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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 10-14) 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 11-15).

project news: I-175 from I-275 to 4th Street

Daytime lane closures on I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes may 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 11-15).

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 11-15). Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

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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. Sunday through Thursday (February 10-14) nights. Southbound closures may also occur Friday and Saturday (February 8 and 9 and February 15 and 16) 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 8 and 9) nights and Monday through Saturday (February 11-16) 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 8 and 9) nights and Sunday through Wednesday (February 10-13) 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 8 and 9) nights and Tuesday through Friday (February 12-15) 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.

Sunday daytime operations on Gandy ramps at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- Moving operations are scheduled on two ramps at the I-275 interchange at Gandy Boulevard between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 10. Crews will be working in one of the two lanes on the eastbound Gandy entrance ramp to northbound I-275 and the southbound I-275 exit ramp (Exit 28) to Gandy Boulevard.

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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. Friday through Saturday (February 8-16) 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. Friday (February 8) night and Monday through Friday (February 11-15) 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 through Wednesday (February 8-13) 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. Monday through Thursday (February 11-14) 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.

[These closures were originally scheduled for the week of February 4, but were canceled.]

Rome Avenue to be closed this weekend

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.

Closures on Green Street

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will remain closed on Green Street from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of March 2008. Green Street remains closed between Lincoln Avenue and MacDill Avenue until the end of February.

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.

project news: I-275 Box Culvert from the Howard Frankland Bridge to Lois Ave.

Lane closed on State Road 60/Memorial Highway Tuesday night

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway from north of Westshore Plaza to just north of the I-275 overpass from 10 p.m. Tuesday (February 12) to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (February 13).

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

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

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (February 10 and 11) 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. Friday (February 8) night and Tuesday through Thursday (February 12-14) 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.

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project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Brief delays on Kennedy Boulevard ramp to southbound I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled by flag persons on the entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Kennedy Boulevard (State Road 60) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Wednesday (February 8-13) nights.

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 8-17) nights.

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

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

Early Monday morning traffic pacing on eastbound SR 60/southbound Veterans

TAMPA -- There will be traffic paces between 12:30 and 4 a.m. Monday (February 11) for traffic on eastbound State Road 60 starting east of Rocky Point Drive, and southbound Veterans Expressway/Memorial Highway from the southern end of the Veterans Expressway. Law enforcement officers will lead the paces, which will end near Tampa International Airport.

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 Tuesday through Saturday (February 12-16) mornings. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60).