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*Motorist news for March 31-April 7, 2007*

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## project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

### Lane closures Sunday on 21st/22nd streets at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on either 21st Street or 22nd Street at I-4 between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday (April 1) to install traffic signal structures.

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### Lane closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of April 1

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of four lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 from I-275 to 34th Street from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday nights (April 1-4).

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### Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of April 1

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from 34th Street to 22nd Street between 11:30 p.m. Sunday (April 1) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (April 2). Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from 40th Street to east of I-275 from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday nights (April 3-5).

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### Night lane closures on eastbound I-4 Exit 1 ramp

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp to 21st Street (Exit 1) between 6:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday nights (April 1-4)

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### Night lane closures on Old Columbus Drive

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Old Columbus Drive from 50th Street to New Columbus Drive between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (April 2 and 3).

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**Lane closures on 21st Street at I-4**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on 21st Street from Columbus Drive to just south of I-4 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday (April 2). One lane will also be closed in that area from 6:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (April 2 and 3).

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**Lane closed on 15th Avenue Tuesday night**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on 15th Avenue between 21st and 22nd streets from 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (April 3) to 6:30 a.m. Wednesday (April 4). Flaggers will direct traffic.

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**Lane closures on 22nd Street at I-4**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on 22nd Street under I-4 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday (April 4 and 5). One lane will also be closed in that area from 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (April 4) to 6 a.m. Thursday (April 5).

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**Wednesday night lane closure on 34th Street at I-4**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two northbound lanes will be closed on 34th Street just south of I-4 between 6:00 p.m. Wednesday (April 4) and 6 a.m. Thursday (April 5) for paving.

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**Westbound I-4 Exit 1 ramps narrowed at night**

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The westbound I-4 ramp (Exit 1) to 22nd Street will be narrowed, but open, between 1130 p.m. Monday (April 2) and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 3). On Tuesday night (April 3) during the same hours, the 21st Street entrance ramp to westbound I-4 will have a reduced lane width.

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**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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**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.

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### **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- 275 from 54th Ave. N. to Kennedy Blvd. (Freeway Mgmt. System)**

#### **Lane closures and traffic pacing at night on I-275 in St. Pete and Tampa**

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG — There will be lane closures and traffic pacing on I-275 to install overhead changeable message signs between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (April 2 and 3). *Motorists can expect long delays and may want to select alternate routes.*

The closure schedule could change depending on work progress, weather, etc., but no closures/traffic pacing will be done on Friday or Saturday nights. Closures could occur Wednesday or Thursday nights (April 4 or 5) if the work is not completed April 2 or 3. Schedule updates will be posted on myTBI.com. Closures and traffic pacing are also scheduled for the week of April 8 and will be announced next week. Here is the schedule:

#### **Monday, April 2:**

- \* Traffic pacing on northbound I-275 from 22nd Ave. S. to the work site south of Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30).
- \* All entrance ramps will be blocked until the front of the pace passes.
- \* Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 for about one half mile approaching the work area.

#### **Tuesday, April 3:**

- \* Traffic pacing on southbound I-275 from Kennedy Blvd. to the work site south of Roosevelt Blvd.
- \* All entrance ramps will be blocked until the front of the pace passes.
- \* Two lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 for about one half mile approaching the work area.

### **project news: Interstate 275 Sound Walls between Busch Blvd. and U.S. 41**

#### **Sunday night lane closure on northbound I-275 approaching Bearss**

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 just south of Bearss Avenue (Exit 53) between 9:30 p.m. Sunday (April 1) and 6 a.m. Monday (April 2).

**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 (April 1-5).

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**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 (April 3-5).

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**Southbound I-75 Exit 260 to be closed periodically**

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Exit 260) will be closed between 6 a.m. Saturday (March 31) and 1 p.m. Sunday (April 1) and between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday nights (April 2 and 3).

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).

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**Southbound I-75 Exit 257 to be closed several nights**

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 60 (Exit 257) will be closed between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday nights (April 1, 4, and 5). Traffic will be detoured to the next exit (Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway, Exit 256), where motorists can head west on the non-tolled portion of the Expressway, then exit at U.S. 301 and go north to State Road 60.

**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 southbound I-75 between Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) and Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266) between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (April 1-5) to install temporary barrier wall.

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**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) Friday night (March 30) and Sunday through Friday nights (April 1-6). 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: I-75 from north of State Road 52 to northeast of County Road 577**

**I-75 lane closures in Pasco County**

SAN ANTONIO-- The left lane may be closed in each direction of I-75 between State Road 52 (Exit 285) and County Road 577 from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (April 1-5).

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

**Traffic pacing early 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 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. 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.

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**Night lane closures on State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street**

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the ramp from eastbound State Road 60 to eastbound Spruce Street from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (April 1-6).

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**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. Friday night (March 30) and Sunday through Friday nights (April 1-6).

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**Night lane closures on westbound State Road 60 near TIA**

TAMPA -- One to two (of three) lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (April 1-6) for bridge work.

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**Tuesday 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 under the bridge to Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (April 3) to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (April 4). There will then be two traffic paces between 12:01 and 4 a.m. Wednesday (April 4) for traffic on eastbound State Road 60 from Bayport Drive, and southbound Memorial Highway from the Veterans Expressway. Law enforcement officers will lead the paces, which should last about 5 minutes each.