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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 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (February 6 - 14) nights and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday through Saturday (February 7 - 14).

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## Northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence to be closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence Parkway will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday (February 9 - 14) mornings for bridge construction. 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.

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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. Friday and Saturday (February 6 and 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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#### 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. Friday (February 6) and Sunday through Saturday (February 8 - 14) nights.

## Night lane closures on Spruce Street

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TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound and/or westbound Spruce Street between State Road 60 and O'Brien Street from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (February 8 - 14) nights.

### maintenance: Interstate 275

### Night lane closures in Tampa on I-275

TAMPA -- Lanes will be closed on I-275 as follows:

- Tuesday, February 10: One lane closed between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 a.m. Wednesday on northbound I-275, north of Bearss Avenue (Exit 53).
- Wednesday, February 11: One lane closed between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 a.m. Thursday on southbound I-275, north of Bearss Avenue (Exit 53).
- Thursday, February 12: Two lanes closed between 9 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on northbound I-275, north of Fowler Avenue (Exit 51).
- Friday, February 13: One lane closed between 12:01 a.m. and 3 a.m. on northbound I-275, north of Fowler Avenue (Exit 51).

## **Project news: Interstate 275 Box Culvert Outfall**

# Westshore Boulevard entrance to northbound I-275 to be closed weekend of February 13

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from Westshore Boulevard will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday (February 13) to 5:30 a.m. Sunday (February 15). Motorists can enter northbound I-275 from that area via the Lois Avenue ramp by going east on Cypress Street or Kennedy Boulevard to Lois Avenue.

## 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. Sunday through Thursday (February 8 - 12) nights. Only two nights should be needed; it is not yet known which of these nights.

Detours: for the <u>southbound</u> 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 <u>northbound</u> 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.

#### Day lane closures on northbound Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on northbound Himes Avenue from La Salle Street to I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 9 - 13).

# 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 9 - 13).

## 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 8 - 12) 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 <u>Armenia Avenue</u> 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 <u>Howard Avenue</u> 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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### North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 Sunday night

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between Laurel Street and Green Street from 10 p.m. Sunday (February 8) to 5 a.m. Monday (February 9). 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 North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Arch and Main streets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (February 9 - 13).

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## Day lane closures on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- The left 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 9 - 13).

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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 9) and 5 p.m. Friday (February 13). Traffic will be detoured as follows:

<u>Northbound</u>: 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 Resurfacing from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to McIntosh Road

#### Night lane closures on I-4 near McIntosh Road

SEFFNER -- One to two lanes may be closed on westbound I-4 from just east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14) to east of the new weigh-in-motion truck stations from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (February 8 - 12) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

## **Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations**

#### Night lane closures on westbound I-4 near Exit 19

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of I-4 near Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) Sunday through Thursday (February 8 - 12) nights. Westbound closures will happen between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; eastbound closures will happen between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The closures are to remove sign structures in coordination with the demolition of the old weigh stations.

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

#### 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. Sunday through Thursday (February 8 - 12) nights. Crews will be resurfacing the travel lanes.