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*Motorist news for July 4 - 12, 2008*

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## GENERAL news

### No lane closures over July 4th holiday

#### -- Remember to use 511 for your travel plans --

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- No lane closures are scheduled in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area or on the interstate system in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the 4th of July holiday weekend from Thursday (July 3) afternoon through Monday (July 7) morning. Motorists are reminded to call 511 or visit [511tampabay.com](http://511tampabay.com) for traffic and travel information over the holiday.

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

### Northbound I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-275 from Howard Avenue to Ashley Drive (Exit 44) between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 7 - 10) nights.

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### Night lane closures on Howard Avenue

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Howard Avenue from La Salle Street to Main Street between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 7 - 10) nights.

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### Night lane closures on Armenia Avenue

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Armenia Avenue from Main Street to La Salle Street between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 7 - 10) nights.

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### **Night lane closures on Green Street**

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Green Street from Albany Avenue to Armenia Avenue between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (July 7 - 10) nights.

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### **Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275 day and night**

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 intermittently at any time Monday through Friday (July 7 - 11), except between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. 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.

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### **Daytime lane closures on Himes Avenue**

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound Himes Avenue near the entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 7 - 11). Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 12. Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

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### **Daytime lane closures on MacDill Avenue**

TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound and southbound MacDill Avenue may be closed from La Salle Street to Main Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 7 - 11).

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### **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 to approximately the end of July. 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. For June 30 to July 2, traffic will be routed to Rome instead of Willow for bridge work at Willow (see related item).

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### **Closures on Green and Laurel streets**

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

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**project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations**

**Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 10 and 14 week of July 13**

SEFFNER -- Two lanes will be closed in either direction of I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) Sunday through Wednesday (July 13-16) nights. Westbound closures these nights will be between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; eastbound closures will be between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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

**Bruce B. Downs closed at I-75 Monday night**

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 9 p.m. Monday (July 7) to 5 a.m. Tuesday (July 8). During the closure, 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).

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**I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs Tuesday night**

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. Tuesday (July 8) and 5 a.m. Wednesday (July 9).

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 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.

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**Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed night of July 9**

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed between 9 p.m. Wednesday (July 9) and 5 a.m. Thursday (July 10).

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.

**project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)**

**Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA**

TAMPA -- Lane closures or complete closures of eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may occur near the Spruce Street/Tampa International Airport (TIA) exit as needed Monday through Saturday (July 7 - 12 and 14-19). Lane closures will occur between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will happen 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.

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.

Watch closely for lighted message signs on I-275 and State Road 60 that will state which directions are closed and guide you to the detour routes.

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**Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street may be closed early mornings**

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street may be closed between 12:00 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday (July 7 - 12) mornings. Motorists will still be able to access Tampa International Airport (TIA) as the ramp will be closed east of the loop ramp going into TIA.

Traffic will be routed to Kennedy Boulevard, then to northbound Westshore Boulevard, then to Spruce Street.

This ramp will not be closed when the eastbound State Road 60 detour is in place (see news item "Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA").

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**Night lane closures approaching Veterans**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway from south of the Courtney Campbell Parkway to the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday through Friday (July 8 - 11) nights.

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**Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA**

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on westbound Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and westbound State Road 60 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (July 7 - 11) nights.

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**Night detours for eastbound SR 60 connection to Memorial/Veterans**

TAMPA -- Traffic heading east on State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway may be detoured at the traffic signal to northbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway from 12 to 4 a.m. Thursday (July 3) and Monday through Saturday (July 14 - 19) mornings.

DETOUR: Traffic will be directed east to the Spruce Street exit, where it will u-turn at O'Brien Street, then enter westbound State Road 60 and continue to Memorial Highway or the Veterans Expressway.

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**Night detours for westbound SR 60 connection to Courtney Campbell**

TAMPA -- Traffic heading west on State Road 60 may be detoured at the connection to the Courtney Campbell Parkway at the traffic signal to northbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway from 12 to 4 a.m. Monday through Saturday (July 14 - 19) mornings.

DETOUR: Traffic will be directed north to Independence Parkway, then north on George Street, then onto southbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway to the ramp to westbound State Road 60 at the Courtney Campbell.

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**Night lane closures on Courtney Campbell**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Rocky Point Drive and the traffic signal to northbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (July 7 and 8) nights. Eastbound traffic is scheduled to be shifted to the old westbound lanes near Bayport Drive by 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

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