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maintenance: Interstate 275

Daytime lane closure on northbound I-275 on Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA --The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. one day Monday through Friday (May 5-9). The closure will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and end in Hillsborough County.

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

Northbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley to be closed Sunday night

TAMPA -- The right half of the Exit 44 ramp to Ashley Drive will be closed between 10:30 p.m. Sunday (May 4) and 5 a.m. Monday (May 5). Traffic will be detoured to the left half of the ramp to Scott Street, then south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

Lane closures on Armenia Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Armenia Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9).

Lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on northbound Himes Avenue from La Salle Street to I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9).

Lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on southbound Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9).

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Lanes to be closed on Laurel Street at two locations

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound Laurel Street between Armenia Avenue and Howard Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9). One of two lanes will also be closed on Laurel Street between Green Street and North Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9). Flaggers will direct traffic.

Lane closures on La Salle Street

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures and flagging operations on La Salle Street from Monroe Avenue to Willow Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9).

North Boulevard closed at I-275

TAMPA -- North Boulevard is closed from the south side of I-275 to Main Street. The closure began April 18 and will last through approximately June 30, 2008. The closure is needed to install 72-inch storm pipe on both sides of the interstate.

DETOURS: Traffic is being detoured using Cass Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street back to North Boulevard. Truck traffic is being directed to Armenia Avenue (southbound route) and Howard Avenue (northbound route) instead of using Willow Avenue.

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.

Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street remains 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 the detour.

Northbound ramp & Howard Avenue to be closed at I-275 weekend of May 9

TAMPA -- Howard Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Laurel Street from 7 p.m. Friday (May 9) to 4 a.m. Sunday (May 11) for crews to erect bridge beams over the roadway. The entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from Armenia/Howard avenues will also be closed during that time.

DETOURS: Traffic will be detoured west on Cypress Street, north on Dale Mabry Highway, then east on Columbus Drive back to Howard Avenue. Trucks will be directed to use Kennedy Boulevard instead of Cypress Street. Motorists entering northbound I-275 can use the Dale Mabry ramp.

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project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 10 and 14

SEFFNER -- One to two lanes will be closed on either eastbound or westbound I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (May 4-8) nights as crews shift traffic back to the original alignment in that area.

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

Night lane closures on southbound I-75 south of Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 between Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) and the Hillsborough River (about 3 miles south of Bruce B. Downs) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Saturday (May 2-10) nights.

Bruce B. Downs closed at I-75 tonight

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 9 p.m. Friday (May 2) to 5 a.m. Saturday (May 3). During the closures, no traffic will be able to pass under I-75. Motorists will be directed onto I-75 on either side of the interstate.

DETOUR: Enter I-75, exit at the next interchange (either SR 56 - Exit 275 or Fletcher Avenue - Exit 266), enter the other direction of I-75, and exit at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (Exit 270).

Tuesday night I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- Northbound and southbound I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. Tuesday (May 6) and 5 a.m. Wednesday (May 7) for bridge work.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 (Exit 270), cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramps.

Traffic may be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching the interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard will have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs. Law officers will handle traffic control where the ramps intersect Bruce B. Downs.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (road into Tampa International Airport) from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day through Saturday morning, May 10.

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Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on westbound Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and the entrance to Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (May 2-3) nights for asphalt repairs.

Closures on Independence Parkway near Veterans

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway/westbound Independence Parkway at the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (May 2-3) nights.

Night lane closures approaching Veterans

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound Memorial Highway just before the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (May 2-3) nights.

Lane closures & detours set for State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closure of eastbound or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway are scheduled near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit nights and mornings through Saturday, May 10. When a complete closure is in place, it will only be for one direction at a time. Lane closures will occur between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will take place between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m.

DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: All traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TIA exit. Traffic can 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. [The Spruce Street detour (see related item) will not take place the same nights of eastbound SR 60 detours.]

DETOUR for WESTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: Northbound I-275 traffic will be directed off at Kennedy Boulevard (exit 39A). Southbound I-275 traffic will be directed to Exit 40A. All traffic will be directed north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street to westbound State Road 60 or Tampa International Airport.

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce/TIA closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport will be closed between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (May 4-10) mornings.

DETOUR: Motorists will continue east onto Kennedy Boulevard, then take Westshore Boulevard north to Spruce Street.

Flagging operations on East Frontage Road near TIA

TAMPA -- Traffic on East Frontage Road just south of Spruce Street will be controlled by flaggers between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 5-9) for pipe construction.

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