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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 until further notice. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH during lane closures.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures on I-275 north of Skyway

ST. PETERSBURG -- The left lane will be closed on northbound I-275 at the Dick Misener Bridge (north of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge north toll plaza) between 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (February 5) and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (February 6). The left lane will be closed on southbound I-275 in the same area from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (February 6) to 5:30 a.m. Friday (February 7). The closures are needed for maintenance.

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 northbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 3-7) nights. There may also be periodic ramp closures these nights; traffic will be detoured to the next interchange.

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 (February 4-8).

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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 (February 4-8).

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 (February 4-8). Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

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

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. Monday through Thursday (February 4-7) nights. Southbound closures will also occur Friday and Saturday (February 1 and 2 and February 8 and 9) nights.

Eastbound Gandy ramp to northbound I-275 closed at night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to northbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (February 1 and 2) nights and Monday through Saturday (February 4-9) nights.

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., turn left and go north on Roosevelt Blvd. (State Road 686), and proceed to the Roosevelt entrance ramp to northbound I-275.

Eastbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed at night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (February 1 and 2) nights and Monday through Saturday (February 4-9) nights. [The ramp will NOT be closed at the same time the westbound entrance ramp is closed.]

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.

Southbound I-275 Exit 28 closed at night

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. Friday and Saturday (February 1 and 2) nights and Tuesday through Friday (February 5-8) 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.

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

Northbound I-275 Exit 28 closed at night

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. Tuesday through Friday (February 5-8) nights.

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.

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. Friday and Saturday (February 1 and 2) nights and Monday through Thursday (February 4-7) nights. [The ramp will NOT be closed at the same time the eastbound entrance ramp is closed.]

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.

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

MacDill Avenue closed this weekend

TAMPA -- MacDill Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Main Street from 9 p.m. Friday (February 1) to 5 a.m. Monday (February 4). Traffic will be detoured using Spruce Street, Himes Avenue and Cypress Street.

Lane closures on northbound I-275 approaching downtown

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 between Armenia/Howard avenues (Exit 42) and Ashley Drive/Scott Street (Exit 44) between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (February 4-7) nights. Crews will be installing barrier wall and realigning the entrance ramp from Howard Avenue and the Exit 44 ramp. By Thursday morning, most of the right lane running between Howard Avenue and Exit 44 will be closed and will remain closed until the end of the year.

The closure of this lane will require that traffic entering from Howard Street will have to merge into mainline northbound I-275 traffic earlier than as current conditions allow. There will also be less of an auxiliary lane approach to exit the interstate to downtown.

Green Street one lane between Laurel and N. Boulevard

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

Rome Avenue to be closed weekend of February 8

TAMPA -- Rome Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Main Street from 8 p.m. Friday (February 8) to 4 a.m. Monday (February 11) as crews install storm sewer pipe. Traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Willow Avenue and Cypress Street.

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

I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs Monday and Wednesday nights

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday and Wednesday (February 4 and 6) nights for bridge work.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at the Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 Exit 270, cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramp.

Traffic may be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching this interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard will have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs. Law officers will handle traffic control where the ramps intersect Bruce B. Downs.

Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed several nights

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (February 5, 7, and 8) nights.

DETOUR: Go north on Bruce B. Downs to State Road 56, turn left and go west to the northbound I-75 entrance ramp at that interchange.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night lane closures on westbound Spruce Street ramp to State Road 60

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on the westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 between 9:30 p.m. Friday (February 1) and 3 a.m. Saturday (February 2).

Eastbound State Road 60 to be closed near TIA early mornings

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway will be closed at the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit early Saturday (February 2) and Monday through Saturday (February 4-9) mornings from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. for bridge work over the roadway.

DETOUR: All traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TIA exit. Traffic can continue east on Spruce Street to Westshore Boulevard, then south on Westshore Boulevard to Cypress Street, northbound I-275, or Kennedy Boulevard. To access southbound I-275, continue south on Westshore Boulevard, then turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard, continue west and use the entrance ramp on the west side of Westshore Plaza. [Eastbound State Road 60 will not be closed at the same time the exit to Spruce Street is closed; one or the other will be open. See related item.]

Night lane closures on southbound Veterans Expressway/Memorial Highway

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on southbound Veterans Expressway (State Road 589) and Memorial Highway from Independence Highway to south of the Courtney Campbell Parkway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday (February 1-10) nights.

Night lane closures on State Road 60

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed on both eastbound and westbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport (TIA) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Sunday (February 5-10) nights.

Closures/detours set for TIA exit road late night/early mornings

TAMPA -- There will be either single lane closures or a complete closure of southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) overnights this week. Lane closures may occur between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday through Friday (February 6-8) nights. A complete closure of the roadway may occur between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (February 5-7) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Traffic going to I-275 can take Spruce Street east to Lois Avenue, then turn right and take Lois to I-275, or choose routes as described below:

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TO ACCESS SOUTHBOUND I-275: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can go south on O'Brien Street, turn right onto Cypress Street, then turn left on the entrance ramp to southbound I-275 immediately after passing under the State Road 60/Memorial Highway overpass.

TO ACCESS NORTHBOUND I-275: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

TO ACCESS STATE ROAD 60: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to Kennedy Boulevard (State Road 60). Turning left will put motorists onto eastbound State Road 60; turning right will put motorists onto westbound State Road 60.

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (inbound roadway to Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Thursday and Friday (February 7 and 8) nights.

Ramp from Spruce Street to westbound SR 60 closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday (February 5-9) mornings. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60).

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street / TIA closed early several mornings

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Tuesday through Friday (February 5-8) mornings

Traffic will be routed to Kennedy Boulevard, then to northbound Westshore Boulevard, then to Spruce Street. Motorists going to TIA can enter via the westbound Spruce Street ramp.

[This exit will not be closed at the same time when eastbound State Road 60 is closed; one or the other will be open. See related item.]