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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

SR 60 / Memorial ramp to southbound I-275 closed this weekend

TAMPA -- The ramp from eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway to southbound I-275 (Howard Frankland Bridge) will be closed from 12:01 a.m. Saturday (December 13) to 5 a.m. Monday (December 15). DETOUR: Continue under I-275, turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard (across from Westshore Plaza) and use that entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 may be closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street may be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (December 13 - 21) mornings. DETOUR: East on Cypress to Westshore Boulevard, south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard to the southbound ramp near Westshore Plaza.

Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Westbound lane closures or 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 Friday through Saturday (December 12 - 20) nights. Westbound lane closures will be between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures with detours will be between 10:30 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/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.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday through Saturday (December 13 - 20) and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (December 12 -20) nights. Also, watch for flagging operations during the night work.

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 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday through Saturday (December 12 - 20) 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.

Night lane closures on Spruce Street

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound Spruce Street between State Road 60 and O'Brien Street from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (December 14 - 20) nights.

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 (December 13 - 21) 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.

Lane closures on SR 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway from Cypress Street to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (December 12 -- 20) 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 (December 12 -- 20) nights.

New ramps opening Tuesday along the State Road 60 corridor near Airport

TAMPA -- Rapid progress continues on the Tampa Airport Interchanges project, with four new ramps expected to open by morning drive time on Tuesday, December 16 (weather permitting). The majority of these changes are permanent construction features, designed to enhance mobility in this area of the Westshore Business District. The following describes the changes:

1. The eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway exit to Spruce moves back to a right-side exit. Currently, motorists have to use a temporary left-side exit.

2. A new exit from eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway to the west end of Cypress Street will open.
3. A new ramp from the west end of Cypress Street to eastbound Spruce Street will open.
4. A new ramp from outbound George Bean Parkway (exit from Tampa International Airport) to eastbound Spruce Street will open.
5. The left-side George Bean Parkway exit to westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway will be relocated to the existing right-side exit that also takes traffic to the Veterans Expressway and roads north of State Road 60. This is a temporary configuration needed to construct the new Spruce Street connection to westbound State Road 60 and a new ramp for traffic exiting the airport going towards Clearwater. Until this new ramp is opened, motorists leaving the airport going towards Clearwater via westbound State Road 60 will need to merge left across two lanes of westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway.

Motorists need to be alert as drivers become accustomed to these changed conditions. As this still is a construction zone, motorists also need to drive at or below posted speed limits for everyone's safety.

Courtney Campbell to be closed early Thursday

TAMPA -- Both eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway will be closed just west of Bayport Drive to just east of Rocky Point Drive between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Thursday (December 18) for installation of an overhead sign structure. During that time, drivers will only be able to enter Bayport Drive (Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay) via westbound S.R. 60 and will be able to exit Bayport Drive only to eastbound S.R. 60. DETOUR: Traffic will be detoured using S.R. 60, I-275 (Howard Frankland Bridge), Ulmerton Road, and U.S. Highway 19.

Project news: Tampa Bay SunGuide on State Road 60

Lanes to be closed on westbound Spruce Street near Westshore Blvd. Monday night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on westbound Spruce Street, about one-half mile west of Westshore Boulevard between 8:30 p.m. Monday (December 15) and 5 a.m. Tuesday (December 16). Crews will be installing a Dynamic Message Sign and structure. Any work not completed Monday night will be done during the same hours Tuesday night.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures on southbound I-275 at 18th Avenue South

ST. PETERSBURG -- Intermittent lane closures will take place between 9 p.m. Monday (December 15) and 5 a.m. Tuesday (December 16) on southbound I-275 over 18th Avenue South (just north of Exit 19 to 22nd Avenue South). Crews will be repairing bridge joints.

Project news: Interstate 275 Box Culvert Outfall

Thursday night lane closure on northbound I-275 near Kennedy exit

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 from the Tampa side of the Howard Frankland Bridge to Exit 39A (Kennedy Boulevard) from 11 p.m. Thursday (December 18) to 5 a.m. Friday (December 19).

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

I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue (Exit 42) to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 14 - 18) 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 (December 14 -18) 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.

Southbound I-275 Ashley ramps to be closed two nights

TAMPA -- The southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (December 16 and 17) nights.

Detours: for the southbound I-275 exit ramp closure: Use Exit 45A to Doyle Carlton Drive. Turn right at bottom of ramp onto Doyle Carlton, turn right onto Henderson Avenue, turn right onto Tampa Street and go south, turn right and go west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive. For northbound Ashley Drive entrance ramp closure to southbound I-275: Going north on Ashley Drive, turn right and go east on Cass Street, turn left and go north on Florida Avenue, turn left on Kay Street and go west to the I-275 entrance ramp at the Tampa Street/Kay Street intersection.

Traffic to be paced early December 17 on northbound I-275 towards downtown

TAMPA -- Traffic will be paced slowly on northbound I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Wednesday, December 17. The pace will last about 20 minutes, during which all ramps along the route entering northbound I-275 will be closed until the front of the pacing operation passes. Crews will be installing an overhead sign structure.

Day lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed in each direction of Himes Avenue from Green Street to Arch Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 – 19).

Lanes closed during day on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed in each direction of Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to Arch Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 – 19).

Armenia Avenue to be closed at I-275 two nights

TAMPA -- Armenia Avenue will be closed at I-275 (from Laurel Street to La Salle Street) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (December 15 and 16) nights for bridge work.

DETOUR: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on Mac Dill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia.

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 (December 17 and 18) 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.

Day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Arch Street and Main Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 - 19).

Day lane closures on Green Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Green Street between Laurel Street and North Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 – 19).

Day lane closures on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on eastbound Laurel Street from North Boulevard to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 – 19).

Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 anytime between 12:01 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 15 - 19). 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 Resurfacing from 50th Street to McIntosh Road

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 3 and 6

TAMPA -- Single lane closures will occur on eastbound and westbound I-4 between 50th Street (Exit 3) and Orient Road (Exit 6) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 14 - 19) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

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