



Howard Frankland Bridge

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

The Howard Frankland Bridge is aging infrastructure that provides **a vital link** between Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. FDOT is rebuilding the bridge and adding capacity to alleviate congestion.

The Howard Frankland Bridge is the central bridge spanning Old Tampa Bay from Clearwater/St. Petersburg to Tampa, Florida. It is one of three bridges connecting Pinellas County and Hillsborough County, the others being the Gandy Bridge and the Courtney Campbell Causeway.

The Howard Frankland Bridge is the most traveled of the Bay Area bridges; currently carrying an average of 139,000 vehicles per day across Tampa Bay. Given the importance of this connection, regional planning agencies such as the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) have developed multi-county transportation plans that prioritize replacement of the bridge.



Residents and visitors to Tampa Bay depend on the Howard Frankland Bridge.

This replacement project will:

- ◆ **Replace the existing 1960 northbound bridge** which is reaching the end of its service life
- ◆ **Reinforce the new structure** to accommodate the weight of various **transit modes** up to **light rail**
- ◆ Include **one express lane in each direction**, in addition to the four general purpose lanes

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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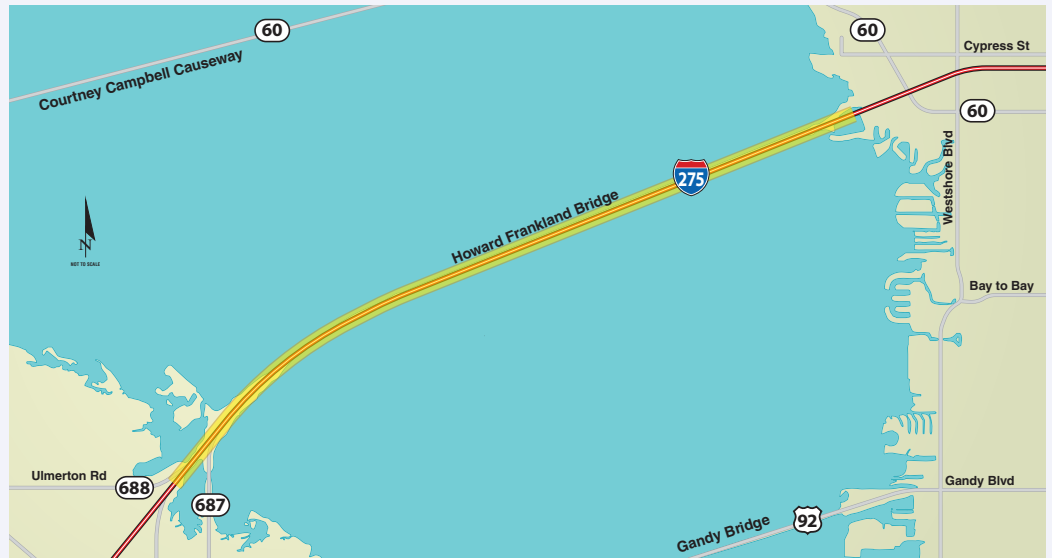
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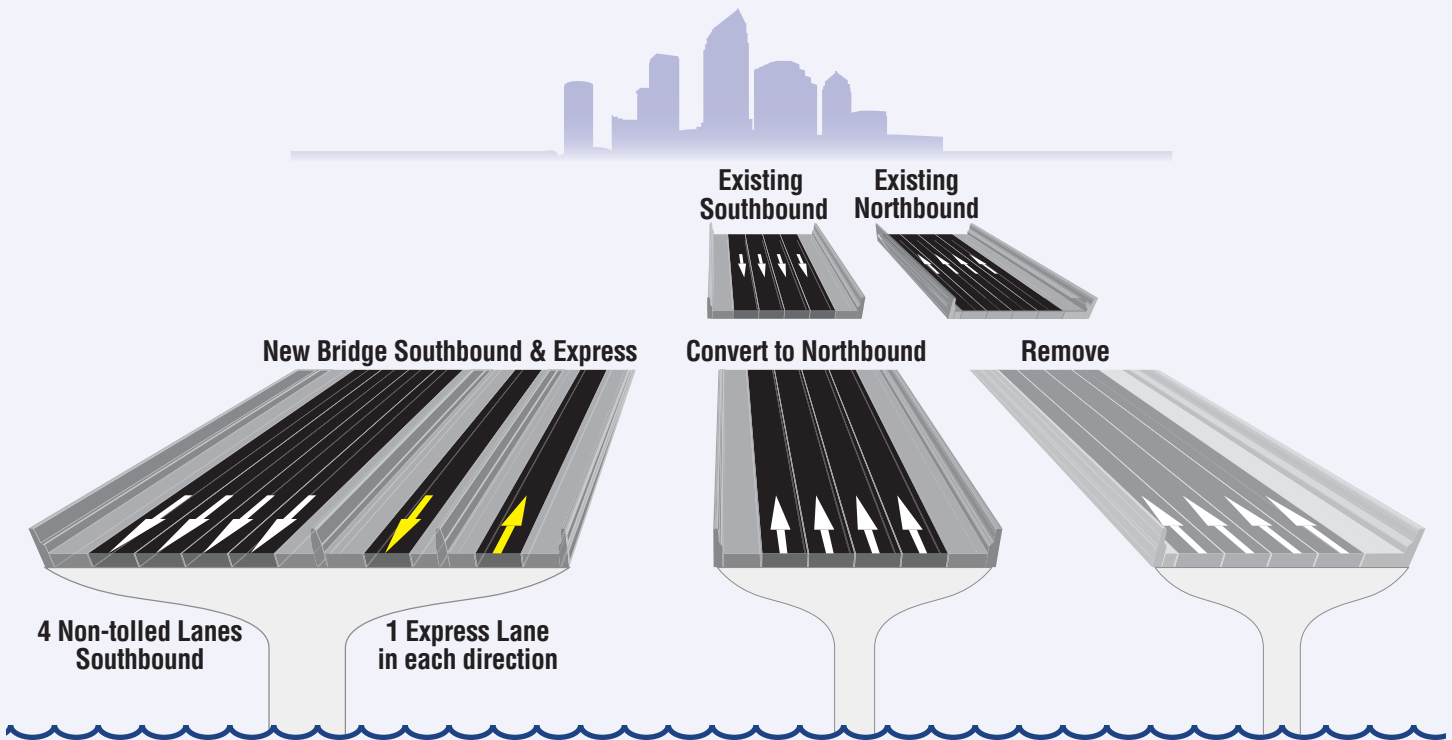
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FDOT will hold a public hearing for the Howard Frankland Bridge project this Fall. In response to community feedback, FDOT adjusted the design of the bridge to include four non-tolled lanes in addition to one express lane in each direction.



Replacement of 1960 Bridge



FDOT is replacing the existing northbound bridge (the one closest to the Gandy Bridge) due to its age. Once the new bridge opens, it will carry the four non-tolled lanes of southbound traffic like what is currently available, and also one express lane in each direction. The existing southbound bridge will be converted to northbound traffic.

The new Howard Frankland Bridge will be built with a structure strong enough to support various transit modes up to light rail. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in late 2019/2020.

Howard Frankland Bridge PROJECT STATUS

PUBLIC HEARING:
Fall 2017

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:
Express Lanes (4 non-tolled)