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

#### **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 Friday night (February 5) and Sunday through Friday (February 7 - 12) 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 entrance ramp to westbound SR 60.

Detours for eastbound Courtney Campbell to northbound Memorial/Veterans early mornings

TAMPA -- 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. Monday through Saturday (February 8 - 13) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. DETOUR: Drivers will be directed 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.

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## SR 60 exits to airport may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound and westbound State Road 60/ Memorial Highway exits to George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday night (February 5) and Sunday through Friday (February 7 - 12) nights. DETOUR: Traffic will be directed 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.

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## Lane closures and detours for TPA exit road at night

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound road from Tampa International Airport) between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday night (February 5) and Sunday through Friday (February 7 - 12) nights. There may also be total ramp closures from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (February 8 - 13). Traffic will be routed to eastbound Spruce Street, then u-turn at the O'Brien Street intersection and enter westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway. For drivers going to eastbound State Road 60 or I-275, they will continue east on Spruce Street, then go south on Westshore Boulevard to northbound I-275 or Kennedy Boulevard (eastbound SR 60). To access southbound I-275, turn right on Kennedy Boulevard, continue west and use the entrance ramp by turning left across from the west side of Westshore Plaza.

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## Night lane closures between Kennedy Boulevard and Veterans Expressway

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed in either direction on any of the travel lanes of State Road 60 / Memorial Highway from Kennedy Boulevard (south of I-275) to the Veterans Expressway from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday night (February 5) and Sunday through Friday (February 7 - 12) nights.

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## Westbound Spruce Street may be closed early mornings near TPA

TAMPA -- Westbound Spruce Street (entrance to westbound SR 60/northbound Veterans/Eisenhower) may be closed just east of State Road 60 between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday (February 8 - 13) 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. Follow signs towards Independence Parkway, and then use George St. or Independence to go to Memorial.

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#### Flagging operations on eastbound SR 60 access roads at Bayport Drive

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled by flaggers on the eastbound State Road 60 access roads to and from Bayport Drive (Grand Hyatt) any time Friday through Saturday (February 5 - 13). Drivers should be alert to temporary new ramp alignments, including a stop before entering eastbound S.R. 60.

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## **Lane closures on Cypress Street**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street between O'Brien Street and Reo Street from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Saturday (February 5 - 13).

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## One-lane traffic on N. Frontage Road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on North Frontage Road between Cypress Street and Laurel Street from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Saturday (February 5 - 13). Flaggers will direct traffic.

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## One-lane traffic on S. Frontage Road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on South Frontage Road between Cypress Street and I-275 (entrance ramp towards St. Petersburg) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Saturday (February 5 - 13). Flaggers will direct traffic.

## maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

#### Lane closures two nights on northbound I-275 north of Sunshine Skyway

ST. PETERSBURG -- The left lane will be closed for maintenance work on northbound I-275 at the Dick Misener Bridge (north of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge toll plaza) from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (February 10 and 11) nights.

## maintenance: Interstate 275

## Sunday night lane closures on northbound I-275 near Busch Boulevard

TAMPA -- The right and center lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from south of Busch Boulevard (Exit 50) to north of Busch Blvd. (Waters Ave. to Linebaugh Ave.) from 9:30 p.m. Sunday (February 7) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (February 8). Crews will be repairing road joints.

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

## Lane closures during the day 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 28<sup>th</sup> Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Saturday (February 5 - 13). Expect closures in the same area from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday (February 5 and 6) nights.

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#### Lane closures on CR 296

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed in each direction of County Road 296 (118th Avenue) from 28th Street to 40th Street from 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday through Friday (February 5 - 12) nights.

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

#### Southbound I-275 lanes closed weekend of February 12

TAMPA -- The two right lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 from the Hillsborough River to east of Howard/Armenia avenues (Exit 42) around-the-clock from 10 p.m. Friday (February 12) to 5 a.m. Monday (February 15). This will result in just two lanes open in that area. Traffic congestion is expected at times over the weekend.

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

## Night lane closures on northbound I-75 approaching SR 56

NEW TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound I-75 from south of Interstate 275 to State Road 56 (Exit 275) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 7 - 11) nights.

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## Night lane closures on I-275 approaching and onto I-75

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 approaching and onto northbound I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 7 - 11) nights.

## Early Tuesday morning ramp closure from northbound I-75 to SR 56

NEW TAMPA -- The northbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 56 (Exit 275) will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday (February 9) morning. DETOUR: Continue to the next exit (279), turn right and go east to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, then turn right and go south to S.R. 56.

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

#### Night lane closures on I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One lane will be closed on northbound and southbound I-75 from north of the rest area to north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday (February 8 - 12) nights.

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#### CR 54 to be closed under I-75 at night

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday (February 8 - 12) nights. All ramps will be open, but no traffic will be able to cross under I-75. DETOUR: 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.