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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Traffic impacts Sunday night on southbound I-275 ramp to I-4

TAMPA -- There will be traffic paces and lane shifts between 10 p.m. Sunday (June 17) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (June 18) on the southbound I-275 ramp (Exit 45B) to eastbound I-4. Motorists should expect delays up to 15 minutes.

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of June 17

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between I-275 and 50th Street (Exit 3) from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 17-21) nights.

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of June 17

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two lanes (of 3-4 lanes) will be closed on westbound I-4 in the area from 50th Street (Exit 3) to I-275 from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 17-21) nights. There may also be one or two brief traffic paces Sunday night, June 17.

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

TAMPA -- The westbound I-4 exit to 50th Street (Exit 3) will be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (June 17-19) nights. Traffic will be detoured to Exit 5 and will travel west one mile on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to 50th Street.

21st Street ramp to westbound I-4 closed Sunday night

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The entrance ramp to westbound I-4 from 21st Street will be closed between 11:30 p.m. Sunday (June 17) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (June 18). Motorists should use the 50th Street entrance to access westbound I-4 or enter I-275 from downtown.

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Columbus Drive/50th Street ramp to westbound I-4 closed two nights

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to westbound I-4 from Columbus Drive/50th Street will be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (June 19 and 20) nights. Motorists should use the MLK or 21st Street entrance ramps to access westbound I-4.

Day and night lane closures on 21st/22nd streets at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One lane may be closed on both 21st Street and 22nd Street from 13th Avenue to 19th Avenue between 6:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday (June 17-20) nights and between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (June 18-21).

Lane closure on 15th Street at I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One lane will be closed on 15th Street around-the-clock in the I-4 area until further notice for construction work.

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 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (June 18-22).

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 (June 18-22).

Night lane closures on 50th Street near I-4

TAMPA -- 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 (June 17-21).

Lanes to be closed on Melbourne Boulevard

TAMPA -- Motorists can expect lane closures on Melbourne Boulevard from 50th Street to 47th Street from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 17-21) nights for sidewalk and curb work.

project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Weigh Station replacement project begins Monday

SEFFNER -- A \$35.3 million project to construct new truck weigh-in-motion stations and demolish existing weigh stations begins Monday, June 18. The new stations will be located between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14), just east of Kingsway Road. The two stations (one for eastbound I-4; one for westbound I-4) will be built on the outer edges of the corridor, off the right travel lanes.

The major feature of the new stations is that trucks will exit to a lane next to the interstate and be weighed while traveling up to 55 miles per hour. If within weight limits, trucks will continue right back onto the interstate. If a truck is close to, or over the limit, it will be required to pull onto separate scales, stop and be weighed again. Some trucks will also be required to pull into the inspection station for safety checks.

Once the new stations are operational, the existing stations near Thonotosassa Road (Exit 19) will be taken out of service and demolished. The entire project is scheduled to be finished by early 2010.

Lane closures will be allowed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and will be needed periodically during construction. The first closures are described in the following item.

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

SEFFNER -- One to two lanes (of 3 lanes in each direction) may be closed on both eastbound and westbound I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (June 18-21) nights.

project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

Night lane closures on main span of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes may be closed on the main span of northbound and southbound I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. nightly until further notice.

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Night lane closures on lower spans of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes will be closed on either northbound or southbound I-275 on the lower spans of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (June 20 and 21) nights for bridge maintenance.

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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 Sunday and Wednesday nights

BRANDON -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) entrance ramp to southbound I-75 will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday (June 17) and Wednesday (June 20) nights. 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 I-4 (Exit 261) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (June 17-21) nights.

Day lane closures on westbound MLK at I-75

BRANDON -- One lane will be closed on westbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (State Road 574) at I-75 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (June 18-22).

Southbound I-75 Exit 257 to State Road 60 to be closed Thursday night

BRANDON -- The southbound I-75 exit ramp to State Road 60 (Exit 257) will be closed between 8 p.m. Thursday (June 21) and 6 a.m. Friday (June 22). 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.

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

Night lane closures in both directions of I-75 south of Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound and southbound I-75 south of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (June 17-19) nights.

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

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on southbound I-75 south of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) to the Hillsborough River between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (June 20 and 21) nights.

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 (June 17-21) nights.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night lane closures on eastbound Spruce Street by TIA

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on eastbound Spruce Street from just east of State Road 60 to east of O'Brien Street between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (June 19-21) nights.

TIA exit road to be closed very early Wednesday, Friday mornings

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Wednesday (June 20) and Friday (June 22) mornings.

Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Traffic going to I-275 can take Spruce Street east to Lois Avenue, then turn right and take Lois to I-275, or choose routes as described below:

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.