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maintenance: Interstate 275

Day lane closures on northbound I-275 on Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 18 - 22). The closure will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and end in Hillsborough County.

project news: I-275 Box Culvert from Howard Frankland Bridge to Lois Ave.

Lane closed Monday night on I-275 exit to Kennedy

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the northbound I-275 exit ramp to Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39A) from 10 p.m. Monday (August 18) to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (August 19).

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

North Boulevard reopened at I-275

TAMPA -- North Boulevard reopened Friday (August 15) under I-275. It had been closed for utility and road construction from the south side of I-275 to Main Street since April 18.

Half of I-275 Exit 44 to be closed at night

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramps to Ashley Drive and Scott Street will alternately close between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 17 - 21) nights. Sunday night's closure will not begin until after traffic clears from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game.

Detour when Scott Street exit (left half of Exit 44) is closed: Traffic will be detoured to Ashley Drive (right ramp of Exit 44), then east on Cass Street, then north on Florida Avenue to Scott Street.

Detour when Ashley Drive exit (right half of Exit 44) is closed: Traffic will be detoured to Scott Street, then south on Tampa Street, then west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

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Northbound I-275 lane closures at night

TAMPA -- One to two lanes 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 17 - 21) nights. Sunday night's closures will not begin until after traffic clears from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game.

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 18 - 22). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

MacDill Avenue to be closed at I-275 one night

TAMPA -- MacDill Avenue will be closed from Green Street to La Salle Street from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. one night during the week of August 17-21 for a concrete deck pour. [At the time of this release, it was not yet known which night the pour would take place.] DETOUR: Traffic will be detoured using Main and Cypress streets, and Howard (northbound) and Armenia (southbound) avenues.

Day lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue

TAMPA -- One lane of both northbound and southbound Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 18 - 22).

Night lane closures on Armenia Avenue

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Armenia Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 17 - 21) nights.

Night lane closures on Howard Avenue

TAMPA -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Howard Avenue from La Sale Street to I-275 between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 17 - 21) nights.

Doyle Carlton Drive to be closed periodically under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may periodically be closed to traffic under I-275 from 7 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday (August 17 - 22). No closures will take place between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Traffic will be detoured as follows:

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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.

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

Thursday night lane closure on westbound I-4 at Exit 14

SEFFNER -- One lane will be closed on westbound I-4, just east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14), from 8 p.m. Thursday (August 21) to 6 a.m. Friday (August 22).

project news: Interstate 4 Freeway Management System -- Hills./Polk counties

Night lane closures on I-4 in Plant City

PLANT CITY -- The right lane may be closed on eastbound or westbound I-4 between Park Road (Exit 22) and County Line Road (Exit 25) between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 17-21) nights.

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 2 a.m. for maintenance work as follows:

- * Monday, August 18: Southbound I-75, north of Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266).
- * Tuesday, August 19: Northbound I-75, north of Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266).
- * Wednesday, August 20: Southbound I-75, south of Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266).
- * Thursday, August 21: Northbound I-75, south of Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266).

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

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

NEW TAMPA -- One 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. Sunday through Thursday (August 17 - 21) nights.

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project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane to be closed on eastbound State Road 60 ramp to southbound Memorial

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed around-the-clock on the eastbound State Road 60 ramp from the Courtney Campbell Parkway to southbound Memorial Highway from 5 a.m. Monday (August 18) to 5 a.m. Thursday (August 28).

This will result in a 1/4 mile shorter merge area from where this ramp connects to southbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway. Motorists should remain alert to these changed conditions approaching the exit to Spruce Street and Tampa International Airport.

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 16 - 24). 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.

Night detours for eastbound SR 60 connection to Memorial / Veterans

TAMPA -- Traffic heading east or west 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. Saturday through Sunday (August 16 - 24) mornings.

DETOURS: Eastbound 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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Westbound traffic will be detoured 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.

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. Saturday through Sunday (August 16 - 24) 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.]

Lanes closed at night on southbound Veterans near Memorial

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed coming off the southbound Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (August 17 - 22) nights.

Night lane closures on westbound SR 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on westbound State Road 60 between I-275 and Tampa International Airport between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (August 17 - 22) nights.

Night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the east end of the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Bayport Drive and the traffic signal to northbound Memorial Highway/Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (August 17 - 22) nights.

Night lane closures on TIA entrance road

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on northbound George Bean Parkway (road into Tampa International Airport) from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Friday (August 15 - 22) nights.

Lane closures on eastbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- The right lane may be closed on eastbound Spruce Street between Frontage Road and O'Brien Street from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday (August 17 - 22) nights.