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

Westshore entrance ramp to northbound I-275 closed this weekend

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from Westshore Boulevard will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday (September 26) to 5:30 a.m. Monday (September 29). Motorists can enter northbound I-275 from that area via the Lois Avenue ramp by going east on Cypress Street or Kennedy Boulevard to Lois Avenue.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Sunday night lane closure on southbound I-275 in downtown

TAMPA -- The left lane of southbound I-275 will be closed from just north of I-4 to the Hillsborough River between 8 p.m. Sunday (September 28) and 5 a.m. Monday (September 29).

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

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) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday (Sept. 29 - Oct. 2) nights.

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

TAMPA -- The northbound I-275 exit ramps to Ashley Drive and Scott Street may alternately close between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 28 - October 2) 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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Southbound I-275 Ashley ramps to be closed one night

TAMPA -- The southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. one night from Monday night (September 29) through Thursday night (October 2) to move a crane. [At news release time, it was not known which night the ramps would be closed.]

Detours: for the southbound I-275 exit ramp closure: Use Exit 45A to Doyle Carlton Drive. Turn right at bottom of ramp onto Doyle Carlton, turn right onto Henderson Avenue, turn right onto Tampa Street and go south, turn right and go west on Tyler Street to Ashley Drive.

For northbound Ashley Drive entrance ramp closure to southbound I-275: Going north on Ashley Drive, turn right and go east on Cass Street, turn left and go north on Florida Avenue, turn left on Kay Street and go west to the I-275 entrance ramp at the Tampa Street/Kay Street intersection.

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 (September 29 - October 3). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

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 (Sept. 29 - October 3).

Armenia Avenue to be closed south of I-275 at night

TAMPA — Armenia Avenue will be closed between Laurel Street and La Salle Street from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (Sept. 29 - October 2) nights.

DETOUR: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on MacDill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia. All interstate ramps at the Armenia/Howard avenues interchange will remain open. However, traffic may be very congested in the Howard/Armenia area at I-275. In order to avoid delays, motorists are advised to consider alternate routes.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- Intermittent closures of one lane on northbound and southbound North Boulevard between Arch Street and Main Street may occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 29 - October 3).

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North Boulevard to be closed under I-275 two mornings

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed from Cypress Street to Main Street from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (September 30 and October 1) as crews set beams over the roadway. DETOUR: Northbound traffic will be detoured using Laurel and Green streets. Southbound traffic will be detoured using Main Street, Willow Avenue, and Cypress Street.

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 any time except between 5 p.m. and midnight Monday through Friday (September 29 - October 3) as needed. 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.

maintenance: Interstate 4

Monday and Tuesday night lane closures on I-4

TAMPA -- Lane closures will take place on westbound I-4 in two locations Monday and Tuesday (September 29 and 30) nights as follows:

* Monday night: One to two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4, east of McIntosh Road (Exit 14) from 9 p.m. September 29 to 3 a.m. September 30.

* Tuesday night: Two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4, west of 21st Street (Exit 1) from 9 p.m. September 30 to 4 a.m. October 1.

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. Wednesday and Thursday (October 1 and 2) nights.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 to be closed two early mornings

TAMPA -- The entrance ramp to southbound I-275 from Cypress Street will be closed from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (September 29 and 30) mornings. DETOUR: East on Cypress to Westshore Boulevard, west on Kennedy Blvd. to the southbound ramp near Westshore Plaza. Also, expect periodic delays these mornings on Cypress Street at the State Road 60 overpass.

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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) interchange as needed Friday through Sunday (September 26 - October 5). 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. Saturday (September 27) and Monday through Sunday (September 29 - October 5) 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 previous item.]

Night detours for 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 (September 27 - October 5) mornings.

DETOUR: 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.

TIA exit road may be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) may be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Sunday (September 27 - October 5) 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 State Road 60 using local roads including Spruce Street, O'Brien Street, Cypress Street, and Westshore Boulevard. Please see myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

Night lane closures/traffic pacing on SR 60 on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the east end of the Courtney Campbell Parkway near Bayport Drive between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Saturday (September 27 - October 4) nights. There will also be a brief traffic pacing one night between midnight and 4 a.m. to move a crane across eastbound State Road 60. It is not yet known what day this will occur.

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