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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

50th Street to be closed under I-4 this weekend

TAMPA -- 50th Street will be closed under I-4 from 8 p.m. tonight (Friday, April 20) to 6 a.m. Monday (April 23) to remove the old westbound I-4 bridge. Northbound 50th Street traffic will be detoured onto eastbound I-4 to Exit 5 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard), then west on MLK back to 50th Street. Southbound 50th Street traffic will be detoured west on Melbourne Boulevard, then south on 40th Street/39th Street, then east on State Road 60 (Adamo Drive) to 50th Street.

All ramps will remain open at the 50th Street interchange, but motorists will still have to use the detours if they need to pass under I-4.

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of April 22

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 from I-275 to 40th Street from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (April 22-26).

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of April 22

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from 50th Street to east of I-275 from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (April 22-26).

Westbound I-4 Exit 3 to 50th Street closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 exit to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed between 11:30 p.m. Sunday (April 22) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (April 23). Traffic will be detoured to Exit 5 and go west one mile on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to 50th Street.

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Sunday night lane closure on 50th Street at I-4

TAMPA -- One of two northbound lanes will be closed on 50th Street from I-4 to Melbourne Boulevard between 8 p.m. Sunday (April 22) and 6 a.m. Monday (April 23).

Sunday night lane closure on 21st Street at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of three lanes will be closed on 21st Street from 15th Avenue to 13th Avenue between 6:30 p.m. Sunday (April 22) and 6 a.m. Monday (April 23).

Daytime lane closures on 21st/22nd streets at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One lane may be closed on both 21st Street and 22nd Street in the I-4 area between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (April 23-26).

Day lane closures on 34th Street at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes in each direction will be closed on 34th Street from Columbus Drive to 13th Avenue between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday (April 21) and Monday through Saturday (April 23-28).

Traffic impacts on 14th and 15th streets under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Local detours remain in place for 14th and 15th streets from Palm Avenue to 14th Avenue (under I-4) until further notice for construction work.

26th Street closed under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 26th Street remains 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.

Lanes closed on 40th Street under I-4

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes remain closed on 40th Street under I-4 until further notice. All traffic has been shifted to the east side of 40th Street, allowing one lane for each direction.

Interstate maintenance: I-375 at I-275 in St. Petersburg

**Southbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-375 remains CLOSED
- traffic pacing on northbound I-275 Saturday morning -**

ST. PETERSBURG -- A tanker fire March 28 on the southbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-375 (Exit 23A) has that ramp closed until further notice, likely this coming week.

DETOUR: Southbound I-275 motorists can use I-175 (Exit 22) to access the downtown area. All other ramps at that interchange are open.

Restoration is almost complete. All 11 replacement beams have been installed, the bridge decks have been poured, and various work is ongoing.

Traffic pacing will take place between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. Saturday morning (April 21) on northbound I-275 approaching I-375 to paint barrier wall on the bridge. Florida Highway Patrol troopers will lead the several paces of approximately five minutes each.

Work is going on around-the-clock; all repairs are expected to be completed by Monday, April 23, weather permitting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (813) 975-6060.

project news: I- 275 from 54th Ave. N. to Kennedy Blvd. (Freeway Mgmt. System)

Traffic pacing / lane closures on northbound I-275 Sunday night

ST. PETERSBURG -- There will be lane closures and traffic pacing on northbound I-275 between 10 p.m. Sunday (April 22) and 5 a.m. Monday (April 23) to install a sign structure that spans the northbound lanes, north of 54th Avenue North. The structure and the changeable message sign will both be installed Sunday night. The sign is an important part of the Florida Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation System.

Here are the traffic impacts to expect Sunday night:

* Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 beginning at 10 p.m. for about one half mile approaching the work area ,which is north of 54th Avenue North.

* Two to three traffic paces on northbound I-275 from 54th Avenue South (Exit 17) to the work site. The traffic paces will begin after midnight (Monday morning) and be finished by 5 a.m.

* All northbound entrance ramps within the pacing zone will be blocked until the front of the pace passes.

Delays of up to 30 minutes are expected during the traffic paces. Motorists are highly encouraged to seek alternate routes to avoid northbound I-275 from 54th Avenue South (Exit 17) to Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28).

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project news: I-75 from north of State Road 60 to south of I-4

MLK ramp to southbound I-75 closed next two weekends

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed from 8 p.m. Friday (April 20) to 6 a.m. Monday (April 23) and 8 p.m. Friday (April 27) to 6 a.m. Monday (April 30). Traffic will be detoured west on MLK, then north on U.S. Highway 301, then east on I-4 to Exit 9 (southbound I-75).

Night lane closures on I-75 between SR 60 and I-4

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 22-26).

Eastbound I-4 ramp to southbound I-75 closed Monday through Thursday nights

BRANDON -- The eastbound I-4 (Exit 9) ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed Monday through Thursday nights (April 23-26). Traffic will continue east to the next exit (County Road 579, Exit 10), where motorists will turn left at the top of the exit ramp onto CR 579, cross over I-4, then turn left and enter westbound I-4. Drivers can then take the next exit ramp (Exit 9) to I-75. Once on the ramp, drivers need to be in the left lane to take the ramp to southbound I-75.

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

Early Monday morning ramp closures from Bruce B. Downs to northbound I-75

NEW TAMPA -- The entrance ramps from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) to northbound I-75 will be closed for less than 15 minutes between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday (April 23) to move a construction crane across the ramps.

project news: I-75 from I-275 to State Road 56 and I-275 from Bearss 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) Sunday through Thursday nights (April 22-26). 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: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures on O'Brien Street at Cypress Street intersection Sunday night

TAMPA -- Expect lane closures at the O'Brien Street / Cypress Street intersection from 8:30 p.m. Sunday (April 22) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (April 23).

Night lane closures on SR 60 on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two (of three lanes in each direction) will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway in the Bayport Drive area from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (April 22-27).

Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 just after the exit to Tampa International Airport from 11 p.m to 5 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday nights (April 22-25).

Night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 ramp to Spruce Street/TIA

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the eastbound State Road 60 ramp to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday nights (April 26 and 27).