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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.

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 17-21) 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 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 18-22).

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 may be closed on northbound and/or southbound I-275 between 62nd Avenue North and Gandy Boulevard between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) nights.

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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 may be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) 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 may be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) 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) may be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) 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 may 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. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) nights.

Northbound I-275 Exit 28 closed at night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The northbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) may be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) 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 may be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (February 15-19) 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

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. Sunday through Wednesday (February 17-20) nights. Crews will be installing barrier wall and realigning the entrance ramp from Howard Avenue and the Exit 44 ramp. By the end of the week, most of the right lane running between Howard Avenue and Exit 44 will be closed until about 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.

Night lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes will be closed on North Boulevard from Main Street to Arch Street (under I-275) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 17-21 and February 24-28) nights. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and put into 2-way traffic on either the northbound or southbound lanes.

Lane closures on southbound Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Himes Avenue just south of I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday (February 18-21).

Lane to be closed on northbound MacDill Avenue for four days

TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound MacDill Avenue will be closed from Laurel Street to Main Street from 7 a.m. Monday (February 18) to 5 p.m. Thursday (February 21).

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Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street will be closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of May 2008, beginning Sunday (February 17) night. Local access to Presbyterian Village will be maintained. Laurel Street will be turned into two-way traffic between Green Street and North Boulevard for detour purposes.

Green Street also remains closed between Lincoln Avenue and MacDill Avenue; it will also be closed from MacDill Avenue to west of Gomez Avenue from 9 a.m. Monday (February 18) to 5 p.m. Thursday (February 21).

Daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays until further notice. Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures downtown on northbound I-275

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 near the Hillsborough River and along the ramp onto eastbound I-4 between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (February 17 and 18) nights. Crews will be placing temporary barrier walls that will remain along the shoulder for about two weeks for maintenance work behind the barrier wall.

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

I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs Monday and Tuesday 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 Tuesday (February 18 and 19) nights for bridge work.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at 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 closed at I-75 at night

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday through Friday (February 20-22) nights. During the closures, no traffic will be able to pass under I-75. Motorists will be directed onto I-75 on either side of the interstate. DETOUR: Enter I-75, exit at the next interchange (either SR 56 - Exit 275) or Fletcher Avenue - Exit 266), enter the other direction of I-75, and exit at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (Exit 270).

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project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night lane closures on eastbound State Road 60 in TIA area

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway near Tampa International Airport (TIA) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday (February 15-24) nights.

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (inbound road to Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (February 18-21) nights.

Ramp from Spruce Street to westbound SR 60 closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. any day Saturday (February 16) and Tuesday through Saturday (February 19-23) mornings. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60).

TIA exit road to be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (February 19-21) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Depending on the destination, traffic will then be routed to I-275 or State Road 60 using local roads including Spruce Street, O'Brien Street, Cypress Street, and Westshore Boulevard. Please see myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

Brief delays Wednesday morning exiting TIA to I-275

TAMPA -- Traffic may be delayed slightly on the ramp coming out of Tampa International Airport where it ties into eastbound State Road 60 (heading towards I-275) between 1:00 and 4:00 a.m. Wednesday (February 20).

Flagging on Service Road by TIA Post Office

TAMPA -- Traffic will be flagged on the service road north of the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. Wednesday (February 20) and 6 a.m. Thursday (February 21).