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Holiday travel news

No interstate closures in Tampa Bay area over Thanksgiving holiday weekend -- Remember to use 511 for your travel plans --

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG -- No closures are scheduled in the Tampa Airport Interchanges project area or on the interstate system in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Wednesday (November 26) afternoon through Monday (December 1) morning.

Motorists are reminded to call 511 or visit 511tampabay.com for traffic and travel information over the holiday.

Project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)

Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA

TAMPA -- Westbound 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 Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights. West bound lane closures will be between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures with detours will be between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

DETOUR for EASTBOUND SR 60 CLOSURE: Traffic will be directed off at the Spruce Street/TIA exit, 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 alerting of the closures and to guide you to the detours.

Lane closures on Veterans' frontage road

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on the southbound Veterans Expressway frontage lanes approaching Memorial Highway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights.

Lane closures on Cypress Street

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Cypress Street under State Road 60 from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (November 22) and Monday through Wednesday (November 24 - 26).

Eastbound SR 60 exit to Spruce Street closed at night

TAMPA -- The eastbound State Road 60/Memorial Highway exit to Spruce Street may be closed between 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights. 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.

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 5 a.m. Saturday through Wednesday (November 22 - 26) 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.

Lane closures on SR 60 near I-275

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may 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. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights.

Night lane closures on east end of Courtney Campbell

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound and/or westbound State Road 60 on the Courtney Campbell Parkway between Rocky Point and Memorial Highway from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights.

Night lane closures on northbound Memorial/Veterans

TAMPA -- One to four lanes of northbound Memorial Highway may be closed from State Road 60 (Courtney Campbell) to the Veterans Expressway between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights.

maintenance: Interstate 275

Night lane closures in Tampa and St. Petersburg on I-275

TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG -- Lanes will be closed on I-275 as follows:

- Sunday, November 23: Two lanes closed between 10 p.m. Sunday and 4 a.m. Monday on northbound I-275, south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 46B).
- Monday, November 24: Two lanes closed between 10 p.m. Monday and 4 a.m. Tuesday on southbound I-275, south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (Exit 46B).
- Tuesday, November 25: Two lanes closed between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 3 a.m. Wednesday on southbound I-275, north of Ulmerton Road (Exit 31).

Day lane closures on northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge

ST. PETERSBURG/TAMPA -- The right lane of northbound I-275 on the Howard Frankland Bridge will be closed between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (November 24 - 26). The closures will begin on the Pinellas County side of the bridge and extend into the Hillsborough County side.

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

Northbound I-275 lane closures two nights

TAMPA -- 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 and Monday (November 23 and 24) nights.

Southbound I-275 lane closures two nights

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on southbound I-275 south of the Ashley Drive entrance ramp from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday and Monday (November 23 and 24) 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 and Monday (November 23 and 24) 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.

Monday and Tuesday lane closures on Himes Avenue

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on southbound Himes Avenue from Green Street to La Salle Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (November 24 and 25).

Mac Dill Avenue to be closed at I-275 Sunday night

TAMPA -- Mac Dill Avenue will be closed from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) for bridge work from 10 p.m. Sunday (November 23) to 5 a.m. Monday (November 24).

DETOUR: Mac Dill Avenue traffic will be detoured around the closure area using Cypress Street, Armenia Avenue (southbound) or Howard Avenue (northbound), and Main Street back to Mac Dill Avenue.

Lanes closed on Mac Dill Avenue Monday and Tuesday

TAMPA -- One lane will be closed in each direction of Mac Dill Avenue from La Salle Street to Green Street (under I-275) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (November 24 and 25).

Lane closed on Laurel Street Monday and Tuesday

TAMPA -- The right lane will be closed on Laurel Street between Armenia and Howard avenues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (November 24 and 25).

Lane closed on Green Street Monday and Tuesday

TAMPA -- The left lane will be closed on Green Street between Laurel Street and North Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (November 24 and 25).

Project news: Interstate 4 Weigh-in-Motion Stations

Night lane closures on I-4 between Exits 10 and 14

TAMPA -- One lane may be closed in either direction of I-4 between County Road 579 (Exit 10) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14) Sunday through Tuesday (November 23 - 25) nights. Westbound closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.; eastbound closures will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

maintenance: Interstate 75

Lane closures on southbound I-75 at Gibsonton Drive

GIBSONTON -- One to two lanes will be closed on southbound I-75 at Gibsonton Drive (Exit 250) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Monday (November 21 – 24) nights.

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

Night lane closures on southbound I-75 at 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. Friday through Tuesday (November 21 - 25) nights. *The closure may extend until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday (November 23).*

Bruce B. Downs ramps to northbound I-75 to be closed Friday night

NEW TAMPA -- The Bruce B. Downs Boulevard entrance ramps to northbound I-75 will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday (November 21) to 5 a.m. Saturday (November 22).

DETOUR: Go north on Bruce B. Downs to State Road 56, turn left and go west to the northbound I-75 entrance ramp at that interchange.

Northbound Bruce B. Downs ramp to southbound I-75 closed Saturday morning

NEW TAMPA -- The northbound (eastbound) Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) entrance ramp onto southbound I-75 will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday (November 22). DETOUR: Enter northbound I-75, exit at State Road 56 (Exit 275), turn left and cross over I-75, and then use the entrance ramp to southbound I-75.

Bruce B. Downs to be closed at I-75 several nights

NEW TAMPA -- Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) will be closed under I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Tuesday (November 23 - 25) nights. During the closure, no traffic will be able to pass under I-75. Motorists will be directed onto I-75 on either side of the interstate.

DETOUR: Enter I-75, exit at the next interchange (either SR 56 - Exit 275 or Fletcher Avenue - Exit 266), enter the other direction of I-75, and exit at Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (Exit 270).