

# Downtown Interchange



## What is Tampa Bay Next?

*Tampa Bay Next is a program to modernize Tampa Bay's transportation infrastructure and prepare for the future.*

## The Program Includes:

- Interstate Modernization
- Transit
- Bike/Pedestrian Facilities
- Complete Streets
- Transportation Innovation
- Freight Mobility

## Tampa Bay Next Priorities:

- Move people and goods safely and efficiently
- Build a comprehensive regional transportation system
- Create meaningful opportunities for public input
- Balance regional needs with community concerns
- Commit to sustainable infrastructure decisions

## Tampa is experiencing **rapid growth**, and the downtown interchange is a **known chokepoint**.

**Tampa's downtown and surrounding urban core is rich with cultural and historical resources. The downtown interchange and corridors of I-275, I-4 and the Selmon Expressway are key links in Florida's interstate system providing freight and passenger mobility. They serve as important commuter routes to suburban and urban communities in the Tampa Bay metropolitan area providing access to jobs, medical facilities, universities and cultural resources.**

## The Downtown Interchange project will update the system to **modern standards** and align with the City of Tampa's vision for the **future of downtown**.

- ◆ **Distribute traffic more evenly** for a growing and changing downtown and urban core
- ◆ **Efficiently move people and goods** with connectivity throughout the region
- ◆ **Enhance travel speeds** to key destinations and **reduce backups**
- ◆ **Integrate transit choices** for commuters, visitors and residents
- ◆ **Connect neighborhoods** with public spaces such as parks, greenway and a trail

### Wait, didn't you fix that already?

FDOT completed operational improvements to the Downtown interchange in 2006, but FDOT has had a long-standing plan to redesign and reconstruct the Downtown interchange. The 2006 improvements can be compared to interim improvements in a home renovation. Homeowners may only have funding to replace their floors and windows, but they know that eventually they should replace the HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc. as funding becomes available. FDOT has planned on redesigning and rebuilding the Downtown interchange since the late 1980s. The current interchange configurations are being designed to the latest standards, using the most recent traffic data and demographic projections. The design concepts will be evaluated under current environmental assessment policies and procedures.



FDOT will host local and regional opportunities to participate in developing meaningful transportation solutions.

**For more project specific information and to get involved:**

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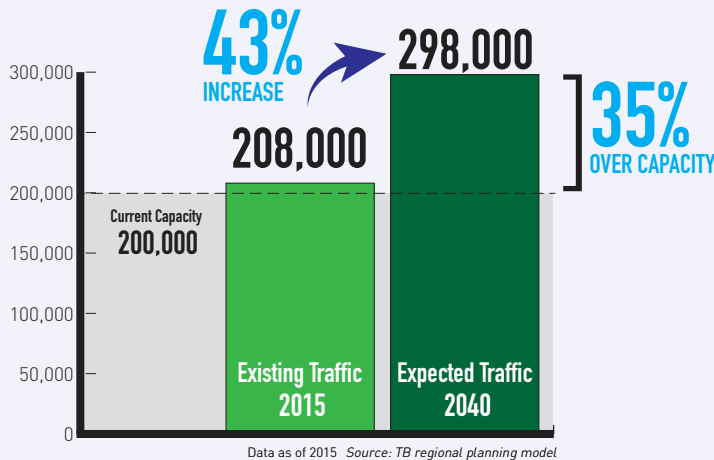
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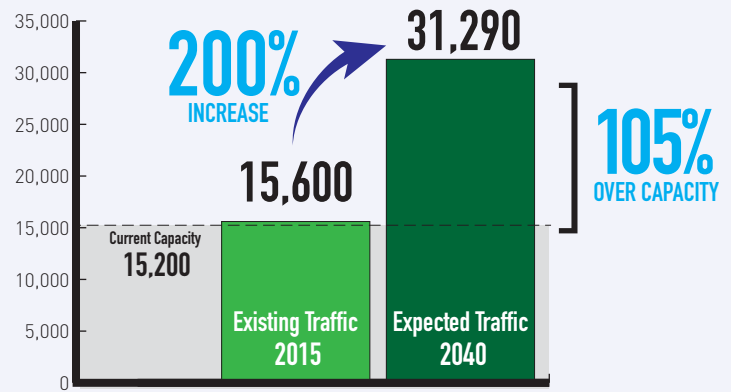


## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE Average Daily Traffic:

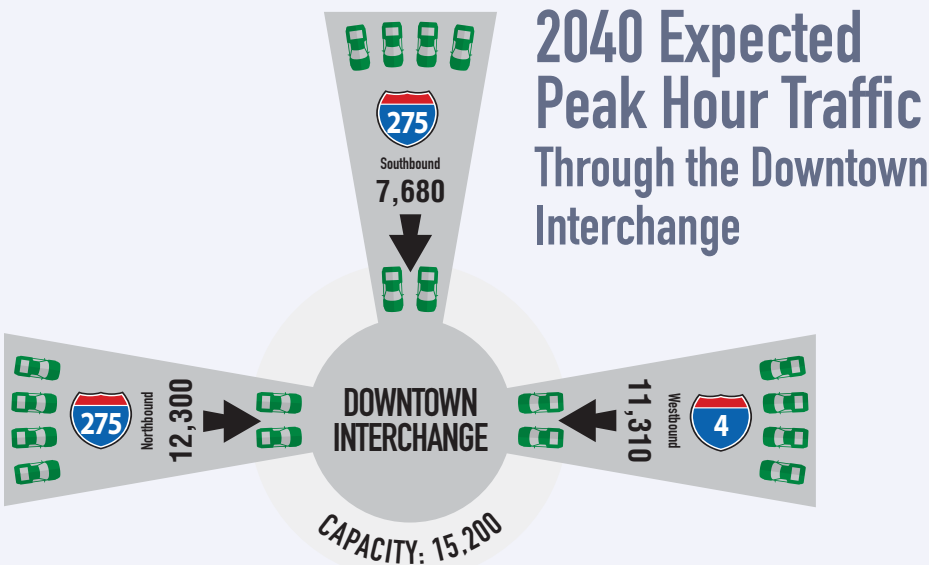
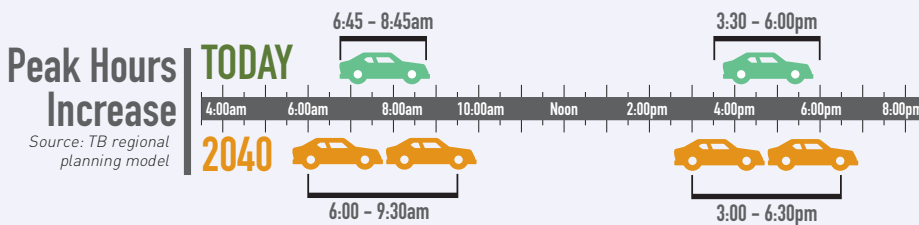


Data as of 2015. Source: TB regional planning model

## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE Peak Hour Traffic:



Data as of 2015. Assume 1900 vehicles per lane in peak hour



By 2040, peak hour traffic will reach  
**31,290 VEHICLES**  
More than 100% OVER CAPACITY  
during peak hours

## Downtown Quick Facts

- ◆ 66,580 Employees
- ◆ 44,400 Living within 3 miles of downtown
- ◆ 8,152 Living in Downtown core
- ◆ 6,600+ Total Opened Residential Units
- ◆ 4,000+ Planned/Under Construction Residential Units
- ◆ 180 Restaurants
- ◆ 19 Hotels

## Downtown Interchange PROJECT STATUS

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Early 2019

### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:

Evaluating Express Lanes and other concepts