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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- 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 between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 14 - 22) nights.

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.

Lane closures on Veterans' frontage road

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on the southbound Veterans Expressway frontage lanes approaching Memorial Highway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (November 16 - 22) nights.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane will 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 14 - 22) nights and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday (November 17 - 22).

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street may be closed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 14 - 22) 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.]

TIA exit road may be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- 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 (November 15 - 23) 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 SR 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed in either direction of State Road 60 / Memorial Highway from Cypress Street to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 14 - 22) nights.

Night lane closures on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Rocky Point and Memorial Highway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 14 - 22) nights.

Night lane closures on northbound Memorial/Veterans

TAMPA -- One to four lanes of northbound Memorial Highway may be closed from State Road 60 (Courtney Campbell) to the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (November 14 - 22) nights.

Night detours on northbound Memorial/Veterans

TAMPA -- Northbound Memorial Highway / Veterans Expressway may be closed from Independence Parkway to Memorial Tuesday through Friday (November 18-21) mornings. DETOUR: Traffic will be routed to Independence Parkway, north on George Road, then east on Memorial Highway to the Veterans Expressway or Eisenhower Boulevard.

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 closed two mornings

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (November 19 and 20) mornings. DETOUR: East on Cypress to Westshore Boulevard, south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard to the southbound ramp near Westshore Plaza.

Project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

Night lane closures on southbound Skyway

ST. PETERSBRUG – One of two lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday (November 16 and 17) nights. Crews will be restriping the travel lanes to their original positions.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures in Tampa on I-275

TAMPA – Lanes will be closed on I-275 between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. as follows:

- Monday, November 17: One to 2 lanes on northbound I-275, north of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 46B).
- Tuesday, November 18: One to 2 lanes on southbound I-275, north of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 46B).
- Wednesday, November 19: One to 2 lanes on northbound I-275, north of Hillsborough Avenue (Exits 47A and 47B).
- Thursday, November 20: One to 2 lanes on southbound I-275, north of Hillsborough Avenue (Exit 47).

Day lane closures on northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA – The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (November 17 - 21). The closures will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and extend into the Hillsborough County side.

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

Northbound I-275 lane closures two nights

TAMPA -- 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. Tuesday and Wednesday (November 18 and 19) nights.

Southbound I-275 lane closures two nights

TAMPA – The left lane will be closed on southbound I-275 south of the Ashley Drive entrance ramp from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (November 18 and 19) 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 (November 16 - 20) 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.

Tuesday lane closure on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on southbound Himes Avenue from Green Street to Arch Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday (November 18).

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 two nights

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) for bridge work from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (November 16 and 17) nights.

DETOUR: Mac Dill Avenue traffic will be detoured around the closure area using Cypress Street, Armenia Avenue (southbound) or Howard Avenue (northbound), and Main Street back to Mac Dill Avenue.

Howard Avenue to be closed at I-275 two nights

TAMPA — Howard Avenue will be closed at I-275 (from La Salle Street to the entrance ramp) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (November 19 and 20) nights for bridge work.

DETOURS: 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.

Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive will be closed to traffic under I-275 between 12:01 a.m. Monday (November 17) and 5 p.m. Friday (November 21). 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.

Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 10 and 14

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in either direction of I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) Sunday through Thursday (November 16 – 20) nights. Westbound closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; eastbound closures will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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

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

NEW TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on southbound I-75 at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday night (November 14) and Sunday through Tuesday (November 16 - 18) nights.

Friday night lane closure on northbound I-75 at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound I-75 at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) from 9 p.m. Friday (November 14) to 5 a.m. Saturday (November 15).

Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed several nights

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday night (November 14) and Wednesday through Friday (November 19 – 21) nights.

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.

Northbound I-75 to be closed several nights at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA – Northbound I-75 will be closed at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 16 - 18) nights. DETOUR: Traffic will exit at Bruce B. Downs/C.R. 581 (Exit 270), cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramp.

Traffic may be slow in on northbound I-75 approaching the interchange and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard may have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs.