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project news: I-175 from I-275 to 4th Street

Daytime lane closures on I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and/or westbound I-175 between I-275 and 4th Street between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 17-21).

Day entrance ramp closures on westbound I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- The 4th Street, 6th Street, and 9th Street entrance ramps onto westbound I-175 may be alternately closed between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 17-21).

project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

Night lane closures on main span of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes may be closed on the main span of northbound I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. nightly through December 23. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH during lane closures.

project news: I-275 from 26th Avenue S. to 5th Avenue S.

Night and day lane closures on I-275 in south St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on southbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 16-20) nights. One of three lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-275 in the same area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 17-21).

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project news: I-275 from 62nd Avenue N. to Gandy Blvd.

Southbound I-275 Exit 28 closed two nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The southbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday (December 16, 17, and 19) nights.

DETOUR: Exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn left off the exit ramp and go east on Roosevelt Blvd. to Gandy Boulevard.

Westbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed at night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The westbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 16-20) nights.

DETOUR: Continue west on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at the traffic signal at Grand Avenue, and proceed to the eastbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

Night lane closures on I-275 near Gandy Blvd.

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-275 between 62nd Avenue North and Gandy Boulevard between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 16-20) nights.

Night lane closures on Gandy Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed periodically in each direction of Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) under I-275 between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 16-20) nights.

Northbound I-275 Exit 28 closed several nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The northbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (December 17 and 18) and Thursday (December 20) night.

DETOUR: Continue north on I-275 and exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp and proceed east to Gandy Boulevard.

Eastbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed night of December 21

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to

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southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. Friday (December 21) and 5:30 a.m. Saturday (December 22).

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at Dr. M.L. King Street (9th St. N.), and proceed to the westbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

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

North Boulevard to be closed this weekend

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between LaSalle Street and Main Street from 7 p.m. Friday (December 14) 6 a.m. Monday (December 17). The detour route uses Cass Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street. Also, as Green Street will not be able to access North Boulevard, traffic going to and from Presbyterian Village will use Laurel Street and Green Street. Green Street will be turned into two-way traffic between Laurel Street and Presbyterian Village; Laurel Street will be turned into two-way traffic between Green Street and North Boulevard.

Armenia Avenue Boulevard to be closed south of I-275 this weekend

TAMPA — Armenia Avenue will be closed between Laurel Street and La Salle Street from 7 p.m. Friday (December 14) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (December 17).

DETOUR: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on MacDill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia. All interstate ramps at the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange will remain open. However, traffic will be very congested in the Howard/Armenia area at I-275. In order to avoid delays, motorists are advised to consider alternate routes.

Green Street one lane between Laurel and N. Boulevard

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Green Street from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of February 2008.

Portion of Green Street closed temporarily

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from MacDill Avenue to Himes Avenue until about the end of December. DETOUR: North on MacDill, then west on Spruce Street, then south on Himes Avenue to Green Street.

Daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 17-21). Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

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Traffic to be paced Friday morning on I-275 and I-4

TAMPA -- Traffic will be slowed and paced on I-275 and I-4 one to two times for utility crossing work between midnight and 4 a.m. Friday morning (December 21). Traffic pacing on northbound I-275 will begin at the Howard Frankland Bridge; southbound pacing will begin at Hillsborough Avenue. Westbound I-4 traffic will be paced from 50th Street. Also, entrance ramps will be closed until the front of the traffic pacing passes each exit. The work zone is between MacDill Avenue and North Boulevard.

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

Night lane closures on I-75 between Fletcher and Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-75 from the Hillsborough River (north of Fletcher Avenue, Exit 266) to just north of the Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) interchange from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 16-21) nights.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures possible throughout Tampa Airport Interchanges project area

TAMPA -- There may be periodic lane closures on any of the roadways within the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 16-21) nights. The closures are for lighting maintenance.

Brief delays on Cypress Street ramp to southbound I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flag persons on the Cypress Street entrance ramp to southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday (December 20-21) nights.

Lane closed during day on westbound Cypress Street at SR 60

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound Cypress Street at the State Road 60 overpass between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (December 17-21).

Northbound I-275 exit to Cypress Street closed

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit to Cypress Street closed December 6 and will remain closed for about two months. Only the split to Cypress Street has been closed off this exit ramp (Exit 39B); the ramp to westbound State Road 60/Tampa International Airport will remain open. The detour to Cypress Street is to use Exit 39A and take Kennedy Boulevard east, then go north on Westshore Boulevard to Cypress Street.