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project news: I-175 from I-275 to 4th Street

Daytime lane closures on I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and/or westbound I-175 between I-275 and 4th Street between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 7-11).

Day entrance ramp closures on westbound I-175

ST. PETERSBURG -- The 4th Street, 6th Street, and 9th Street entrance ramps onto westbound I-175 may be alternately closed between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 7-11).

project news: Sunshine Skyway Bridge Painting

Night lane closures on main span of Skyway Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG -- One of two lanes may be closed on the main span of northbound I-275 on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge between 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. nightly until further notice. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 MPH during lane closures.

project news: I-275 from 26th Avenue S. to 5th Avenue S.

Night and day lane closures on I-275 in south St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on northbound I-275 between 26th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (January 6-10) nights. One of three lanes will be closed on northbound or southbound I-275 in the same area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 7-11).

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project news: I-275 from 62nd Avenue N. to Gandy Blvd.

Westbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed two nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The westbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday and Friday (January 6 and 11) nights.

DETOUR: Continue west on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at the traffic signal at Grand Avenue, and proceed to the eastbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

Night lane closures on I-275 near Gandy Blvd.

ST. PETERSBURG -- One to two lanes will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-275 between 62nd Avenue North and Gandy Boulevard between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (January 7-10) nights.

Night lane closures on Gandy Boulevard at I-275

ST. PETERSBURG -- One lane will be closed periodically in each direction of Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) under I-275 between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday (January 7-10) nights.

Eastbound Gandy ramp to northbound I-275 closed several nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to northbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday (January 7-9) nights.

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., turn left and go north on Roosevelt Blvd. (State Road 686), and proceed to the Roosevelt entrance ramp to northbound I-275.

Eastbound Gandy ramp to southbound I-275 closed two nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The eastbound Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday (January 7 and 9) nights.

DETOUR: Continue east on Gandy Blvd., u-turn at Dr. M.L. King Street (9th St. N.), and proceed to the westbound Gandy Blvd. entrance ramp to southbound I-275.

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Northbound I-275 Exit 28 closed Thursday night

ST. PETERSBURG -- The northbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. Thursday (January 10) and 5:30 a.m. Friday (January 11).

DETOUR: Continue north on I-275 and exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp and proceed east to Gandy Boulevard.

Southbound I-275 Exit 28 closed two nights

ST. PETERSBURG -- The southbound I-275 Exit 28 ramp to Gandy Boulevard (State Road 694) will be closed between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday (January 10 and 11) nights.

DETOUR: Exit at Roosevelt Blvd. (Exit 30: State Road 686), turn left off the exit ramp and go east on Roosevelt Blvd. to Gandy Boulevard.

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

Ashley entrance ramp to southbound I-275 to be closed this weekend

TAMPA -- The Ashley Drive entrance ramp to southbound I-275 will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday (January 4) to 4:30 a.m. Monday (January 7) for construction work.

DETOUR for the 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.

One lane closed on Howard Avenue / truck detour route

TAMPA -- The right lane remains closed on Howard Avenue approaching I-275 in coordination with a temporary truck route (no right turn onto northbound I-275 for large trucks). The detour route for large trucks that cannot make the right turn onto the ramp due to space restrictions caused by the interstate construction project is as follows:

North on Howard Avenue, left on Green Street after crossing under I-275, left on Armenia Avenue, then left on Laurel Street after crossing under I-275. This route enables truckers to have a straight entrance to northbound I-275.

Green Street one lane between Laurel and N. Boulevard

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will remain closed on Green Street from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately the end of February 2008.

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Portion of Green Street closed temporarily

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from MacDill Avenue to Himes Avenue until about the end of January. DETOUR: North on MacDill, then west on Spruce Street, then south on Himes Avenue to Green Street.

Daytime flagging operations on Doyle Carlton Drive

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed on Doyle Carlton Drive under I-275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (January 7-11). Traffic will be controlled by flag persons.

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

Sunday night lane closures on I-75 at Bruce B. Downs

NEW TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on both northbound and southbound I-75 at the Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581, Exit 270) interchange from 9 p.m. Sunday (January 6) to 5 a.m. Monday (January 7).

I-75 detours at Bruce B. Downs begin Tuesday night

NEW TAMPA -- Both directions of I-75 will be closed over Bruce B. Downs Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday (January 8-13) nights as crews erect bridge girders.

DETOUR: Traffic will exit at the Bruce B. Downs/CR 581 Exit 270, cross Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, and re-enter the interstate using the entrance ramp.

Traffic will be slow in both directions of I-75 approaching this interchange, and motorists on Bruce B. Downs Boulevard will have lengthy delays as priority will be given to I-75 traffic crossing Bruce B. Downs. Law officers will handle traffic control where the ramps intersect Bruce B. Downs.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

TIA exit road to be closed very early mornings

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (January 5-12) mornings. Traffic will be routed to the service roads, then out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection. Traffic going to I-275 can take Spruce Street east to Lois Avenue, then turn right and take Lois to I-275, or choose routes listed at myTBI.com.

Ramp from Spruce Street to westbound SR 60 closed early mornings

TAMPA -- The westbound Spruce Street ramp to westbound State Road 60 will be closed

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between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (January 5-12) mornings. Traffic will be detoured south on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Kennedy Boulevard (westbound SR 60). [Please note: This ramp will not be closed the same nights as westbound State Road 60 (see below). Either the ramp or westbound State Road 60 will be closed depending on the work activities.]

Brief delays on State Road 60 ramps to southbound I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flag persons on the eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway and westbound State Road 60/Kennedy Boulevard entrance ramps onto southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (January 6-8) nights.

Brief delays on Cypress Street ramp to southbound I-275 at night

TAMPA -- Traffic will be controlled by flag persons on the Cypress Street entrance ramp to southbound I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (January 6-8) nights.

Night lane closures on State Road 60

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 near Tampa International Airport area between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday (January 4-13) nights. The right lane of eastbound SR 60 approaching I-275 will be closed the same hours Sunday through Tuesday (January 6-8) nights.

Westbound State Road 60 to be closed near TIA early mornings

TAMPA -- Westbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway will be closed between I-275 and Tampa International Airport (TIA) from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. Wednesday through Friday (January 9-18) mornings for bridge demolition over the roadway. [Westbound State Road 60 will not be closed the same nights as the Spruce Street ramp (see above). Either the ramp or westbound State Road 60 will be closed depending on the work activities.]

DETOURS:

Northbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60: Use Exit 39A to eastbound State Road 60 (Kennedy Boulevard). Go east on Kennedy, then north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

Southbound I-275 to westbound State Road 60: Use Exit 40A (Westshore Boulevard). Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.

Kennedy Boulevard to westbound State Road 60: Go north on Westshore Boulevard, then west on Spruce Street and use the ramps to TIA or westbound State Road 60.