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## Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

### Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 (between S. Frontage Road and O'Brien Street) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (February 3 - 7).

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### TPA exit change and lane closures on northbound Memorial / westbound SR 60

TAMPA – By early Wednesday morning, there will be another exit change near Tampa International Airport (TPA). To continue building a new entrance into TPA, the northbound Memorial Highway / westbound State Road 60 exit to TPA will be combined with the Spruce Street exit. Drivers going into TPA should be alert to this change, as they will exit about one-quarter mile sooner to the Spruce Street exit. Once on this ramp, drivers will stay straight to enter TPA or branch to the right to go to Spruce Street.

One lane will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway / westbound State Road 60 approaching Tampa International Airport (TPA) from 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (February 3) to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (February 4) to make the ramp changes.

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### Lane closures on northbound Memorial / Eisenhower

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway / Eisenhower Boulevard (south of Hillsborough Avenue) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday (February 3 - 6) nights.

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### SR 60 / Memorial ramp to southbound I-275 closed at night

TAMPA -- The ramp from eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway to southbound I-275 (Howard Frankland Bridge) will be closed from 11:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday (February 3 - 7) nights. DETOUR: Continue under I-275, turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard (across from Westshore Plaza) and use that entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

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**Thursday night lane closure near east end of Courtney Campbell**

TAMPA -- One of three lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway, near the exit and entrance ramps for Bayport Drive, from 8:30 p.m. Thursday (February 5) to 5:30 a.m. Friday (February 6).

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**Night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street**

TAMPA – One to two lanes (of 4 lanes) will be closed on the eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Thursday and Friday (February 5 and 6) nights.

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

**Southbound I-275 Ashley ramps to be closed at night**

TAMPA -- The southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp onto southbound I-275 may be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (February 3 - 5) 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.

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**Day lane closures on northbound Himes Avenue**

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on northbound Himes Avenue from Arch Street to I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 2 - 6).

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**Traffic rerouting on Himes Avenue at I-275**

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Himes Avenue, with both directions put on either the northbound or southbound lanes from Arch Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday (February 3 or 4). Crews will be installing traffic signal poles.

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**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 La Salle Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 2 - 6).

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**Armenia or Howard avenues to be closed at I-275 at night**

TAMPA -- Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue will be closed at I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Wednesday (February 2 - 4) nights. Armenia will be closed between Laurel and La Salle streets; Howard will be closed from La Salle Street to the northbound entrance ramp. All interstate ramps at the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange will remain open. However, traffic may be very congested in the Howard/Armenia area at I-275. In order to avoid delays, motorists are advised to consider alternate routes.

DETOUR for Armenia Avenue closure: 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.

DETOUR for Howard Avenue closure: 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.

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**Day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between La Salle Street and Main Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 2 - 6).

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**North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 Thursday night**

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between Laurel Street and Green Street from 10 p.m. Thursday (February 5) to 5 a.m. Friday (February 6). DETOUR for southbound traffic: West on Main Street, south on Willow Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to North Boulevard. DETOUR for northbound traffic: east on Laurel Street, then west on Green Street back to North Boulevard.

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**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 (February 2 - 6).

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**Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed under I-275**

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive will be closed to traffic under I-275 between 12:01 a.m. Monday (February 2) and 5 p.m. Friday (February 6). 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 Weigh-in-Motion Stations**

**Night lane closures on westbound I-4 between Exits 19 and 17**

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 between Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) and Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17) from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (February 3 - 5) nights. The closures are to realign the Thonotosassa entrance ramp and set barrier wall for the demolition of the old weigh station.

### Project news: Tampa Bay SunGuide on Interstate 4 from Park Road to U.S. Highway 27

#### Monday night lane closures and traffic pacing on westbound I-4 in Polk County

LAKELAND -- Lane closures and traffic pacing are scheduled for westbound I-4 between 10 p.m. Monday (February 2) and 6 a.m. Tuesday (February 3). Motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes, as long delays are expected. The traffic pace will last around 30 minutes or more, during which all entrance ramps in the direction of the pacing will be closed until the front of the pacing operation passes. Crews will be installing a sign structure with an electronic message board that spans the westbound lanes of I-4.

Here is the anticipated schedule and traffic impact:

1. February 2: One to two westbound I-4 lanes closed at milepost 26.1 (east of County Line Road, Exit 25). Traffic pacing from State Road 539/Kathleen Road (Exit 31) to Exit 25.

### maintenance: Interstate 75

#### Lane closures on northbound I-75 near U.S. 301

BRANDON -- The left two lanes will be closed on northbound I-75 at mile marker 255 (between U.S. 301, Exit 254 and the Selmon Expressway, Exit 256) from 10 p.m. Monday (February 2) to 4 a.m. Tuesday (February 3).

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

#### Project begins Monday to reconstruct I-75 interchange at County Road 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- Construction begins Monday, February 2 at Interstate 75 and County Road 54 on a project to reconstruct that interchange. The project will feature longer and wider bridges over County Road 54, new drainage systems, and highway resurfacing from State Road 56 to north of County Road 54 (Exit 279). Lane closures will be scheduled as needed between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. on I-75, and between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. on County Road 54. The first closures are scheduled for Tuesday night (see the item below).

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#### Lane closures on northbound I-75 approaching CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-75 from north of the rest area to just north County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (February 3 - 5) nights. Crews will be resurfacing the travel lanes.