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Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Traffic pacing early Monday on westbound SR 60 / I-275 approaching TPA

TAMPA -- Traffic will be paced two times for about 10 minutes each between 12:00 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday (August 3) on westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway approaching the Courtney Campbell Parkway. The pacing will begin on northbound I-275 near the Howard Frankland Bridge; on southbound I-275 it will begin at Dale Mabry Highway, and on westbound SR 60 / northbound Memorial Highway the pacing will begin on Kennedy Boulevard on the west side of Westshore Plaza. Entrance ramps onto the highways will be blocked until the front of the pacing operation passes a given ramp. Traffic will also be paced coming from Tampa International Airport and from Spruce Street onto westbound SR 60. Motorists should expect periodic slow traffic.

Detours on State Road 60 near TPA

TAMPA -- Eastbound or westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway may be closed near the Spruce Street/ Tampa International Airport (TPA) interchange as needed Friday through Saturday (July 31 - August 8) nights. Eastbound closures will happen between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.; westbound closures will occur between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Watch closely for lighted message signs alerting of the closures and to guide you to the detours.

- **DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE:** Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TPA exit, continue east on Spruce St. to Westshore Blvd., then south on Westshore Blvd. to Cypress St., northbound I-275, or Kennedy Blvd. To access southbound I-275, continue south on Westshore Blvd., then turn right onto Kennedy Blvd., continue west and use the entrance ramp on the west side of Westshore Plaza.
- **DETOUR for WESTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE:** Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street exit, then u-turn at O'Brien Street and use the westbound Spruce Street entrance ramp to westbound SR 60.

Night lane closures on Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway from Memorial Highway to Rocky Point Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (July 31 - August 7) nights.

Eastbound and westbound Courtney Campbell to be detoured at night

TAMPA -- Eastbound State Road 60 traffic on the Courtney Campbell Parkway continuing east towards Spruce Street, Tampa International Airport and I-275 may be detoured from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 1 - 9) mornings as crews do bridge work over the road. DETOUR: Traffic will be directed north on Memorial Highway to the Independence Parkway exit, north on George Road, then east and south on Memorial Highway to eastbound State Road 60.

Westbound State Road 60 / northbound Memorial Highway traffic going onto the Courtney Campbell Parkway may also be detoured these same hours and mornings. DETOUR: Continue north, exit to Independence Parkway, go north on George Road, then east and south on Memorial Highway to the westbound State Road 60 exit towards Clearwater.

Night detours on southbound Veterans/Memorial approaching Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- Southbound Memorial Highway may be closed south of the Veterans Expressway or between the exit to westbound State Road 60 (Courtney Campbell Parkway) and the entrance ramp from eastbound State Road 60 from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 1 - 9) mornings. DETOUR 1: Traffic will be directed west on Memorial Highway, south on George Road, the east on Independence Parkway to southbound Memorial. DETOUR 2: Traffic will be directed onto westbound SR 60, then will u-turn at Rocky Point Drive and go east on State Road 60 to the exit to Memorial Highway / eastbound State Road 60.

Night lane closures on Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on westbound/northbound Independence Parkway under Memorial Highway (south of the Veterans Expressway) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (July 31 - August 7) nights.

Northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence to be closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The northbound Memorial Highway exit to Independence Parkway may be closed between 12:00 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 1 - 9) mornings. Traffic will remain northbound on Memorial, exit left to Memorial at the Eisenhower Boulevard intersection, and then head south on George Road back to Independence Parkway.

Lane and complete closures of westbound SR 60 exit to airport

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on the westbound State Road 60/northbound Memorial Highway exit to George Bean Parkway (roadway into Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (July 31 - August 8) nights. The entire ramp between may be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. the same nights. DETOUR: Take the ramp split onto eastbound Spruce Street. Get into the left lane, u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

Eastbound SR 60 exit to airport may be closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/southbound Memorial Highway exit to Tampa International Airport may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday

(July 31 - August 8) nights. DETOUR: Exit to Spruce Street. Get into the left lane, u-turn at the traffic signal at O'Brien Street, and use the westbound Spruce Street ramp into the airport.

Lane closures or complete closure on TPA exit road at night

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Friday through Friday (July 31 - August 7) nights. Also, the entire exit may be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 1 - 9) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Depending on the destination, traffic will then be routed to I-275 or S.R. 60 using local roads including Spruce, O'Brien, and Cypress streets, Lois Avenue, or Westshore Boulevard.

