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## Holiday travel news

### No interstate closures in Tampa Bay area over holiday weekend

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- No closures are scheduled in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area (State Road 60/Memorial Highway) or on the interstate system in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the holiday weekend from Thursday (December 24) morning through Sunday (December 27).

## 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 (December 18 – 22) 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 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 Wednesday (December 19 - 23) 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.

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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. Friday through Tuesday (December 18 - 22) 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 through Tuesday (December 18 - 22) 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. Friday through Tuesday (December 18 - 22) nights. The exit ramp towards Clearwater (westbound State Road 60) may also be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Wednesday (December 19 - 23) mornings. 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.

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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. Friday through Tuesday (December 18 - 22) 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 Wednesday (December 19 - 23) 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) from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Wednesday (December 18 - 23) nights.

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**Night lane closures on Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport**

TAMPA -- Lanes may be closed in each direction of Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (December 20 - 22) 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 18) and Sunday through Tuesday (December 20 - 22) 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. Saturday morning, December 19 and Monday through Wednesday (December 21 - 23) 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.

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

**Southbound I-275 lane closures Sunday and Monday nights west of downtown**

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on southbound I-275 from west of the Hillsborough River to Himes Avenue (Exit 41C) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (December 20 and 21) nights.

**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. Friday through Sunday (December 18 - 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.

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**Lane to be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> Street**

TAMPA -- The southbound lane will be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (December 21 - 24) for a gas line installation. Watch for flaggers directing traffic.

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

**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. Friday night, December 18 and Sunday through Wednesday (December 20 - 23) nights.

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

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 may be closed under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday night (December 18) and Sunday through Wednesday (December 20 - 23) 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.