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maintenance: Interstate 275

Monday night lane closures on I-275 in St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on northbound I-275, north of 38th

Avenue North (Exit 25), between 9 p.m. Monday (August 4) and 3 a.m. Tuesday (August 5) for maintenance work.

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 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 3 - 7) nights.

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 (August 4 - 8). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

Day and night lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane of both northbound and southbound Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from Arch Street to Green Street between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 3 - 7) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 4 - 8).

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Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed periodically under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 from 7 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday through Friday (August 3 - 8). 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 Street.

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 mid-August.

DETOURS: Traffic is being detoured using Cass Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street back to North Boulevard. <u>Truck traffic</u> 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 late-August. 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

SEFFNER -- Two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 between McIntosh Road (Exit 14) and County Road 579 (Exit 10) from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 4 - 7) nights.

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

Night lane closures on northbound I-75 at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on northbound I-75 over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (August 3 and 4) nights.

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

NEW TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on southbound I-75 from Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) to the Hillsborough River (about 3 miles south of Bruce B. Downs) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday (August 4-8) nights.

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maintenance: Interstate 75

Night lane closures on I-75 in Tampa

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on I-75 between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. for maintenance work as follows:

* Tuesday, August 5: Northbound I-75, south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265).

* Wednesday, August 6: Southbound I-75, south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265).

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 Saturday through Sunday (August 2 - 10). 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. You may also find specific night closings on myTBI.com as they are scheduled.

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street / TIA closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport may be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 3 - 9) mornings. 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 exit will not be closed at the same time when eastbound State Road 60 is closed; one or the other will be open. See item above.]

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Night lane closures on TIA entrance and exit roads

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in each direction of George Bean Parkway (road into/out of Tampa International Airport) from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 3 - 9) nights.

Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on westbound Spruce Street between O'Brien Street and westbound State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 3 - 9) nights.

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