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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Northbound I-275 ramp to westbound SR 60 to be closed at night

TAMPA – The northbound I-275 exit ramp (Exit 39B) to westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 13 - 21) nights. DETOUR: Use Exit 39A and take Kennedy Boulevard east, turn left and go north on Westshore Boulevard, then turn left and go west on Spruce Street and enter the highway next to Tampa International Airport.

Lane closures and detours on eastbound State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures of eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed at night. The left lane may be closed between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 13 - 21) nights. Complete closures may happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 13 - 21) nights. 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.

Airport ramp to northbound I-275 and Kennedy Boulevard to be closed after midnight

TAMPA -- The ramp from Tampa International Airport (TPA) to eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (March 14 - 22) mornings. DETOUR: At the split in the loop ramp, traffic will be detoured onto eastbound Spruce Street, then south on Westshore Boulevard. Traffic going to northbound I-275 can enter from Westshore Boulevard; traffic going to Kennedy Boulevard will continue south on Westshore Boulevard.

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 (March 13 - 21) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday (March 14) and Monday through Saturday (March 16 - 21).

Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 at Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 going onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway at the northbound Memorial Highway split between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 13 - 21) 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 (March 13 - 21) 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 (March 14 - 22) 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 (March 13 - 21) nights.

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

Lanes closed during day on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Mac Dill Avenue from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 16 - 20).

Night lane closures on Armenia Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Armenia Avenue just south of I-275 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 15 - 19) nights.

Night lane closures on Howard Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Howard Avenue just south of I-275 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 15 - 19) nights.

Rome Avenue to be closed at night

TAMPA -- Rome Avenue may be closed between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 15 - 19) nights. Traffic will be detoured using

Main Street, Willow Avenue, and Cypress Street. This detour will not be used at the same time the Willow Avenue detour is in place (see item below).

Willow Avenue to be closed at night

TAMPA -- Willow Avenue may be closed between La Salle and Green streets (under I-275) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 15 - 19) nights. Traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Rome Avenue, and Cypress Street. *This detour will not be used at the same time the Rome Avenue detour is in place (see item above).*

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

TAMPA -- North Boulevard may be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 15 - 19) nights. DETOUR for southbound traffic: West on Main Street, south on Willow Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to North Boulevard. *This detour will not be used at the same time the Willow Avenue detour is in place (see item above).* 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 16 - 20).

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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 16 - 20).

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 16 - 20). 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.

Southbound: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street.

Project news: Interstate 4 Resurfacing from 50th Street to McIntosh Road

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 3 and 14

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed in either direction of I-4 in various locations from 50th Street (Exit 3) to east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 15 - 21) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Lane to be closed at night on eastbound I-4 exit to Thonotosassa Road

PLANT CITY -- The right lane will be closed on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp to Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (March 16 - 19) nights.

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 15 - 19) nights.