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*Motorist news for September 13 - 20, 2008*

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## 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) between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 14 - 18) nights. On September 14, the closures won't begin until at least two hours after the end of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game.

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### 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 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday (September 14 - 18) nights. On September 14, the closures won't begin until at least two hours after the end of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game.

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.

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### 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 (September 15 - 19). Access to the entrance ramp will still be available.

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### **Day lane closures on Mac Dill Avenue**

TAMPA -- One lane of both northbound and southbound Mac Dill Avenue may be closed from Arch Street to Green Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 15 - 19).

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### **Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed under I-275**

TAMPA -- Doyle Carlton Drive may be closed to traffic under I-275 any time Sunday through Friday (September 14 - 19) 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.

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### **Lane closures on North Boulevard at I-275**

TAMPA -- Intermittent closures of the right lanes on northbound and southbound North Boulevard between Arch Street and Main Street may occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (September 15 - 19).

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### **North Boulevard to be closed under I-275 weekend of September 19**

TAMPA -- North Boulevard will be closed from Arch Street to Green Street from 7 p.m. Friday (September 19) to 4 a.m. Monday (September 22) for utility line work. DETOUR: Traffic will be detoured using Cypress Street, Willow Avenue, and Main Street back to North Boulevard. Truck traffic will be directed to Howard and Armenia avenues.

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### **Closures on Green and Laurel streets**

TAMPA -- Green Street remains closed from Laurel Street to North Boulevard until approximately mid-September. Local access to Presbyterian Village will be maintained. Laurel Street has been turned into two-way traffic between Green Street and North Boulevard for the detour.

## **maintenance: Interstate 4**

### **Night lane closures on I-4 east of Plant City area**

DOVER -- Lane closures will take place on I-4 between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (September 16 and 17) nights as follows:

\* Tuesday night: One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound I-4 between McIntosh Road (Exit 14) and Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17).

\* Wednesday night: One to two lanes will be closed on westbound I-4 between Branch Forbes Road (Exit 17) and McIntosh Road (Exit 14).

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**maintenance: Interstate 75**

**Lane closures two nights on northbound I-75**

TAMPA -- Lanes will be closed for maintenance work on northbound I-75 Monday and Thursday (September 15 and 18) nights as follows:

\* Two to three lanes closed north of U.S. Highway 301 (Exit 254), between 9 p.m. Monday (September 15) and 3 a.m. Tuesday (September 16).

\* One lane closed north of Fletcher Avenue (Exit 266) between 9 p.m. Thursday (September 18) and 2 a.m. Friday (September 19).

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

**Night lane closures on southbound I-75 south of 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. Sunday through Thursday (September 14 - 18) nights.

**project news: Tampa Airport Interchanges (State Road 60)**

**Traffic switch for eastbound SR 60 and exit to TIA/Spruce coming Monday**

TAMPA -- Eastbound SR 60/southbound Memorial Highway/southbound Veterans Expressway traffic is scheduled to be switched to a new alignment early Monday morning (by 5:30 a.m.), September 15. Traffic will be in this new alignment from just south of the Courtney Campbell Parkway to Cypress Street.

As a result of this traffic switch, motorists will have to exit to the LEFT going to Tampa International Airport (TIA) or eastbound Spruce Street. This exit configuration will be temporary; the TIA exit will return to a right side exit within about one month while Spruce Street will switch to a right exit within several months.

Drivers are reminded to be especially alert and pay attention to signs and other vehicles as motorists adjust to the new conditions next week.

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**Lane closures and detours on eastbound State Road 60 under I-275**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes may be closed on eastbound State Road 60 (Memorial Highway) under I-275 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (September 13- 20) nights.

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### **Lane closures and detours on State Road 60 near TIA**

TAMPA -- 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) exit as needed Saturday through Saturday (September 13-20). Lane closures will occur between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.; complete closures will happen between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m.

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. You may also find specific night closings on myTBI.com as they are scheduled.

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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. Saturday through Sunday (September 13 - 21) 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.]

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### **TIA exit road to 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 through Sunday (September 13 - 21) 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. Please see myTBI.com for more specific detour route information.

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### **Night lane closures on SR 60 on east end of Courtney Campbell**

TAMPA -- One to two lanes will be closed on eastbound and westbound State Road 60 on the east end of the Courtney Campbell Parkway near Bayport Drive between 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Saturday through Saturday (September 13 - 20) nights. There may also be flagging operations at the Bayport Drive intersection.

### **project news: State Road 60 Freeway Management System**

#### **Lane closures and detour set for southbound Veterans Expressway**

TAMPA -- There will be lane closures and a detour on the Veterans Expressway south of Hillsborough Avenue Monday and Tuesday (September 15 and 16) nights for installation of an overhead sign structure and changeable message board as follows:

\* Monday night: southbound left lane closed from south of Hillsborough Avenue to Independence Parkway from 9:45 p.m. Monday to 4 a.m. Tuesday.

\* Tuesday morning from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m.: All southbound lanes will be detoured off the Veterans Expressway at Memorial Highway, routed south on George Road, then east on Independence Parkway to return to southbound Veterans Expressway/Memorial Highway towards State Road 60.

\* Tuesday night: southbound left lane closed from Memorial Highway to Independence Parkway from 10 p.m. Tuesday to 5 a.m. Wednesday.

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