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maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures on I-275 in St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG -- Two to three lanes will be closed on I-275 for maintenance work between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 11 - 14) nights as follows:

- * Monday, August 11: Southbound I-275, north of Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28).
- * Tuesday, August 12: Northbound I-275, north of Gandy Boulevard (Exit 28).
- * Wednesday, August 13: Southbound I-275, north of Ulmerton Road (Exit 31)
- * Thursday, August 14: Northbound I-275, north of Ulmerton Road.

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 may be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 11 - 15). The closure will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and end in Hillsborough County.

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

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 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 11 - 14) nights.

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 10 - 14) 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. Sunday through Friday (August 10 - 15). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

Night and 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 between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 10 - 14) nights and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (August 11 - 15).

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 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 10 - 14) 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 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (August 10 - 14) nights.

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 10 - 15). No closures will take place between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. 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.

Rome Avenue to be closed under I-275 one night

TAMPA -- Rome Avenue will be closed under I-275 (between Main Street and La Salle Street) one night (August 10-15 nights) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. [At the time of this release, it was not known which night the closure would take place.]

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DETOUR: Traffic will be detoured using Cypress Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street.
Truck traffic should use Howard and Armenia avenues as the north/south routes.

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. Truck traffic 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 at Exit 14

SEFFNER -- Two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 just east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday (August 11 - 14) nights.

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 -- The left 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 10 - 14) nights.

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 9 - 17). 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

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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. Saturday through Saturday (August 9 - 16) 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.]

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. Sunday through Saturday (August 10 - 16) 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.

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. Sunday through Saturday (August 10 - 16) 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.

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. Sunday through Saturday (August 10 - 16) nights.

Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- One to two lanes 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. Saturday through Saturday (August 9 - 16) nights.

Lane closures on eastbound Spruce Street approaching TIA

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on the eastbound State Road 60 ramp to Spruce Street / Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (August 10 - 16) nights.

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