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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 Monday through Friday (January 4 - 8) 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. Monday through Saturday (January 4 - 9) 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. Monday through Friday (January 4 - 8) 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.

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. Monday through Friday (January 4 - 8) nights. There may also be total ramp closures from 11 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. these same nights. 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.

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. Monday through Friday (January 4 - 8) nights.

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. Sunday through Saturday (January 4 - 9) 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.

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 a.m. Monday (January 4) to 8:30 p.m. Friday (January 8).

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. Monday through Saturday (January 4 - 9) nights.

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. Tuesday through Sunday (January 5 - 10) 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 28th Street North and continue to County Road 296 / 118th Avenue.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Dale Mabry Highway ramp to northbound I-275 to be closed briefly Sunday night

TAMPA -- The Dale Mabry Highway ramp onto northbound I-275 will be closed for about one hour during the period from 9 p.m. to midnight Sunday (January 3). Access to northbound I-275 will be available from Himes Avenue.

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

Southbound I-275 lane closed weekend of January 8

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-275 from the Hillsborough River to east of Howard/Armenia avenues (Exit 42) around-the-clock from 10 p.m. Friday (January 8) to 5 a.m. Monday (January 11). Traffic congestion is expected at times over the weekend.

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

Day lane closures on 4th Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on 4th Avenue west of 31st Street to west of the railroad tracks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 4 - 8) for utility work. Flaggers will direct traffic.

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

Night lane closures on I-75 near I-275

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane 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. Monday through Thursday (January 4 - 7) nights.

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 I-75 to the State Road 56 (Exit 275) exit ramp from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (January 4 - 7) nights.

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 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 Wednesday (January 3 - 6) nights.

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. Sunday through Friday (January 3 - 8) 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.