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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Detours on State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Complete closures of eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed Friday through Saturday (February 27 - March 7) nights. Eastbound closures with detours will be between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.; westbound detours will be 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 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.
- DETOUR for WESTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: Northbound I-275 traffic will be directed off at Kennedy Boulevard (exit 39A). Southbound I-275 traffic will be directed to Exit 40A. All traffic will be directed north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street to westbound State Road 60 or Tampa International Airport.

Night lane closures on Courtney Campbell east of Rocky Point

TAMPA -- One of three lanes will be closed in each direction of State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway from east of Rocky Point Drive to Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 27 - March 7) nights.

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will be closed from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Monday through Sunday (March 2 - 8) nights. DETOUR: East on Cypress to Westshore Boulevard, south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard to the southbound ramp near Westshore Plaza.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 (between S. Frontage Road and O'Brien Street) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 27 - March 7) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday (February 28) and Monday through Saturday (March 2 - 7).

Night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street

TAMPA -- 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 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (February 27 and 28) nights.

Night lane closures or detours on Independence Parkway

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures may happen on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway this week. One of two lanes may be closed on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 27 - March 7) nights. A complete closure of the northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence may occur between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (February 28 - March 8) mornings. For the complete closures, traffic will remain northbound on Memorial, exit left to Memorial at the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

Night lane closures on TPA entrance and exit roads

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of George Bean Parkway (roadway in and out of Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 27 - March 7) nights.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Monday lane closure on northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday (March 2). The closures will be on the high section of the bridge over Tampa Bay.

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

I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- Two lanes may be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue (Exit 42) to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 1 - 5) nights.

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 two nights

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) for bridge work from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (March 4 and 5) nights.

DETOUR: Mac Dill Avenue traffic will be detoured around the closure area using Cypress Street, Armenia Avenue (southbound) or Howard Avenue (northbound), and Main Street back to Mac Dill Avenue.

Lane closed Tuesday on Rome Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Rome Avenue between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday (March 3). Watch for flaggers.

Lane closed Wednesday on Willow Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Willow Avenue between La Salle and Green streets (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday (March 4). Watch for flaggers.

Lane closed Thursday on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in either direction of Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to Laurel Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday (March 5).

North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 at night / lane closures during day

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 1 - 5) nights. 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. During the day, one lane may be closed in each direction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 2 - 6).

Night and day lane closures on Green Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Green Street under I-275 (between Laurel Street and North Boulevard) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 1 - 5) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 2 - 6).

Night lane closures on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound Laurel Street from the Exit 42 exit ramp (Armenia Avenue) to Howard Avenue from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 1 - 5) nights.

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 any time between 12:01 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 2 - 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.

<u>Southbound</u>: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Lane closures Tuesday night on southbound I-75 just north of Gibsonton Drive GIBSONTON -- Two lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 between the Alafia River and Gibsonton Drive (Exit 250) from 10 p.m. Tuesday (March 3) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 4) for overhead sign maintenance.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-75 from north of the rest area to just north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 1 - 5) nights. Crews will be setting barrier wall and delivering dirt to the median.