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## New Spruce Street ramp into Tampa International Airport scheduled to open by Monday morning commuting time

TAMPA -- A new bridge and ramp from westbound Spruce Street to George Bean Parkway (inbound roadway to Tampa International Airport) is scheduled to open by 5:30 a.m. Monday, August 11. This new exit will replace the current ramp, allowing motorists better access and merging conditions to Tampa International Airport (TIA) terminals and the eastern businesses on TIA property.

Motorists using the new ramp will now also be able to exit to the right off George Bean Parkway to the U.S. Post Office, the cell phone parking lot, remote parking facilities, and rental car agencies on the eastern side of TIA.

Drivers should be alert to these changed roadway conditions and prepare to exit right onto the new ramp immediately after passing O'Brien Street. Motorists on northbound O'Brien Street going into TIA should use the outer (right) lane of the dual left turn lanes onto westbound Spruce Street.