Night lane closures on Spruce Street bridge near Tampa International Airport

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of 4 lanes) may be closed on the eastbound SR 60/southbound George Bean Parkway (roadway out of Tampa International Airport) bridge over SR 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (August 2 - 7) nights.

Night lane closures on Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (July 31 - August 7) nights.

Night closure of westbound Spruce Street near TPA

TAMPA -- Westbound Spruce Street may be closed just east of State Road 60 between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (August 1 - 9) mornings. DETOUR to westbound SR 60/northbound Memorial Highway: Go south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (SR 60) which turns into Memorial Highway at I-275.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (July 31 - August 7) nights and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday through Saturday (August 1 - 8).

maintenance: Interstate 275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Tuesday night lane closures on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-275 on the low and high level sections of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between approximately 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday, August 5 for bridge inspections. The closures will begin approximately two hours after the Tampa Bay Rays' game on August 4.

maintenance: Interstate 175

Sunday night lane closure on ramp to northbound I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed on the westbound I-175 exit ramp to northbound I-275 from 9 p.m. to midnight Sunday, August 2 (weather permitting).

Project news: Tampa Bay SunGuide on Interstate 275 from 54th Ave. S. to 54th Ave. N.

Sunday night lane closure on southbound I-275 at 5th Avenue North

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-275 from 5th Avenue North (Exit 23B) to 5th Avenue South (just north of I-175, Exit 22) between 8:30 p.m. Sunday (August 2) and 6:30 a.m. Monday (August 3).

Project news: Northbound I-275 Connector to CR 296 / SR 686

Night lane closures on I-275 at Roosevelt Boulevard

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed in each direction of I-275 between Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28) and Ulmerton Road (Exit 31) for work in the Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) area (Exit 30) from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 3 - 6) nights. Northbound I-275 lane closures will not start until two hours after Tampa Bay Rays' home games to allow traffic to clear.

Night and day lane closures on Roosevelt Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Roosevelt Boulevard (State Road 686) from I-275 to 28th Street North from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday (August 3 - 9) and between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday (August 3 - 8) nights.

Lane closure on westbound CR 296

ST. PETERSBURG -- The right lane will be closed on the ramp from southbound I-275 to westbound County Road 296 from about 28th Street North to 118th Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

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

Northbound I-275 lane closures near downtown

TAMPA -- Two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275 between Himes Avenue (east of Exit 41B) and Ashley Drive/Scott Street (Exit 44) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights.

Southbound I-275 lane closures near downtown

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on southbound I-275 between the Hillsborough River and North Boulevard (east of Howard Avenue, Exit 42) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights.

Night lane closures on Himes Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on in each direction of Himes Avenue at I-275 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights.

Lanes closed night and day on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of Mac Dill Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street (under I-275) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

Night lane closures on Armenia Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Armenia Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street (under I-275) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights.

Day lane closure on frontage road between Armenia and Howard

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the eastbound frontage road (Laurel Street) between Armenia and Howard avenues at I-275 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

Night lane closure on Howard Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on Howard Avenue from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights.

Lane closed during day on Rome Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flaggers on Rome Avenue between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

Night and day lane closures on Willow Avenue at I-275

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flaggers on Willow Avenue between Green and La Salle streets (under I-275) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

Night and day lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed in each direction of North Boulevard between Green and Laurel streets from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

North Boulevard may also be closed between Laurel and Green streets from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights. DETOUR for southbound traffic: West on Main Street, south on Willow Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to North

Boulevard. DETOUR for northbound traffic: east on Laurel Street, then west on Green Street back to North Boulevard.

Night and day lane closures on Green Street at I-275

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on Green Street between Laurel Street and North Boulevard (at 275) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 3 - 7).

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights. Traffic will be detoured as follows:
Northbound: East on Laurel Street, north on Ashley Drive, east on Scott Street, north on Franklin Street, then west on Henderson Avenue to Doyle Carlton.
Southbound: East on Henderson Avenue, south on Tampa Street, then west on Laurel St.

Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on I-4 near Exit 19

PLANT CITY -- One to two lanes may be closed in each direction of I-4 between Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17) and Thonotosassa Road/S.R. 566 (Exit 19) Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights. Westbound closures will happen between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; eastbound closures will happen between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The closures are to remove barrier wall, repave and restripe lanes in coordination with the demolition of the old weigh stations.

Project news: Interstate 75 Interchange at County Road 54

Night lane closures and traffic control for CR 54 under I-75

WESLEY CHAPEL -- Lanes will be closed on eastbound and/or westbound County Road 54 under I-75 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 2 - 6) nights. Traffic will be directed under the interstate on the lanes normally used for turns onto I-75.