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GENERAL news

Limited lane closures over Easter holiday

-- Remember to use 511 for your travel plans --

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- Limited lane closures are scheduled in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area or on the interstate Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the Easter holiday weekend. Motorists will find a few minor closures on eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway south of TIA Friday evening and on I-275 in St. Petersburg and Tampa Sunday night, March 23. See related items in this release.

Motorists are reminded to call 511 or visit 511tampabay.com for traffic and travel information over the holiday.

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 through March. 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 23-27) 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 24-28).

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maintenance: Interstate 275

Traffic to be detoured off southbound I-275 at Exit 26 March 24-April 2 nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- Southbound I-275 traffic will be directed off the interstate at Exit 26 (54th Ave. N.) between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday night, March 24 through Wednesday night, April 2.

Traffic will be directed across 54th Avenue North and put right back onto the interstate using the entrance ramp at that interchange. Law officers will direct traffic, but motorists traveling east or west on 54th Ave. N. can expect delays.

The 54th Avenue North entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed to motorists on that roadway. Those motorists on 54th Avenue N. will be directed down 16th Street North to the entrance ramp at 38th Avenue North.

Daytime lane closures Thursday and Friday on Howard Frankland

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA --The left lane of I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday (March 27 and 28) for maintenance work. The closure will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge.

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

Lane closed from eastbound SR 60 onto northbound I-275

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 (southbound Memorial Hwy.) under I-275 and continuing on the ramp to northbound I-275 and on northbound I-275 to Westshore Boulevard from 10 p.m. Tuesday (March 25) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 26). The closures are for installing temporary barrier wall.

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

Night lane closures on northbound I-275

TAMPA -- The right lane (of three through-lanes) will be closed on northbound I-275 between Howard Avenue and the Hillsborough River (Exits 42 to 44) between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 23-27) nights.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- The right lanes will be closed on both southbound and northbound North Boulevard from Main Street to Laurel Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 24-28).

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Daytime lane closure on northbound Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound Himes Avenue will be closed from LaSalle Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 24-28).

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 the detour.

Tuesday night closures on Howard and Armenia avenues at I-275

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on both Howard Avenue and Armenia Avenue between LaSalle Street and Green Street from 8 p.m. Tuesday (March 25) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 26). Law officers will be controlling traffic as traffic signals are removed and replaced.

Howard Avenue to be closed at I-275 weekend of March 28

TAMPA -- Howard Avenue will be closed from LaSalle Street to the south side of I-275 for sewer installation from 8 p.m. Friday (March 28) to 4 a.m. Monday (March 31). This will also include access to the interstate from Howard Avenue.

DETOURS: 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.

project news: Interstate 4 Freeway Management System -- Hills./Polk counties

Daytime lane closures on Socrum Loop Road under I-4

LAKELAND -- One lane will be closed in either the northbound or southbound direction of Socrum Loop Road under Interstate 4 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Monday, March 24. The closures, needed for electrical work for the freeway management system, are expected to run through Wednesday, March 26 and could be extended through Friday, March 28.

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Daytime lane closures on State Road 33 under I-4

LAKELAND -- Traffic shifts and flagging operations are expected between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays on State Road 33 under I-4 (Exit 38), beginning after work is completed at Socrum Loop Road. The first anticipated work day is Thursday, March 27. Motorists can expect some delays on SR 33 and making left turns from the Exit 38 ramps onto SR 33.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Southbound I-75 lane closures Monday and Tuesday nights

TAMPA -- The center and left lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 about one mile south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265) from 8 p.m. Monday (March 24) to 5 a.m. Tuesday (March 25) for bridge maintenance.

The right lane of southbound I-75 will be closed at I-4 (Exit 261) between 8 p.m. Tuesday (March 25) and 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 26) for bridge maintenance.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Monday and Tuesday night closures on eastbound State Road 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed tonight (March 21) and the right lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway approaching I-275 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 24 and 25) nights.

Night closures on westbound State Road 60 west of TIA

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway at the traffic signals at the end of the Courtney Campbell Parkway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 24 and 25) nights. Two lanes will be closed and law officers will control the intersection there between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Wednesday through Friday (March 26-28) mornings.

Closures on Independence Parkway near Veterans

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flaggers on eastbound Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (March 24-28) nights. Also, one of two lanes will be closed on northbound Independence Parkway under the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (March 24-30) nights.

Monday night lane closure on TIA entrance/exit road

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of George Bean Parkway (road into and out of Tampa International Airport) from 11 p.m. Monday (March 24) to 6 a.m. Tuesday (March 25).

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 24-28) nights.

Lane closed on southbound Veterans at Memorial

TAMPA -- The left lane (of four lanes) will be closed on the southbound Veterans Expressway at Memorial Highway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday (March 27 and 28) nights.

Lane closure on Cypress Street under SR 60

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound Cypress Street under State Road 60 from 9 a.m. Friday (March 28) to 2 a.m. Saturday (March 29).