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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 I-275 in either direction of 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 or southbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 16-20) 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 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 17-21).

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

Northbound I-275 exit to Ashley Drive closed two nights

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive (Exit 44, right-side ramp) will be closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 17 and 18) nights. If work is not completed those two nights, it may also be closed Wednesday (March 19) night. The left-side ramp of Exit 44 to Scott Street and Tampa Street will remain open.

To access Ashley Drive, motorists can use the Scott Street ramp, then take Tampa Street south to Tyler Street, then Tyler west to Ashley. Motorists may also wish to use Exit 42, then go south on Armenia Avenue, east on Cypress Street, south on North Boulevard, then east on Cass Street to Ashley Drive.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- The right lanes will be closed on both southbound and northbound North Boulevard from Green Street to Laurel Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 17-21).

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.

Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street will be closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of May 2008. Local access to Presbyterian Village will be maintained. Laurel Street has been turned into two-way traffic between Green Street and North Boulevard for detour purposes. Green Street will also be closed between Gomez Avenue and MacDill Avenue from 9 a.m. Monday (March 17) to 5 p.m. Thursday (March 20).

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

Southbound I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs Wednesday and Thursday nights

NEW TAMPA -- Southbound I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (March 19 and 20) nights for bridge work.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 (Exit 270), cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramp.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night closures on eastbound State Road 60 in TIA area

TAMPA -- Two lanes of eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway will be closed between the entrance ramp from Tampa International Airport and I-275 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 16-22) nights.

Officers to control intersections by TIA Post Office

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by law officers at the intersection of the roads near the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Friday (March 17-21) nights.

Brief delays on SR 60 and Cypress Street ramps to southbound I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled by flag persons on the entrance ramps to southbound I-275 from eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway and Cypress Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Thursday through Saturday (March 20-22) nights.

Flagging on Independence Parkway at Veterans

TAMPA -- Traffic will be flagged by workers on Independence Drive near the end of the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (March 21 and 22) nights.