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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 (March 12) and Sunday through Friday (March 14 - 19) 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. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20) 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.

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 (March 12) and Sunday through Friday (March 14 - 19) 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.

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 (March 12) and Sunday through Friday (March 14 - 19) nights. There may also be total ramp closures from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20) mornings. 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.

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. Sunday through Friday (March 14 - 19) nights.

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. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20) 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.

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

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flaggers on the eastbound State Road 60 access roads to and from Bayport Drive (Grand Hyatt) Friday through Saturday (March 12 - 20). Drivers should be alert to temporary ramp alignments, including a stop before entering eastbound S.R. 60.

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. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20).

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. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20). Flaggers will direct traffic.

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. Saturday through Saturday (March 13 - 20). Flaggers will direct traffic.

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Wednesday night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed for bridge maintenance in various locations in both directions of I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 8 p.m. Wednesday (March 17) and 4 a.m. Thursday (March 18).

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

Night and day lane closures on Roosevelt Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) from I-275 to 28th Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (March 13) and Monday through Saturday (March 15 - 20). One lane may also be closed in each direction there from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday (March 15 - 19) nights.

I-275 traffic to be detoured at Roosevelt Blvd. early mornings

ST. PETERSBURG -- Traffic will be detoured off I-275 at Exit 30 between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday through Friday mornings (March 16 - 19). Beginning at 8 p.m. and leading up to midnight, traffic will be reduced to one lane approaching Exit 30 (Roosevelt Boulevard/SR 686), then directed off at the exit ramp, across Roosevelt Boulevard, and back onto the interstate using the entrance ramp. [This means the first lane closures will actually begin Monday night at 8 p.m., with the traffic detours to the ramps beginning at midnight (Monday night into Tuesday morning.)]

The detours will be for southbound I-275 traffic Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (March 16 and 17) and for northbound traffic Thursday and Friday mornings (March 18 and 19).

[Please note: The original release of this info had the work beginning Sunday night. The schedule has been delayed one day due to heavy rain today (Friday, March 12)].

Project news: Northbound I-275 Exit Ramps to State Road 60

Lane closures and traffic pacing Sunday night / Monday morning on I-275

TAMPA -- A lane closure and traffic pacing will be needed Sunday night into Monday morning for work on I-275 near Kennedy Boulevard, east of the Howard Frankland Bridge. From 10 p.m. Sunday (March 14) to 5 a.m. Monday (March 15), the left lane will be closed on southbound I-275 near State Road 60 (Exit 39).

Sometime between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Monday, traffic on northbound I-275 will be controlled by police during a slow pacing operation from 54th Avenue North in St. Petersburg (Exit 26A/B) to Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39A) in Tampa to allow work to be done over the roadway at Exit 39A. Traffic will move at about 20 miles-per-hour; motorists may want to consider other routes

during that time. During the traffic pace, all entrance ramps onto northbound I-275 will be blocked until the front of the pacing operation passes the ramps.

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

Lane closed around-the-clock on southbound I-275 this weekend

TAMPA -- The left lane of southbound I-275 will be closed from east of Howard/Armenia avenues (Exit 42) to west of Himes Avenue (Exit 41C) around-the-clock from 10 p.m. Friday (March 12) to 5 a.m. Monday (March 15).

Traffic congestion is expected at times over the weekend while the lane is closed. Two lanes will remain open in that area.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Lane closures on I-275 downtown Wednesday night

TAMPA -- The left lane of I-275 will be closed in both directions near Ashley Drive (Exit 44) for about one hour between 8 p.m. Wednesday (March 17) and 4 a.m. Thursday (March 18). Crews will be removing a utility pole.

Project news: I-4 /Selmon Expressway Connector

Night lane closures on westbound Selmon Expressway

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on the westbound Selmon Expressway from 50th Street (Exit 11) to 22nd Street (Exit 9) from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (March 14 - 17) nights for survey work.

Night lane closures on eastbound Selmon Expressway

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on the eastbound Selmon Expressway from 22nd Street (Exit 9) to 50th Street (Exit 11) from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (March 16 and 17) nights for survey work.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Sunday night lane closures on southbound I-75 at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-75 from north of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (Exit 270) to south of that interchange from 9 p.m. Sunday (March 14) to 5 a.m. Monday (March 15) for asphalt repairs.

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 (March 14 - 18) nights.

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

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from milepost 59 to I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 14 - 18) nights.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Night lane closures on southbound I-75 near CR 54

WESLEY CHAPEL -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-75 from north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) to south of the interchange between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Wednesday through Friday (March 17 - 19) nights. Be alert to lane shifts beginning Thursday morning.

Project news: Interstate 75 from County Road 54 to Hernando County line

Night lane closures on I-75 in northern Pasco County

PASCO COUNTY -- One lane will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-75 from north of County Road 54 (Exit 279) to the Hernando County line between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 14 - 18) nights for paving work.

Project news: Interstate 75 from Pasco / Hernando County line to Lockhart Road

Night lane closures on I-75 in southern Hernando County

HERNANDO COUNTY -- One lane will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-75 at Church Road Bridge (about one mile north of Pasco County) between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 14 - 18) nights for barrier wall installation.