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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 Tuesday (November 20 - 24) 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 Wednesday (November 21 - 25) 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.

Northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence Parkway may be closed between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights. Traffic will remain northbound on Memorial, but will exit to the right where the new Independence exit opened in August. Once on that new ramp, traffic will be directed down a short ramp to exit left to Memorial at the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

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 and Saturday (November 20 and 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 and Saturday (November 20 and 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. Friday and Saturday (November 20 and 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. Friday and Saturday (November 20 and 21) nights.

Flagging operations on eastbound SR 60 access roads at Bayport Drive

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled by flaggers on the eastbound State Road 60 access roads to and from Bayport Drive (Grand Hyatt) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday (November 22 - 25).

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 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 20 - 24) 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.

TPA exit road may be closed at night

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound road from Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (November 22 - 25) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Depending on destination, traffic will then be routed to I-275 or SR 60 using local roads including Spruce, O'Brien, and Cypress streets, Lois Avenue, or Westshore Boulevard.

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 and Saturday (November 20 and 21) nights.

Westbound Spruce Street may be closed early mornings near TPA

TAMPA -- Westbound Spruce Street may be closed just east of State Road 60 between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (November 22 - 25) mornings. DETOUR to westbound SR 60/northbound Memorial Highway: Go south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (SR 60) which turns into Memorial Highway at I-275.

One-lane traffic on N. Frontage Road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on North Frontage Road (between the Social Security Office and Laurel Street) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday (November 22 - 25). Flaggers will direct traffic.

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 and Saturday (November 20 and 21) nights and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (November 23 - 25).

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

Southbound I-275 exit to Roosevelt to be closed early Saturday

ST. PETERSBURG -- Southbound I-275 Exit 30 to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) will be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday (November 21) morning.

DETOURS: Use Exit 31 and take Ulmerton Road (State Road 688) west to Roosevelt Boulevard. Or, use Exit 30 to County Road 296 (118th Avenue), turn right at the end of the ramp, then left on 28th Street North to Roosevelt.

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

ST. PETERSBURG -- The portion of southbound I-275 Exit 30 that connects to County Road 296 (118th Avenue) will be closed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday (November 21).

DETOURS: Exit southbound I-275 at Exit 30, go west on Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686), then turn left on 28th Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118th Avenue.

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

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

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- One to two lanes lane will be closed on northbound and/or southbound I-275 between Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28) and Ulmerton Road (Exit 31) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Friday through Monday (November 20 - 23) 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 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday through Monday (November 20 - 23) nights, as well as from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Tuesday (November 21 - 24).

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

ST. PETERSBURG -- Either the southbound I-275 Exit 30 to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) or County Road 296 (118th Avenue) may be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) 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: State Road 574 at Interstate 75

Eastbound MLK ramp to northbound I-75 to be closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The eastbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp onto northbound I-75 will be closed between 8 p.m. Sunday (November 22) and 6 a.m. Monday (November 23). DETOUR: Continue east on SR 574, u-turn at Williams Road and head west to use the westbound SR 574 entrance ramp to northbound I-75.

Also, there will be moving operations on MLK and the ramp from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Southbound I-75 ramp to Eastbound I-4 to be closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The portion of the southbound I-75 ramp (Exit 261) to eastbound I-4 will be closed for maintenance repairs from 9 p.m. Sunday (November 22) to 5 a.m. Monday (November 23). DETOUR: Use the part of the ramp that goes west on I-4, exit to U.S. Highway 301 (Exit 7), go south over I-4 and use the entrance ramp to eastbound I-4.

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

Night lane closures on I-75 near I-275

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound I-75 from south of I-275 to State Road 56 (Exit 275) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights.

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. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

CR 54 to be closed under I-75 several nights

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 11 p.m. Friday (November 20) and 5 a.m. Saturday (November 21). It will also be closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights. All ramps will be open, but no traffic will be able to cross under I-75.

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.

Night lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One lane will be closed on northbound 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 Tuesday (November 22 - 24) nights.

Holiday travel news

No interstate closures in Tampa Bay area over Thanksgiving holiday weekend

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- No closures are scheduled in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area or on the interstate system in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Wednesday (November 25) afternoon through Sunday (November 29).