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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 Friday (January 22 - 29) 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.

#### Detours for eastbound Courtney Campbell to northbound Memorial/Veterans 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 (January 23 - 30) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. DETOUR: Drivers will be directed 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.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SR 60 exits to airport may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound and westbound State Road 60/ Memorial Highway exits to George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (January 22 - 29) nights. DETOUR: Traffic will be directed 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 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday (January 22) night and Sunday through Friday (January 24 - 29) nights. There may also be total ramp closures from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (January 23 - 30). Traffic will be routed to eastbound Spruce Street, then u-turn at the O'Brien Street intersection and enter westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway. For drivers going to eastbound State Road 60 or I-275, they will continue east on Spruce Street, then go south on Westshore Boulevard to northbound I-275 or Kennedy Boulevard (eastbound SR 60). To access southbound I-275, turn right on Kennedy Boulevard, continue west and use the entrance ramp by turning left across from the west side of Westshore Plaza.

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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 a.m. Friday night, January 22 and Sunday through Friday (January 24 - 29) nights.

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#### Westbound Spruce Street may be closed early mornings near TPA

TAMPA -- Westbound Spruce Street (entrance to westbound SR 60/northbound Veterans/Eisenhower) may be closed just east of State Road 60 between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (January 23 - 30) 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. Follow signs towards Independence Parkway, and then use George St. or Independence to go to Memorial.

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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) any time Sunday through Saturday (January 24 - 30). Drivers should be alert to temporary new ramp alignments, including a stop before entering eastbound S.R. 60.

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## **Lane closures on Cypress Street**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street between O'Brien Street and Reo Street from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Saturday (January 22 - 30).

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#### One-lane traffic on N. Frontage Road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on North Frontage Road between Cypress Street and Laurel Street from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Saturday (January 22 - 30). Flaggers will direct traffic.

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

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday through Sunday (January 22 - 31).

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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. Friday through Sunday (January 29 - 31) mornings. [As the exact mornings are not yet known for each ramp closure, please check myTBI.com on January 28 for the dates.]

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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I-275 traffic to be detoured at Roosevelt Blvd. early mornings / lane closures at night ST. PETERSBURG -- Traffic will be detoured off either northbound or southbound I-275 at Exit 30 between 12 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday (January 29 - 31) mornings. [As the exact mornings are not yet known for each direction and morning of the detours, please check

myTBI.com on January 28 for the dates.]

Prior to the detours, traffic will be reduced to one lane approaching Exit 30 (Roosevelt Boulevard/SR 686), beginning at 8 p.m. Then, after midnight, traffic will be directed off at the exit ramp, across Roosevelt Boulevard, and back onto the interstate using the entrance ramp.

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

#### Night lane closures on northbound I-75 approaching SR 56

NEW TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound I-75 from south of Interstate 275 to north of State Road 56 (Exit 275) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Saturday through Monday (January 23 - 25) nights.

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#### Night lane closures on I-275 approaching and onto I-75

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching and onto northbound I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (January 25 - 28) nights.

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#### Monday or Tuesday night ramp closure from northbound I-75 to SR 56

NEW TAMPA -- The northbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 56 (Exit 275) will be closed either Monday night (January 25) or Tuesday night (January 26). The closure will begin after 11 p.m. and finish by 5 a.m. DETOUR: Continue to the next exit (279), turn right and go east to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, then turn right and go south to S.R. 56.

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## Traffic pacing Tuesday night on southbound I-75 approaching I-275

NEW TAMPA -- Drivers may find slow traffic at times on southbound I-75 from south of County Road 54 to south of the exit to I-275 (Exit 274) between 11 p.m. Tuesday (January 26) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (January 27). Traffic pacing will be used to move construction equipment ahead of traffic.

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

## Night lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One 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. Friday night (January 22) and Sunday through Thursday (January 24 - 28) nights.

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

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (January 24 - 28) nights. All ramps will be open, but no traffic will be able to cross under I-75. DETOUR: 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.