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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of March 25

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from east of 34th Street to east of I-275 from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 25-29).

Westbound I-4 Exit 1 ramp narrowed Tuesday night

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The westbound I-4 ramp (Exit 1) to 22nd Street will be narrowed, but open, between 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 27) and 6 a.m. Wednesday (March 28).

Westbound I-4 Exit 3 to 50th Street closed Wednesday night

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 exit ramp to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed from 11:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 28) to 5:30 a.m. Thursday (March 29). Motorists should use Exit 5 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) and go west on MLK to 50th Street.

Eastbound I-4 Exit 3 to be closed Thursday night

TAMPA -- The eastbound I-4 exit to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed from 11:30 p.m. Thursday (March 29) to 5 a.m. Friday (March 30). Traffic will be detoured east on I-4 to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 5) then west on MLK to 50th Street.

15th Street closed under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 15th Street will remain closed from south of 13th Avenue to north of 14th Avenue (under I-4) until further notice for construction work. Traffic on this northbound road is being detoured to 14th Street, which has been turned into a 2-way traffic pattern in that area, then to 15th Avenue back to 15th Street.

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Night lane closures on 21st Street at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City area) -- One of two lanes will be closed on 21st Street between 12th Avenue and 7th Avenue between 6:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday and Tuesday nights (March 25 and 27).

Day lane closures on 21st Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City area) -- The right lane will be closed on 21st Street between 14th Avenue and 7th Avenue between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 26-30).

26th Street closed under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 26th Street will remain closed under I-4 (between Columbus Drive and the south side of I-4) until further notice. Southbound 26th Street is being detoured east on Columbus Drive, then south on 34th Street, then west on 7th Avenue back to 26th Street. Northbound 26th Street is being detoured east on 7th Avenue, then north on 34th Street, then west on 18th Avenue, which curves over onto 17th Avenue and continues west back to 26th Street.

Lanes closed on 40th Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes are closed on 40th Street under I-4 until further notice. All traffic has been shifted to the east side of 40th Street, turning the northbound lanes into a two-way traffic pattern (one lane for northbound traffic; one lane for southbound traffic).

project news: I-4 Freeway Management System

Night lane closures on eastbound I-4 in Plant City

PLANT CITY -- Two of three lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 from Alexander Street (Exit 21) to west of Park Road (Exit 22) from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday and Monday nights (March 25 and 26).

project news: I-275 from 54th Ave. N. to Kennedy Blvd. (Freeway Mgmt. System)

Night lane closures on I-275 from 54th to Kennedy

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- Two lanes may be closed in each direction of I-275 in various locations between 54th Avenue North (Exit 26) in St. Petersburg and Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39A) in Tampa between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 25-29) to install equipment for the SunGuide Intelligent Transportation System. This system, when activated, will help relay real-time traffic information to motorists.

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project news: I-75 from north of State Road 60 to south of I-4

Night lane closures on I-75 between SR 60 and MLK

BRANDON -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound and southbound I-75 between State Road 60 (Exit 257) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 260) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 25-29).

Day lane closures on MLK at I-75

BRANDON -- One lane will be closed in either direction of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) at I-75 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday (March 27-29).

MLK ramp to southbound I-75 closed Monday and Tuesday nights

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (March 26 and 27). Traffic will be detoured west on MLK, then north on U.S. Highway 301, then east on I-4 to Exit 9 (southbound I-75).

Southbound I-75 Exit 260 to be closed weekend of March 30th

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Exit 260) will be closed between 8 p.m. Friday (March 30) and 6 a.m. Monday (April 2). [This is a rescheduled closure; previously it was for the weekend of March 23.]

DETOUR: When Exit 260 is closed, traffic will be detoured to the next exit, which is State Road 60 (Exit 257). Motorists will exit to State Road 60 by getting in the right lane of the 3-lane left turn area of the ramp. From there, proceed under I-75 and take the first right to enter the ramp to northbound I-75. Proceed north and exit at either Exit 260A (eastbound on MLK/SR 574) or Exit 260B (westbound on MLK/SR 574).

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

Night lane closures on I-75 approaching Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound I-75 between the Hillsborough River and Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 25-29) to install temporary barrier wall.

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

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed in each direction of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) at I-75 between 11 p.m. Wednesday (March 28) and 5 a.m. Thursday (March 29). There will also be brief traffic pacing led by law enforcement as a crane is moved across the road.

project news: I-75 from I-275 to State Road 56 and I-275 from Bears to I-75

Night lane closures on I-75 and I-275 near Hillsborough/Pasco line

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed for paving operations on northbound and southbound I-275 and I-75 between the very north end of I-275 and State Road 56 (I-75, Exit 275) Sunday through Friday nights (March 25-30). Southbound closures will be from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. each night; northbound closures will be from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. nightly.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Sunday night lane closures on northbound I-275 approaching Kennedy exit

TAMPA -- One to two (of four) lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from the north end of the Howard Frankland Bridge to Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39-A) between 8:30 p.m. Sunday (March 25) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (March 26).

Eastbound State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street / TIA closed early March 26

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport (TIA) will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday, March 26 (Sunday night into Monday morning) to erect bridge girders.

Traffic will be routed to Kennedy Boulevard, then to northbound Westshore Boulevard, then to Spruce Street. Motorists going to TIA can enter via the westbound Spruce Street ramp.

[Please note: This is a rescheduled date for this closure; it was originally scheduled for March 24.]

Night lane closures on westbound State Road 60 on Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- The right lane (of three lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway near Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (March 25-30).

Night lane closures on TIA exit road

TAMPA -- The right lane (of two lanes) will be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 25-29).

Night lane closures on westbound State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday and Wednesday nights (March 26 and 28) for bridge girder placement. The right lane will be closed there from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday nights (March 28 and 30).

Monday night lane closure on Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on westbound Spruce Street, just west of O'Brien Street (near Tampa International Airport) from 8:30 p.m. Monday (March 26) to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (March 27).

**Traffic pacing early Thursday and Saturday
on I-275 and SR 60 heading towards TIA**

TAMPA -- Traffic pacing led by the Florida Highway Patrol will take place in order to move a construction crane Thursday morning (March 29) and Saturday morning (March 31). Traffic will be paced for about 5 minutes in one direction at a time between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Thursday and Saturday.

Traffic on southbound I-275 (starting at Dale Mabry Highway), westbound State Road 60 from Westshore Plaza, and northbound I-275 (starting at the Howard Frankland Bridge) will be paced first. After this pace, traffic on eastbound State Road 60 from Bayport Drive, and southbound Veterans Expressway from Independence Boulevard will be paced.

Friday night lane closure / traffic pacing on eastbound State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- The left lane (of 3 lanes) will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. Friday (March 30) to 5:30 a.m. Saturday (March 31). Then, sometime between 12:01 and 4 a.m., traffic on eastbound State Road 60 from Bayport Drive, and southbound Veterans Expressway from Independence Boulevard will be paced by law enforcement for about 5 minutes.