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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 night, December 11 and Sunday through Friday (December 13 - 18) 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 entrance ramp to westbound SR 60.

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### Detours for eastbound and westbound Courtney Campbell 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 Saturday (December 12 - 19) 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 from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (December 12 - 19) mornings. 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. If drivers are on the adjacent lanes that do not have access to exit at

Independence Parkway, they can exit at Memorial Highway and re-enter in the southbound direction.

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**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 Friday (December 13 - 18) nights. Drivers will be directed to adjacent lanes to the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

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**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 night (December 11) and Sunday through Friday (December 13 - 18) 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.

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**Lane closures and detours for TPA exit road at night**

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound road from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (December 13 - 19) nights. The entire exit may also be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (December 12 - 19) 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.

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**Night lane closures between Kennedy Boulevard and Veterans Expressway**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed in either direction on any of the travel lanes of State Road 60 / Memorial Highway from Kennedy Boulevard (south of I-275) to the Veterans Expressway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (December 13 - 19) nights.

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**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. Saturday through Saturday (December 12 - 19) 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.

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**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 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (December 13 - 19) nights.

**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/or southbound I-275 between Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28) and Ulmerton Road (Exit 31) from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday (December 11) and Sunday through Friday (December 13 - 18) nights.

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**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 Saturday (December 13 - 19) 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 28<sup>th</sup> Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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**Day 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 28<sup>th</sup> Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (December 14 - 19).

**maintenance: Interstate 275**

**Daytime lane closure on Howard Frankland Bridge on Wednesday**

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge on the Pinellas County side of the bridge between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday (December 16). Crews will be inspecting the bridge.

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

**Day lane closures on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to west of the railroad tracks from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Sunday (December 13 - 20). On several days, traffic may be in a two-way traffic pattern on one side of the roadway. Crews will be working in manholes.

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

**Night lane closures on I-75 near I-275**

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-75 from one-half mile south of Interstate 275 to State Road 56 (Exit 275) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 13 - 17) nights.

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**Night lane closures on I-275 approaching I-75**

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching I-75 to the merge onto northbound I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 13 - 17) nights.

**Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54**

**CR 54 to be closed under I-75 at night**

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday night (December 11) and Sunday through Friday (December 13 - 18) 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.

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**Night lane closures on northbound I-75 near CR 54**

WESLEY CHAPEL -- The right lane will be closed on northbound and southbound 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 Friday (December 13 - 18) nights.