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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 27 - April 4) 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 27 - April 4) 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 27 - April 4) 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 27 - April 4) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. these same days.

Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway approaching Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 29 - April 4) 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 27 - April 4) 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 28 - April 5) 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.

TPA entrance road to be closed at night

TAMPA -- Northbound George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 27 - April 4) 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.

Lane closures on East Frontage Road

TAMPA -- There may be flagging operations on East Frontage Road (next to westbound State Road 60) between Cypress Street and Lemon Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 29 - April 4).

Project news: Tampa Bay Sunguide on Interstate 275 from 54th Ave. S. to 54th Ave. N.

Lane closures on I-275 in Monday and Tuesday nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 30 and 31) nights. On Monday night, the closures will be on southbound I-275 at 30th Avenue North (north of 22nd Avenue North, Exit 24). Tuesday night's closures will be on northbound I-275 about one-half mile north of 22nd Avenue South (Exit 19).

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 29 - April 2) nights.

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 29 - April 2) nights. Armenia will be closed between Laurel 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. On the nights Howard Avenue is not closed, drivers can expect one lane to be closed just south of I-275 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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 I-275

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 29 - April 2) 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 29 - April 2) 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

TAMPA -- North Boulevard may be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 29 - April 2) 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 30 - April 3).

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 30 - April 3). 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 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. Tuesday through Friday (March 31 - April 3) 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 29 - April 3) 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 eastbound I-4.

Monday night: One of two lanes closed on the westbound I-4 Exit 9 ramp to I-75.

Tuesday night: Northbound I-75 Exit 261 ramp to westbound I-4.

Wednesday night: Southbound I-75 Exit 261 ramp to westbound I-4.

Thursday night: Eastbound I-4 Exit 9 ramp to I-75.

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

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 29 - April 2) 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. Friday night (March 27) and Sunday through Thursday (March 29 - April 2) 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).