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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of March 11

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of three lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between I-275 and 50th Street (Exits 1 to 3) from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday nights (March 11-14).

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of March 11

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from east of 21st Street (Exit 1) to the bridge over 14th Street from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 11-15).

Westbound I-4 Exit 3 to 50th Street closed two nights

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 exit ramp to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday nights (March 14 and 15). Motorists should use Exit 5 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) and go 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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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.

Lane closures on 34th Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes will be closed on 34th Street under I-4 (Columbus Drive to 12th Avenue) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (March 12-16). One lane will be open in each direction.

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).

Lanes to be closed on 50th Street at I-4

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed in each direction of 50th Street from 10th Avenue to north of I-4 between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 11-15).

Lane closures on Melbourne Boulevard

TAMPA -- Motorists can expect lane closures on Melbourne Boulevard from 50th Street to 44th Street day or night between 7 a.m. and midnight Monday through Thursday (March 12-15).

Lanes to be closed on East Columbus Drive

TAMPA -- Motorists can expect lane closures on East Columbus Drive from east of 50th Street to east of 52nd Street day or night between 7 a.m. and midnight Monday through Thursday (March 12-15). Crews will be paving and striping in this area. Watch for flagging operations.

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

Night lane closures on southbound I-275 from Fowler to Busch

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 between Fowler Avenue (Exit 51) and Busch Boulevard (Exit 50) from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (March 11-16).

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Day lane closures on Central Avenue between Busch and Fletcher

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled periodically by flag persons on Central Avenue at various locations between Busch Boulevard and Fletcher Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (March 10) and Monday through Saturday (March 12-17).

Lane closures on Bougainvillea and Linebaugh under I-275 during the day

TAMPA -- Expect intermittent lane closures on Bougainvillea Ave. and Linebaugh Ave. between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue (under I-275) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (March 10) and Monday through Saturday (March 12-17). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

Lane closure on Florence Avenue during the day

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Florence Avenue between Linebaugh Avenue and 113th Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (March 10) and Monday through Saturday (March 12-17). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

Lane closure on 127th Avenue during the day

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on 127th Avenue between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (March 10) and Monday through Saturday (March 12-17). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

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 southbound I-75 between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 260) and State Road 60 (Exit 257) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 11-15). One to two lanes will also be closed on northbound I-75 during these same hours Monday through Thursday nights (March 12-15).

I-75 ramps to be closed several nights

BRANDON -- Either the southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Exit 260) or the State Road 60 (Adamo Drive) entrance ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (March 12-15). Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

DETOURS: 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

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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).

When the State Road 60 entrance ramp to northbound I-75 is closed, traffic will be detoured to northbound U.S. Highway 301, then onto eastbound I-4 to the I-4 exit to I-75 (Exit 9).

Southbound I-75 Exit 260 to be closed March 16th weekend

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 16) and 6 a.m. Monday (March 19). **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 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 and County Road 577 from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 11-15).

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

TIA exit road to be closed very early Saturday, March 10

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10 (Friday night into Saturday morning). Traffic will be routed to the service roads out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection.

TO ACCESS SOUTHBOUND I-275: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can go south on O'Brien Street, turn right onto Cypress Street, then turn left on the entrance ramp to southbound I-275 immediately after passing under the State Road 60/Memorial Highway overpass.

TO ACCESS NORTHBOUND I-275: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

TO ACCESS EASTBOUND STATE ROAD 60: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn left on Spruce Street, then right on Westshore Boulevard and proceed south to

Kennedy Boulevard (State Road 60). Turning left will put motorists onto eastbound State Road 60; turning right will put motorists onto westbound State Road 60.

TO ACCESS WESTBOUND STATE ROAD 60: Coming out of the airport service roads, motorists can turn right on Spruce Street and proceed west and use the ramp to westbound State Road 60 to the Courtney Campbell Causeway, Memorial Highway, and the Veterans Expressway.

The State Road 60 and Spruce Street ramps going into TIA will be open.

Officers to control State Road 60 / Bayport Drive intersection Sunday night

TAMPA -- The intersection of Bayport Drive and State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway will be controlled by law enforcement officers between 10 p.m. Sunday (March 11) and 5 a.m. Monday (March 12). Crews will be working on traffic signals.

Night lane closures on TIA exit road

TAMPA -- One 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 Friday nights (March 11-16).

Delays at intersection of TIA service roads near Post Office

TAMPA -- Traffic at the intersection of the service/connector roads near the U.S. Post Office at Tampa International Airport will be controlled by law enforcement between 11 p.m. Sunday (March 11) and 6 a.m. Monday (March 12).

Night lane closures on eastbound State Road 60 on Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway east of Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. Sunday (March 11) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (March 12).

Night lane closures on northbound I-275 approaching Kennedy exit

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39-A) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (March 12-15).