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*Motorist news for March 29- April 5, 2008*

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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 in either direction of I-275 on the main span 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 30-April 3) 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 31-April 4).

## **maintenance: Interstate 275**

### **Traffic to be detoured off southbound I-275 at Exit 26 March 28-April 2 nights**

ST. PETERSBURG -- Southbound I-275 traffic may be detoured off the interstate at Exit 26 (54th Ave. N.) between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday night, March 28 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.

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

**Howard Avenue to be closed at I-275 this weekend**

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.

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**Tuesday night lane closures on Armenia Avenue at I-275**

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Armenia Avenue at Laurel Street between 8 p.m. Tuesday (April 1) and 5 a.m. Wednesday (April 2).

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**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 31-April 4).

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**Daytime lane closures on Himes Avenue**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed in either direction of Himes Avenue from LaSalle Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 31-April 4).

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**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.

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**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.

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

**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. Friday (March 28) and Monday through Friday (March 31-April 4) on State Road 33 under I-4 (Exit 38). Motorists can expect some delays on SR 33 and making left turns from the Exit 38 ramps onto SR 33.

**project news: I-75 Freeway Management System**

**Night lane closures and traffic pacing on northbound I-75 Thursday night**

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on northbound I-75 about 2.5 miles north of I-4 (Exit 261) between 10 p.m. Thursday (April 3) and 6 a.m. Friday (April 4). Crews will be installing a Dynamic Message Sign over the highway at this location.

Also, traffic may be paced for lengthy durations of up to 30 minutes on the northbound I-75 corridor from State Road 60 (Exit 257) to 2.5 miles north of I-4 (Exit 261) between midnight and 4 a.m. Friday (April 4). Law enforcement officers will lead the paces and entrance ramps within the pacing area will be closed until the front of the traffic pacing operation passes the entrance ramp.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid delays.

**project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)**

**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).

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**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. Friday (March 28) and 5:30 a.m. Saturday (March 29).

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**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. Friday (March 28) and 5:30 a.m. Saturday (March 29). 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. Friday and Saturday (March 28 and 29) nights.

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**Night lane closures approaching Veterans**

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway just before the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (March 30-April 4) nights.

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**Night lane closures on eastbound State Road 60**

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (March 31-April 3) nights.

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**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. Sunday through Wednesday (March 30-April 2) nights.