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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 on the main span of I-275 in either direction 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 9-13) 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 10-14).

project news: I-275 Box Culvert from Howard Frankland Bridge to Lois Ave.

Wednesday night lane closures on Westshore Boulevard

TAMPA -- The center and right lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound Westshore Boulevard from North A Street to I-275 from 10 p.m. Wednesday (March 12) to 5 a.m. Thursday (March 13) for installation of temporary barrier wall.

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Wednesday night lane/ramp closures on northbound I-275 near Westshore

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 from Exit 39A (SR 60 east/Kennedy Boulevard) to Exit 39B (SR 60 west/Memorial Highway) from 11:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 12) to 4:30 a.m. Thursday (March 13) as crews install temporary barrier wall.

Exit 39B will also be closed. DETOUR: Use Exit 39A, go east on Kennedy Boulevard, then north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street to westbound SR 60, Memorial Highway, and Tampa International Airport..

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

Night lane closures on northbound I-275 approaching downtown

TAMPA -- The right lane (of 3 lanes) will be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue to the Hillsborough River between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (March 9-13) nights.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard

TAMPA -- The right lanes of northbound and southbound North Boulevard may be closed from Green Street to Laurel Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday (March 10-13).

Daytime lane closure on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound Himes Avenue will be closed from LaSalle Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 10-14).

Daytime lane closure on Howard Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on Howard Avenue under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (March 11-14).

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 detour purposes. Green Street also remains closed between Lincoln Avenue and MacDill Avenue and one lane will be closed between Albany Avenue and Howard Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (March 11-14) for utility work.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Southbound I-75 Exit 261 to I-4 closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to I-4 (Exit 261) will be closed from 8 p.m. Sunday (March 9) to 5 a.m. Monday (March 10).

The detour will direct traffic south to the next exit (MLK, Exit 260). Motorists will exit there, turn left and cross I-75, then enter northbound I-75 to the junction with I-4. This ramp closure is needed for bridge maintenance.

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

Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed at night

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday (March 7) night and Sunday through Friday (March 9-14) nights.

DETOUR: Go north on Bruce B. Downs to State Road 56, turn left and go west to the northbound I-75 entrance ramp at that interchange.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Sunday night closure on eastbound State Road 60 in TIA area

TAMPA -- The right lane of eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway will be closed between the entrance ramp from Tampa International Airport and I-275 from 8:30 p.m. Sunday (March 9) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (March 10).

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (inbound road to Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Friday night (March 7) and Monday and Tuesday (March 10 and 11) nights.

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Officers to control intersection by TIA Post Office

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by law officers at the intersection of the roads on the northwest corner of the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 10 and 11) nights.

Flagging on service road by TIA Post Office

TAMPA -- Traffic may be flagged by workers at the intersection of the roads on the southwest corner of the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (March 10 and 11) nights.