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project news: Interstate 4 through Ybor City

Lanes closed on eastbound I-4 at night week of March 4

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 Wednesday nights (March 4-7).

Lanes closed on westbound I-4 at night week of March 4

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. Sunday through Wednesday nights (March 4-7). Also, traffic entering westbound I-4 from 21st Street will have a different ramp pattern between 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

15th Street closed under I-4 except for overnight Tuesday

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 15th Street will remain closed from south of 13th Avenue to north of 14th Avenue (under I-4) into mid-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. Between 11:30 p.m. Tuesday (March 6) and 5 a.m. Wednesday (March 7), 15th Street will be reopened and turned into 2-way traffic while 14th Street is closed for construction work.

21st Street closed at I-4 two nights

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 21st Street will be closed from Columbus Drive to south of I-4 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday and Monday nights (March 4 and 5).

21st Street traffic will be detoured east on Columbus Drive, then south on 34th Street to

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Adamo Drive (State Road 60), then west back to 21st Street. Motorists wishing to use any of the interchange ramps at 21st/22nd streets are advised to use the 50th Street (Exit 3) interchange.

Day lane closures on 22nd Street

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- The right lane (of 3 lanes) will be closed on 22nd Street from 7th Avenue to 14th Avenue between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (March 5-7).

22nd Street closed at I-4 two nights

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 22nd Street will be closed from Palm Avenue to 14th Avenue from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday nights (March 6 and 7). Lane closures will extend all the back to State Road 60 (Adamo Drive). Traffic will be detoured to north on 34th Street, then west on 18th Avenue back to 22nd Street. Traffic wishing to access I-4 will need to do so via 50th Street.

26th Street closed under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- 26th Street will remain closed under I-4 (between Columbus Drive and the south side of I-4) until further notice. Southbound 26th Street is being detoured east on Columbus Drive, then south on 34th Street, then west on 7th Avenue back to 26th Street. Northbound 26th Street is being 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.

Lanes closed on 40th Street under I-4

TAMPA (Ybor City) -- Two of four lanes are closed on 40th Street under I-4 until further notice. 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 (March 5-8).

Lanes to be closed on Melbourne Boulevard and 49th Street

TAMPA -- Motorists can expect lane closures on Melbourne Boulevard from 50th Street to 44th Street and on 49th Street from Melbourne Blvd. to 18th Avenue between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday (March 7-9).

project news: I- 275 from 54th Ave. N. to Kennedy Blvd. (Freeway Mgmt. System)

Night lane closures on I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- Two of four lanes may be closed on northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday nights (March 4-6) to install equipment for the SunGuide Intelligent Transportation System. This system, when activated, will help relay real-time traffic information to motorists.

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 and Monday nights (March 4 and 5) at various times between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. to install electronic message signs over the highway. Motorists can also expect one to two lanes to be closed in the I-275/I-4 interchange area between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday nights. *Motorists are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes to avoid long delays.* Here is the planned schedule:

Sunday night, March 4: Traffic pacing on northbound I-275 from the Tampa side of the Howard Frankland Bridge to the Hillsborough River near Ashley Drive.

Monday night, March 5: 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.

Should there be weather or other delays, the closures and traffic pacing will be moved to the next available night. Visit myTBI.com daily for the latest information.

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 (March 3) and Monday through Saturday (March 5-10).

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 (March 3) and Monday through Saturday (March 5-10). 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 (March 3) and Monday through Saturday (March 5-10). 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 (March 3) and Monday through Saturday (March 5-10). 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 MLK

BRANDON -- One to two lanes (of three lanes) will be closed on southbound I-75 between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 260) and State Road 60 (Exit 257) between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights (March 4-8).

Early Sunday lane closures on westbound MLK at I-75

BRANDON -- One of two lanes will be closed on westbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard at I-75 between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 4. Crews will be working on traffic signals at the intersection of the southbound I-75 exit ramp.

project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Night lane closures on TIA exit road

TAMPA -- One of two lanes will be closed on southbound George Bean Parkway (outbound roadway from Tampa International Airport) between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights (March 4-9).

Sunday night lane closures on eastbound SR 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Two of four lanes will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 south of the Spruce Street overpass near Tampa International Airport between 11 p.m. Sunday (March 4) and 5 a.m. Monday (March 5).

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 at Bayport Drive (near the Hyatt/Bayport) from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Sunday and Monday nights (March 4 and 5).

Monday night lane closure on westbound State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on eastbound State Road 60 just east of the exit to Tampa International Airport from 8:30 p.m. Monday (March 5) to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (March 6).

Tuesday night lane closures on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of State Road 60 on the south side of Tampa International Airport from 9 p.m. Tuesday (March 6) to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday (March 7).

Traffic pacing early Wednesday on I-275 and SR 60 heading towards TIA

TAMPA -- Rolling roadblocks led by the Florida Highway Patrol will take place in order to move a construction crane Wednesday morning (March 7). Traffic will be paced for about 10 minutes in one direction at a time between 12:01 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. Eastbound State Road 60 traffic from Bayport Drive, and southbound Veterans Expressway from Independence Boulevard will be paced first. After this pace, traffic from southbound I-275 (starting at Dale Mabry Highway), westbound State Road 60 from Westshore Plaza, and northbound I-275 (starting at the Howard Frankland Bridge) will be paced.

Thursday night lane closure on westbound State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Two of three lanes will be closed on westbound State Road 60 just west of the exit to Tampa International Airport from 11 p.m. Thursday (March 8) to 5 a.m. Friday (March 9).