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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of February 25

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of three lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between I-275 and 50th Street (Exits 1 to 3) from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (February 25-March 1).

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of February 26

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 from east of 21st Street (Exit 1) to the bridge over 14th Street from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (February 26-March 1). Also, traffic entering westbound I-4 from 21st Street will have a different ramp pattern between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday (Feb. 28) and 5:30 a.m. Thursday (Feb. 29).

Night lane closure on eastbound I-4 exit ramp

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- One of two lanes will be closed on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp to 21st Street (Exit 1) between 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday nights (Feb. 25 and 26).

15th Street closed under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 15th Street will remain closed from south of 13th Avenue to north of 14th Avenue (under I-4) into early March for construction work. Traffic on this northbound road is being detoured to 14th Street, which has been turned into a 2-way traffic pattern in that area, then to 15th Avenue back to 15th Street.

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26th Street closed periodically

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 26th Street may be closed periodically under I-4 (between Columbus Drive and the south side of I-4) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. through early March. Southbound 26th Street will be detoured east on Columbus Drive, then south on 34th Street, then west on 7th Avenue back to 26th Street. Northbound 26th Street will be detoured east on 7th Avenue, then north on 34th Street, then west on 18th Avenue, which curves over onto 17th Avenue and continues west back to 26th Street.

Lane closures on 34th Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes will be closed around-the-clock on 34th Street under I-4 (Columbus Drive to 12th Avenue) from 6 a.m. Monday (February 26) to about midnight Saturday (March 3). One lane will be open in each direction.

Lanes closed on 40th Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes are closed on 40th Street under I-4 into early March. All traffic has been shifted to the east side of 40th Street, turning the northbound lanes into a two-way traffic pattern (one lane for northbound traffic; one lane for southbound traffic).

Lanes to be closed on 50th Street at I-4

TAMPA -- The left lanes will be closed in each direction of 50th Street from 10th Avenue to north of I-4 between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (February 26-March 1).

project news: I-4 Freeway Management System

Night lane closures on eastbound I-4 in Plant City

PLANT CITY -- Two of three lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 from Alexander Street (Exit 21) to west of Park Road (Exit 22) from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (February 25-March 1).

project news: I-275 / I-4 Interchange Freeway Management System

Traffic pacing and lane closures on I-275 and I-4 approaching downtown Tampa

TAMPA -- Traffic will be paced on the interstate system in Tampa Sunday through Tuesday nights at various times between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. to install electronic message signs over the highway. Motorists can also expect lane closures in the I-275/I-4 interchange area between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (February 25-March 1). Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek

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alternate routes to avoid long delays. Here is the planned schedule:

Sunday night, Feb. 25: Traffic pacing on westbound I-4 from MLK Blvd. (Exit 5) to I-275 and on southbound I-275 from Busch Boulevard (Exit 50) to the Hillsborough River near Ashley Drive.

Monday night, Feb. 26: Traffic pacing on northbound I-275 from the Tampa side of the Howard Frankland Bridge to the Hillsborough River near Ashley Drive.

Tuesday night, Feb. 27: Traffic pacing on northbound I-275 from Westshore Boulevard to north of Floribraska Avenue (south of MLK, Exit 46B) and on westbound I-4 from MLK Blvd. (Exit 5) to I-275.

project news: Interstate 275 Sound Walls between Busch Blvd. and U.S. 41

Day lane closures on Central Avenue between Busch and Fletcher

TAMPA -- Traffic may be controlled periodically by flag persons on Central Avenue at various locations between Busch Boulevard and Fletcher Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (February 24) and Monday through Saturday (February 26-March 3).

Lane closures on Bougainvillea and Linebaugh under I-275 during the day

TAMPA -- Expect intermittent lane closures on Bougainvillea Ave. and Linebaugh Ave. between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue (under I-275) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (February 24) and Monday through Saturday (February 26-March 3). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

Lane closure on Florence Avenue during the day

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on Florence Avenue between Linebaugh Avenue and 113th Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (February 24) and Monday through Saturday (February 26-March 3). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

Lane closure on 127th Avenue during the day

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed on 127th Avenue -- between Central Avenue and Florence Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday (February 24) and Monday through Saturday (February 26-March 3). Traffic will be directed by flag persons.

project news: I-75 from north of State Road 60 to south of I-4

Night lane closures on southbound I-75, south of I-4

BRANDON -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on southbound I-75 between Interstate 4 (Exit 261) and State Road 60 (Exit 257) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (February 25-March 1).

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Interstate maintenance: I-75

Sunday night lane closures on southbound I-75 over I-4

TAMPA -- The center and right lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 over Interstate 4 between 9 p.m. Sunday (February 25) and 5 a.m. Monday (February 26) for bridge repairs.

project news: I-75 from I-275 to State Road 56 and I-275 from Bearss to I-75

Night lane closures on I-75 and I-275 near Hillsborough/Pasco line

TAMPA -- One of two lanes may be closed for paving operations on northbound and southbound I-275 and I-75 between the very north end of I-275 and State Road 56 (I-75, Exit 275) Sunday through Friday nights (February 25-March 2). Southbound closures will be from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. each night; northbound closures will be from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. nightly.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

TIA exit road to be closed early Sunday, early Thursday

TAMPA -- Southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) will be closed between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday, February 25 (Saturday night into Sunday morning) and Thursday, March 1 (Wednesday night into Thursday morning). Traffic will be routed to the service roads out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection.

Sunday night lane closure on northbound I-275 approaching Kennedy exit

TAMPA -- The right lane (of four lanes) will be closed on northbound I-275 north of the Howard Frankland Bridge to Kennedy Boulevard (Exit 39-A) between 8:30 p.m. and midnight on Sunday (February 25).

Sunday night / Thursday morning lane closures on eastbound SR 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- The left lane (of three lanes) will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 near the exit to Tampa International Airport between 10 p.m. Sunday (February 25) and 5:30 a.m. Monday (February 26). The same lane will also be closed there between 12:01 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Thursday morning (March 1).

Night lane closures on eastbound State Road 60 approaching TIA

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 between the Courtney Campbell Causeway and the exit to Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (February 25-March 1).

Traffic pacing on eastbound SR 60 approaching TIA early Monday

TAMPA -- Traffic will be paced by law enforcement officers to move a construction crane across eastbound State Road 60 for a short duration sometime between 12:01 a.m. and 4 a.m. Monday morning (February 26).

Traffic will be paced for about 10 minutes on eastbound State Road 60 (from Bayport Drive) and southbound Veterans Expressway/Memorial Highway (from Independence Boulevard).

Night lane closures on eastbound State Road 60 on Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway west of Bayport Drive (near the Hyatt/Bayport) from 8:30 p.m. Monday (February 26) to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (February 27). Also, the right lane will be closed at Bayport Drive from 8:30 p.m. Thursday (March 1) to 5:30 a.m. Friday (March 2).

Monday night lane closure on Spruce Street near TIA

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on westbound Spruce Street near Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. Monday (February 26) and 5 a.m. Tuesday (February 27).

Officers to control State Road 60 / Bayport Drive intersection Thursday night

TAMPA -- The intersection of Bayport Drive and State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Causeway will be controlled by law enforcement officers between 10 p.m. Thursday (March 1) and 5 a.m. Friday (March 2). Crews will be relocating traffic signals.

Eastbound State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street closed early March 3

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60 exit to Spruce Street will be closed between 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 3 (Friday night into Saturday morning). Traffic will be routed onto northbound George Bean Parkway (entrance to Tampa International Airport), then to the airport service roads out to Spruce Street at the O'Brien Street intersection.