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project news: I-275 from 26th Avenue S. to 5th Avenue S.

Night lane closures on I-275 in south St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) may 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 (June 1 - 5) nights.

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 may be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (June 2 - 6). 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 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 from east of Howard Avenue to the Hillsborough River (west of Exit 44) between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 1 - 5) nights.

Scott Street exit ramp to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramp to Scott Street (left half of Exit 44) will be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 1 - 5) nights. Traffic will be detoured to Ashley Drive (right ramp of Exit 44), then east on Cass Street, then north on Florida Avenue to Scott.

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Complete closure or daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 may be reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic or completely closed to traffic between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (June 2 - 6).

Traffic will be detoured as follows:

Northbound: East on Laurel Street, south on Tampa Street, east on Fortune Street, north on Florida Avenue, then west on Henderson Avenue to Doyle Carlton.

Southbound: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel Street back to Doyle Carlton.

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.

Closures on Green and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of June 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.

project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on westbound I-4 between Exits 14 and 10 week of June 1

SEFFNER -- Two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 between McIntosh Road (Exit 14) and County Road 579 (Exit 10) between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 1-5) nights for paving operations.

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. Monday through Friday (June 2 - 6) nights.

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Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed two nights

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday (June 3 and 7) 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.

I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs Wednesday and Friday nights

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Wednesday and Friday (June 4 and 6) nights 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 ramp.

Traffic may be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching this interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard may 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.

Bruce B. Downs closed at I-75 Thursday night

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 9 p.m. Thursday (June 5) to 5 a.m. Friday (June 6). 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).

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Frontage Road is closed between Spruce and Laurel streets

TAMPA -- East Frontage Road, which is parallel to the east side of State Road 60/Memorial Highway, closed for reconstruction on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 between Spruce Street and Laurel Street. The road is expected to be closed for 45 days or less. Motorists can use O'Brien Street between Spruce and Laurel streets as a detour.

Lane closures & detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closure of eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway are scheduled near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit Friday through Saturday (May 30 - June 7) nights. 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. as needed.

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.

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 may be closed between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. any day through Saturday (June 7) morning.

DETOUR: Traffic will be routed to Kennedy Boulevard, then to northbound Westshore Boulevard, then to Spruce Street. Motorists going to TIA can enter via the westbound Spruce Street ramp. [This detour will not be in place if a full closure of eastbound SR 60 is in place; see item above.]

Night lane closures on southbound Veterans Expressway

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on southbound Veterans Expressway (Toll Road 589) between Memorial Highway and the Courtney Campbell Parkway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (May 30 and 31) nights.

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. Sunday through Saturday (June 1 - 7) nights.

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