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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Changes for westbound SR 60/northbound Memorial this week

TAMPA -- Changes are coming for drivers on westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway as new lanes are open next to the mainline lanes during the coming week. Because of the recent weather, it is difficult to say when the changes will occur, but the earliest date will be Monday morning, December 7. Motorists should check myTBI.com for updates, listen to traffic reports, and most importantly, follow directions on the road signs.

The main change on the first morning will be that traffic entering from Spruce Street or Tampa International Airport will not enter onto the mainline lanes. This will result in a new left-exit to go onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway.

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 Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) 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 Street entrance ramp to westbound SR 60.

Lane closures and detours for eastbound and westbound Courtney Campbell early mornings

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 to and from the Courtney Campbell Parkway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) nights. Also, 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 morning, December 5 and Monday through Saturday (December 7 - 12) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. DETOUR: Drivers will be directed south 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.

Westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway traffic going onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway may be detoured from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday morning, December 5 and Monday through Saturday (December 7 - 12) mornings. DETOUR: Continue north, exit to Independence Parkway, go north on George Road, then east and south on Memorial Highway to the westbound State Road 60 exit towards Clearwater.

Night lane closures on Veterans/Memorial

TAMPA -- Lane closures may occur on northbound and southbound Veterans Expressway/Memorial Highway from the Courtney Campbell Parkway to north of the Memorial/Eisenhower Boulevard intersection from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Friday (December 5 - 11) nights.

Night lane closures on State Road 60

TAMPA -- Two lanes may be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 between I-275 and the Courtney Campbell Parkway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) nights.

Night lane closures on eastbound Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Rocky Point Drive and Memorial Highway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) nights.

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. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) nights. Traffic will remain northbound on Memorial to the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

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 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) 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.

TPA exit road may be closed at night

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound road from Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (December 5 - 12) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Depending on destination, traffic will then be routed to I-275 or SR 60 using local roads including Spruce, O'Brien, and Cypress streets, Lois Avenue, or Westshore Boulevard.

Night lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on westbound Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (December 6 - 11) 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. Saturday through Saturday (December 5 - 12) 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.

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Monday night lane closure on northbound I-275 north of Sunshine Skyway

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed for maintenance work on northbound I-275 one mile north of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (at the entrance to the north rest area) between 7:30 p.m. Monday (December 7) and 5 a.m. Tuesday (December 8).

Tuesday night lane closure on southbound I-275 north of Sunshine Skyway

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed for maintenance work on southbound I-275 one-and-a-half miles north of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Bunces Pass from 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (December 8) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (December 9).

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

Northbound I-275 traffic to be detoured at Roosevelt Blvd. early Saturday morning

ST. PETERSBURG -- Traffic will be detoured off northbound I-275 at Exit 30 between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday morning (December 5), weather permitting. Traffic will be reduced to one lane approaching Exit 30 (Roosevelt Boulevard/SR 686), then directed off at the exit ramp, across Roosevelt Boulevard, and back onto the interstate using the entrance ramp.

If the work cannot be done Saturday, it will roll into the next available morning, beginning Sunday, December 6.

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. Saturday through Friday (December 5 - 11) nights.

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 28th Street North from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (December 5 - 12) nights.

Southbound I-275 exit to Roosevelt may be closed early mornings

ST. PETERSBURG -- The southbound I-275 Exit 30 to Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) may be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Sunday (December 6 - 13) mornings. DETOURS: Use Exit 31 and take Ulmerton Road (State Road 688) west to Roosevelt Boulevard.

Overnight detours for northbound I-275 exit to Roosevelt

ST. PETERSBURG -- Northbound I-275 traffic exiting to westbound Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686 - Exit 30) will be detoured onto temporary pavement and make a left turn onto Roosevelt Boulevard under I-275 (instead of using the bridge over I-275) between 12:01 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (December 8 - 10) mornings. Law enforcement officers will be assisting traffic.

Lane closures on CR 296

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed in each direction of County Road 296 (118th Avenue) from 31st Court to 40th Street from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (December 8 and 9) nights.

Project news: Northbound I-275 Exit Ramps to State Road 60

Sunday night lane closures on northbound I-275 coming off Howard Frankland

TAMPA -- The right and center lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 between the Howard Frankland Bridge and the northbound exit ramp to eastbound State Road 60/Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39A) from 9 p.m. Sunday (December 6) to 6 a.m. Monday (December 7).

maintenance: Interstate 275 & Interstate 4

Traffic pacing Sunday morning on I-275 and I-4 in Tampa

TAMPA -- There will be at least one (perhaps more) traffic pacing operation in both directions of I-275 and on westbound I-4 between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday (December 6) for removal of overhead electric lines at Floribraska Avenue. Slow moving traffic paces of about 10 minutes will begin on northbound I-275 north of Howard/Armenia avenues (Exit 42), on southbound I-275 just north of Hillsborough Avenue (Exit 47), and on westbound I-4 east of 22nd Street (Exit 1). All

entrance ramps within the pacing zones will be blocked to entering traffic until the front of the pacing operation passes.

Lane closures Sunday night on I-275 in Tampa

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures alternating between lanes for moving operations in both directions of I-275 from Ashley Drive (Exit 44) to Busch Boulevard (Exit 50) from 9 p.m. Sunday (December 6) to 5 a.m. Monday (December 7). There may also be some delays on interchange ramps in that area.

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

Night lane closures on I-75 near I-275

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-75 from south of I-275 to State Road 56 (Exit 275) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 6 - 10) nights.

Night lane closures on I-275 approaching I-75

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching I-75 to the merge onto northbound I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 6 - 10) nights.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

CR 54 to be closed under I-75 at night

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (December 6 - 10) 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.

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 Thursday (December 6 - 10) nights.