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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of May 20

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 from I-275 to 50th Street from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of May 20

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two lanes (of 3 to 4 lanes) will be closed on westbound I-4 in the area from 40th Street to I-275 between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).

Columbus Drive/50th Street ramp to westbound I-4 closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to westbound I-4 from Columbus Drive/50th Street will be closed between 11:30 p.m. Sunday (May 20) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (May 21). Motorists should use the MLK or 21st Street entrance ramps to access westbound I-4.

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 Friday (May 21-25).

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.

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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.

Day lanes closure on 34th Street at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes may be closed in each direction of 34th Street from Columbus Drive to 13th Avenue between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 21-25).

Lanes closures on 40th Street under I-4

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of 40th Street under I-4 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 21-25).

Night lane closures on 50th Street near I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- There will be periodic closures of one to two lanes at a time on either northbound or southbound 50th Street from 10th Avenue to north of I-4 at Melbourne Boulevard between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24) paving work.

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

Lane closures at night on I-275 in St. Pete and Tampa

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG — One to two lanes will be closed in various locations on northbound and southbound I-275 between Kennedy Boulevard in Tampa and 54th Avenue North in St. Petersburg between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).

maintenance: Interstate 75

Southbound I-75 lane and Exit 246 closed Sunday night

APOLLO BEACH -- The southbound lane of I-75 and southbound I-75 Exit 246 to Big Bend Road (County Road 672) will be closed between 8 p.m. Sunday (May 20) and 5 a.m. Monday (May 21) for sign repairs. DETOUR INFO: While the southbound I-75 Exit 246 is closed, continue south to EXIT 240A, turn left onto Sun City Center Boulevard (State Road 674) and go under I-75, then turn right and use the entrance ramp to northbound I-75. Continue north on I-75 and use Exit 246 to Big Bend Road.

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 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 I-4 (Exit 261) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).

Southbound I-75 Exit 257 to State Road 60 to be closed May 20-21 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 and Monday nights (May 20 and 21). Traffic will be detoured to the next exit (Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway, Exit 256), where motorists can head west on the non-toll portion of the Expressway, then exit at U.S. 301 and go north to State Road 60.

MLK ramp to southbound I-75 closed Tuesday night

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed from 8 p.m. Tuesday (May 22) to 6 a.m. Wednesday (May 23). 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).

Day lane closures on westbound MLK at I-75

Southbound I-75 Exit 260 to MLK to be closed Wednesday and Thursday nights

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Exit 260) will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday nights (May 23 and 24).

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 will 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 (May 20-24) nights.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Westbound State Road 60 to be closed near TIA early mornings

TAMPA -- Westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway will be closed between I-275 and Tampa International Airport (TIA) from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday mornings (May 18 and 19) and Monday through Friday mornings (May 21-25) for bridge work over the roadway. The northbound I-275 exit ramp to Cypress Street will also be closed.

DETOURS:

Northbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60: Use Exit 39A to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Boulevard). Go east on Kennedy, then north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

<u>Southbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60</u>: Use Exit 40A (Westshore Boulevard). Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

<u>Kennedy Boulevard to westbound State Road 60</u>: Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

Northbound I-275 to Cypress Street: Use Exit 39A to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Boulevard). Go east on Kennedy, then north on Westshore Boulevard to Cypress Street.

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

TAMPA -- The right lane (of three lanes) will be closed on westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway in the Bayport Drive area from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday night (May 18) and Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).

Night lane closures on Frontage Road at Spruce Street

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flagging operations on Frontage Road at Spruce Street (south of Tampa International Airport) between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (May 20-24).