

# I-4 and Connector



## 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

**I-4 is the gateway** into and out of the Tampa Bay Region, but the **high-demand interstate** is over capacity and growing more congested.

I-4 is a major east - west connection in our transportation network, linking the Tampa Bay region to the remainder of the state and nation. I-4 eastbound from Tampa is one of seven one-way evacuation routes in Florida. It connects the economic meccas of Central Florida and West Central Florida regions. Enhancing safety and reducing congestion on I-4, also known as the technology corridor, is essential to Florida's economic, agricultural and technological growth.



FDOT is evaluating the need for a **multi-lane transportation improvement** for a 22.1 mile section of I-4 from the Connector in Hillsborough County to the Polk Parkway in Polk County. Tampa Bay Next interstate improvements are critical to maintain and improve access to major transportation facilities, as well as enhance mobility within the Tampa Bay area.

The I-4 interstate improvement project will:

- ◆ Enhance **safety**
- ◆ Provide better **mobility** with **additional capacity**
- ◆ Accommodate **future population and employment growth**
- ◆ **Reduce delays** and create more **reliable travel times**
- ◆ Remain consistent with **local and regional transportation plans**
- ◆ Provide **express lanes as an option** for travelers

## PROJECT STATUS

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
October 2015 (PD&E still open)\*  
**PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE:**  
Express Lanes

\*Reevaluating timeline

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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