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project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- 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 from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday (October 11) and Monday through Sunday (October 13 - 19).

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.

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 morning (October 11) and Monday through Sunday (October 13 - 19) 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. See myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

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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. Monday through Sunday (October 13 - 19) 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.]

Lane closures on westbound Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on westbound Spruce Street from O'Brien Street to Tampa International Airport (TIA) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (October 12 - 18) nights. Traffic will be shifted toward the median sometime during the week.

Lane closures on eastbound SR 60 approaching I-275

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 / southbound Memorial Highway from Cypress Street to I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (October 12 - 18) nights.

Ramp from Cypress Street to southbound I-275 to be closed 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 through Sunday (October 13- 19) 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.

Night lane closures on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway west of Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (Oct. 12 - 18) nights.

Night lane closures on Memorial approaching Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes may be closed on southbound Memorial Highway coming off the Veterans Expressway and approaching State Road 60 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (Oct. 12 - 18) nights.

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Night detours and lane closures 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. Monday through Sunday (October 13 - 19) mornings. One to two lanes may also be closed in that area from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Saturday (October 12 - 18) nights .

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.

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

Northbound I-275 exit to be reduced to one lane for 45 days

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on the northbound I-275 Exit 39A ramp to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Blvd.) beginning at 10 p.m. Monday (October 13) and lasting until approximately November 25.

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. Sunday through Thursday (October 12 - 16) 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 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 12 - 16) nights. The Scott Street exit will also be closed during these same hours Friday and Saturday (October 10 and 11) 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.

Southbound I-275 Ashley ramps to be closed this weekend and weeknights

TAMPA -- The southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ashley Drive and the Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed around-the-clock from 11 p.m. Friday (October 10) until sometime before noon on Sunday (October 12). The ramps may also be closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 12 - 16) nights.

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 (October 13 - 17). 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 (October 13 - 17).

Armenia or Howard avenues to be closed south of I-275 at night

TAMPA — Either Armenia Avenue or Howard Avenue will be closed at I-275 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (October 12 - 16) nights. Armenia will be closed between Laurel and Arch streets; Howard will be closed from Arch Street to the northbound entrance ramp. 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.

DETOUR for Armenia Avenue closure: Through-traffic on Armenia Avenue will be detoured west on Main Street, south on Mac Dill Avenue, then east on Cypress Street back to Armenia.

DETOUR for Howard Avenue closure: Howard Avenue traffic will be detoured east on Cypress Street, north on Rome Avenue, then west on Main Street back to Howard. Traffic wishing to access I-275 will continue west on Main Street, then south on Armenia Avenue. Motorists going south on I-275 will use the ramp at Green Street. Motorists accessing northbound I-275 will continue south on Armenia Avenue, then go east on Laurel Street to the northbound I-275 entrance ramp.

Willow Avenue closed under I-275 for six weeks

TAMPA -- Willow Avenue is closed under I-275 until approximately Sunday, November 16 for utility construction. DETOUR: Traffic is being detoured using Cypress Street, Rome Avenue, and Main

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Street back to Willow. Truck traffic should use Armenia Avenue (southbound route) and Howard Avenue (northbound route) instead of using Rome Avenue.

Daytime lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275

TAMPA -- Intermittent closures of one lane on northbound and southbound North Boulevard between La Salle Street and Green Street may occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (October 13 - 17).

Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 between midnight and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (October 13 - 17) 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.

project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Sunday night lane closure on eastbound I-4 between Exit 10 and Exit 14

SEFFNER -- One lane will be closed on eastbound I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) between 10 p.m. Sunday (October 12) and 6 a.m. Monday (October 13).

maintenance: Interstate 75

Daytime lane closures Thursday and Friday on I-75 at Gibsonton Drive

RIVERVIEW -- One lane will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-75 under Gibsonton Drive (Exit 250) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday (October 16 and 17) for maintenance work.

Lane closure Thursday night on northbound I-75 near Fowler

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on northbound I-75, one-half mile south of Fowler Avenue (Exit 265) between 10 p.m. Thursday (October 16) and 5 a.m. Friday (October 17). Crews will be working on an overhead changeable message sign.

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