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (November 15 - 21) nights.

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 (November 13 - 21) 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.

Lane closures on TPA exit road at night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 13 - 21) nights.

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 (November 13 - 21) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday through Sunday (November 14 - 22).

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed in either direction of I-275 for bridge maintenance on the high level sections of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (November 16 - 19) nights.

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

Southbound I-275 lanes closed at 38th Ave. S. Sunday night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The center and right lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 at 38th Avenue South (north of 54th Ave. S., Exit 17) for overhead sign work from 8:30 p.m. Sunday (November 15) to 6 a.m. Monday (November 16).

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

Southbound I-275 exit to CR 296 to be closed during the day this weekend

ST. PETERSBURG -- The portion of southbound I-275 Exit 30 that connects to County Road 296 (118th Avenue) will be closed from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (November 14 and 15).

DETOURS: Use Exit 31 and take Ulmerton Road (State Road 688) west to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686), go east on Roosevelt, then turn right on 28th Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118th Avenue. Another option is to exit at Exit 30, go west on Roosevelt, then turn left on 28th Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118th Avenue.

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

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- 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 through Saturday (November 13 - 21) nights. Also, traffic paces may be used on I-275 to slow traffic between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. these same nights. Northbound traffic pacing will begin at 38th Avenue North (Exit 25); southbound traffic

spacing will begin at State Road 60 (Memorial Highway) Exit 39. Both directions of spacing will end at Roosevelt Boulevard (Exit 30).

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 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 13 - 21) nights, as well as from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Sunday (November 14 - 22).

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) may be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (November 14 - 22) 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: Northbound I-275 Exit Ramps to State Road 60

Lanes closed night and day this weekend on I-275 east of Howard Frankland

TAMPA -- Two lanes of northbound I-275 and the left lane of southbound I-275 will be closed east of the Howard Frankland Bridge from 9 p.m. Friday (November 13) to 11 a.m. Saturday (November 14). The left lane will also be closed in each direction there from 9 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday (November 15). Depending on the progress Saturday night, the closures could run up to 11 a.m. again on Sunday. Check myTBI.com for updates.

Project news: I-4 / Selmon Expressway Connector (pre-construction utility work)

Day lane closures on Adamo Drive

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound State Road 60 (Adamo Drive) approaching 34th Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (November 16 and 17). Crews will be relocating utilities.

Project news: I-75/I-275 Exit Ramps to State Road 56

Night lane closures on I-275 approaching I-75

NEW TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching I-75 and to the merge onto northbound I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (November 17 - 19) nights.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

**CR 54 to be closed under I-75 November 15 and 16 nights –
Northbound entrance ramp also closed**

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (November 15 and 16) nights. The CR 54 entrance ramp to northbound I-75 will also be closed.

Local traffic will be detoured using State Road 54, County Road 54, Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and the I-75 interchange at State Road 56.

Drivers wishing to enter northbound I-75 will need to use the entrance ramps at SR 56 or SR 52.

Night lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One lane will be closed in each direction of I-75 from north of the rest area to north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (November 15 - 18) nights.