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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. Sunday through Saturday (March 8 – 14) 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.

Lane closures and detours on eastbound State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures of eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed at night. The left lane may be closed between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 8 - 14) nights. Complete closures may happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 6 - 14) 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 Street to Westshore Boulevard, then south on Westshore Boulevard to Cypress Street, northbound I-275, or Kennedy Boulevard. To access southbound I-275, continue south on Westshore Boulevard, then turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard, 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 after midnight

TAMPA -- The ramp from Tampa International Airport (TPA) to eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Sunday (March 9 – 15) mornings. 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.

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will be closed from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday through Sunday (March 6 - 8) nights. DETOUR: East on Cypress to Westshore Boulevard, south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard to the southbound ramp near Westshore Plaza.

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 6 - 14) nights. These lanes may also be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday (March 7) and Monday through Saturday (March 9 - 13).

Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 at Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 going onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway at the northbound Memorial Highway split between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (March 8 - 14) 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 6 - 14) 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 7 - 15) 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.

Night lane closures on TPA entrance and exit roads

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of George Bean Parkway (roadway in and out of Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (March 6 - 14) nights.

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

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) for bridge work from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (March 8 - 10) nights.

DETOUR: Mac Dill Avenue traffic will be detoured around the closure area using Cypress Street, Armenia Avenue (southbound) or Howard Avenue (northbound), and Main Street back to Mac Dill Avenue.

Tuesday night lane closures on Howard Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed on Howard Avenue just south of I-275 from 7 p.m. Tuesday (March 10) to 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 11).

Rome Avenue to be closed at night

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 8 - 12) nights. Traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Willow Avenue, and Cypress Street.

North Boulevard to be closed at I-275 at night / lane closures during day

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 8 - 12) nights. DETOUR for southbound traffic: West on Main Street, south on Willow Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to North Boulevard. 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 9 - 13).

Night lane closures on Laurel Street

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound Laurel Street from the Exit 42 exit ramp (Armenia Avenue) to Howard Avenue from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 8 - 12) nights.

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 9 - 13).

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 9 - 13). Traffic will be detoured as follows:

<u>Northbound</u>: 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 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 east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (March 9 - 14) nights. Crews will be milling and resurfacing travel lanes.

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 8 - 12) nights.