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Holiday travel news

No closures over 4th of July holiday weekend

TAMPA BAY -- No lane closures are scheduled on the interstate system in the construction zones in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the 4th of July holiday period from Friday afternoon (July 1) through Tuesday morning (July 5).

Project news: I-275 Widening from U.S. 41 to I-75

Night lane closures on north section of I-275

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound and southbound I-275 between U.S. 41 (north of Bearss Avenue, Exit 53) and I-75 Tuesday and Wednesday (July 5 and 6) nights. Southbound closures will be from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.; northbound lane closures will be from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Project news: I-4 /Selmon Expressway Connector

Meridian Avenue entrance to Selmon Expressway Reversible Express Lanes to be closed at night TAMPA -- The Meridian Avenue entrance to the Reversible Express Lanes (REL or "upper deck") of the Selmon Expressway (SR 618) will be closed as follows:

- * 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. July 5 through 7 nights.
- * 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. July 8 and 9 nights.
- * 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. July 10 through 14 nights.

All of the closures are for work on the I-4 / Selmon Expressway Connector project.

DETOUR: Eastbound drivers can enter the REL from the lower level of the Selmon Expressway at the 34th Street slip ramp.

Traffic to be detoured off westbound Selmon at night

TAMPA -- Westbound traffic is scheduled to be detoured off the Selmon Expressway (SR 618) between 50th Street and 22nd Street as follows:

- * 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. July 5 through 7 nights.
- * 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. July 8 and 9 nights.
- * 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. July 10 through 14 nights.

DETOUR: All westbound traffic will be directed off the Selmon Expressway at 50th Street (Exit 11), detoured west on State Road 60 (Adamo Drive), then back onto the Expressway using the 21st/22nd Street entrance ramp. *Tolls will be suspended for entering the westbound Selmon Expressway at 22nd Street during the detour hours only.*

Day and night lane closures on eastbound Selmon Expressway

TAMPA -- The left lane may be closed on the eastbound Selmon Expressway (SR 618) between 22nd Street (Exit 9) and 50th Street (Exit 11) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9), and from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (July 5 - 7) nights.

Around-the-clock lane closure on 4th Avenue

TAMPA -- 4th Avenue will be reduced to one lane between 26th and 34th streets from 7 p.m. Tuesday (July 5) to 6 a.m. Saturday (July 9). Traffic will be controlled by flaggers.

Day lane closures on 7th Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of 7th Avenue from 33rd Street to the railroad tracks (east of 26th Street) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9).

Day lane closures on Adamo Drive

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of State Road 60 (Adamo Dr.) between 26th and 34th streets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9).

Day and night lane closures on 20th, 21st & 22nd streets near Selmon Expressway/SR 60

TAMPA (YBOR CITY) -- One lane may be closed each way on 20th, 21st and 22nd streets from State Road 60 to Durham Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9), and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (July 5 - 7) nights.

Traffic to be single-lane during the day on 26th Street under I-4

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers on 26th Street from Columbus Drive to 12th Avenue (under Interstate 4) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9).

Day and night lane closures on 34th Street at SR 60

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in both directions of 34th Street from State Road 60 (Adamo Drive) to Grace Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9). Single-lane closures will also occur from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (July 5 - 7) nights.

Project news: I-4 Resurfacing from Branch Forbes Road to Memorial Boulevard

Night lane and ramp closures on I-4 in Plant City/Lakeland area

PLANT CITY/LAKELAND -- There may be lane closures in either direction of I-4 between Exit 17 and Exit 28 between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday (July 5 - 9) nights. I-4 interchange ramps may also be closed these same nights. Affected interchanges may include Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17), Thonotosassa Road/SR 566 (Exit 19), Alexander Street/State Road 39 (Exit 21), Park Road (Exit 22) and County Line Road (Exit 25).

Project news: I-75 Slab Repairs from Progress Boulevard to State Road 60

I-75 ramps from Exit 254 to Exit 257 to be closed at night

BRANDON -- Various I-75 exit and entrance ramps will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday (July 6 - 9) nights. The planned schedule and detour routes are posted on the myTBI.com web site.

Project news: I-75 Widening from State Road 56 to County Road 54

Night lane closures on I-75 in southern Pasco

WESLEY CHAPEL -- One lane of northbound or southbound I-75 will be closed from State Road 56 (Exit 275) to County Road/State Road 54 (Exit 279) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday (July 5 - 7) nights.