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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 20 - 28) 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.

Detours on eastbound State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may be closed near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 20 - 28) 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 at night

TAMPA -- The ramp from Tampa International Airport (TPA) to eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 20 - 28) nights. 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 20 - 28) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday (March 21) and Monday through Saturday (March 23 - 28).

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 20 - 28) 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 20 - 28) 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 21 - 29) 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 closures on TPA entrance road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 20 - 28) nights. A complete closure may happen between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 22-28) nights. DETOUR: Take the ramp split onto eastbound Spruce Street. Get into the left lane, u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and then use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Monday night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed for maintenance work in various locations on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 11 p.m. Monday (March 23) and 4 a.m. Tuesday (March 24).

maintenance: Interstate 275

Monday night lane closures on I-275

ST. PETERSBURG / TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in various locations of northbound and southbound I-275 for maintenance on overhead electric signs between 8 p.m. Monday (March 23) and 4 a.m. Tuesday (March 24). The closures will be between 54th Avenue North (Exit 26) and the Tampa side of the Howard Frankland Bridge and from Ashley Drive (Exit 44) to north of Bearss Avenue (Exit 53).

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

Northbound I-275 lane closures near Lois Avenue

TAMPA -- Two lanes may be closed on northbound I-275 between Lois Avenue (Exit 40B) and Armenia Avenue (Exit 42) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 22 - 26) nights.

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 23 - 27).

Armenia or Howard avenues to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue may be closed at I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 22 - 26) nights. Armenia will be closed between Green 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 Armenia Avenue 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 Howard Avenue 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.

Rome Avenue to be closed at night / lane shifts during the day

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 22 - 26) 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).* During the day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 23 - 27), watch for lane shifts.

Willow Avenue to be closed at night / lane closures during day

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 22 - 26) 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).* Drivers can expect one lane to be closed during the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 23 - 27). Watch for flaggers.

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

Night lane and ramp 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 McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 20 - 28) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

Ramps are scheduled to be closed for resurfacing at two I-4 interchanges between 8 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (March 22 - 27) nights. Here is the planned schedule (may be altered due to weather or other issues -- *check myTBI.com daily for schedule changes and detour routes*):

Sunday night: County Road 579 (Mango Road) entrance ramp onto westbound I-4.

Monday night: Eastbound I-4 Exit 10 to County Road 579 (Mango Road).

Tuesday night: County Road 579 (Mango Road) entrance ramp onto eastbound I-4.

Wednesday night: Westbound I-4 Exit 9 ramp to northbound I-75.

Thursday night: Northbound I-75 Exit 261 ramp to eastbound I-4.

Friday night: Southbound I-75 Exit 261 ramp to eastbound I-4.

maintenance: Interstate 4

Monday night lane closure on westbound I-4 approaching U.S. 301

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on westbound I-4 about one mile west of I-75 (Exit 9) between 8 p.m. Monday (March 23) and 4 a.m. Tuesday (March 24). Crews will be doing maintenance on an overhead electronic sign.

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 may 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. Sunday through Thursday (March 22 - 26) 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 22 - 26) nights.

CR 54 to be closed under I-75 at night

WESLEY CHAPEL -- County Road 54 will be closed under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday (March 22 - 27) nights. All ramps will be open to traffic, but motorists will not be able to pass under the interstate.

DETOUR for westbound CR 54 thru-traffic at I-75 overpass: Go south on SR 581 (Bruce B. Downs Blvd.) to SR 56. Turn right and go west on SR 56 to CR 54.

DETOUR for eastbound CR 54 thru-traffic at I-75 overpass: Go south on I-75. Exit to SR 56 (Exit 275). Turn left onto eastbound SR 56 and cross I-75. Turn left and take northbound I-75 to CR 54 (Exit 279).

DETOUR for northbound I-75 to westbound CR 54: Use Exit 275 and drive westbound on SR 56 to CR 54.

DETOUR for southbound I-75 to eastbound CR 54: Continue south on I-75 past CR 54 and exit at SR 56 (Exit 275). Turn left onto eastbound SR 56 and cross I-75. Turn left and take northbound I-75 to CR 54 (Exit 279).