



Interstate Modernization

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

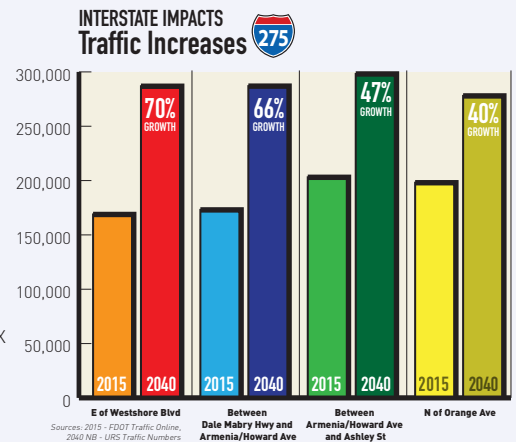
Tampa Bay Next Priorities:

- 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 Bay has a traffic problem. We're working on a **comprehensive set of solutions.**

A 21st century, thriving metropolitan area needs modern transportation infrastructure. The Tampa Bay area is the 5th fastest-growing metro area in the nation, with approximately 58,000 people moving here in 2016, and more than 22 million visitors to Hillsborough County in 2015. Demand on our current interstate system is steadily increasing, and traffic projections show average daily traffic doubling in some sections of I-275 by 2040.

Tampa's two major interchanges - in the Westshore area and Downtown - were built in the 1960s and have only had intermittent operational improvements since then. They no longer function properly and cause traffic backups on the interstates that affect the arterials and local street systems. When drivers are sitting in gridlock on the Howard Frankland Bridge, Veterans Expressway, I-275 north of Downtown, or I-4 east of Downtown, that congestion is primarily caused by increased demand and the funneling effect at these two interchanges. To fix these bottlenecks, we have to bring the Westshore area and Downtown interchanges up to modern standards while enhancing operating conditions.



Interstate modernization isn't just about redesigning interchanges and building more lanes. FDOT is looking at innovations that take advantage of smart vehicle technology and smart infrastructure. To learn more about these innovations, visit TampaBayNext.com/transportation-innovation/.

For a truly modern infrastructure system, FDOT is planning its interstate improvements to be fully integrated with regional initiatives and the emerging multimodal environment.

Tampa Bay depends on **interstate mobility** and **reliable travel times.**

Our interstate system provides:

- ◆ Basic access to essential services such as **public safety, healthcare, employment and educational opportunities**
- ◆ Mobility necessary to emergency situations such as **hurricane evacuations and national defense**
- ◆ **Freight mobility** necessary to our **local, regional, and national economy**

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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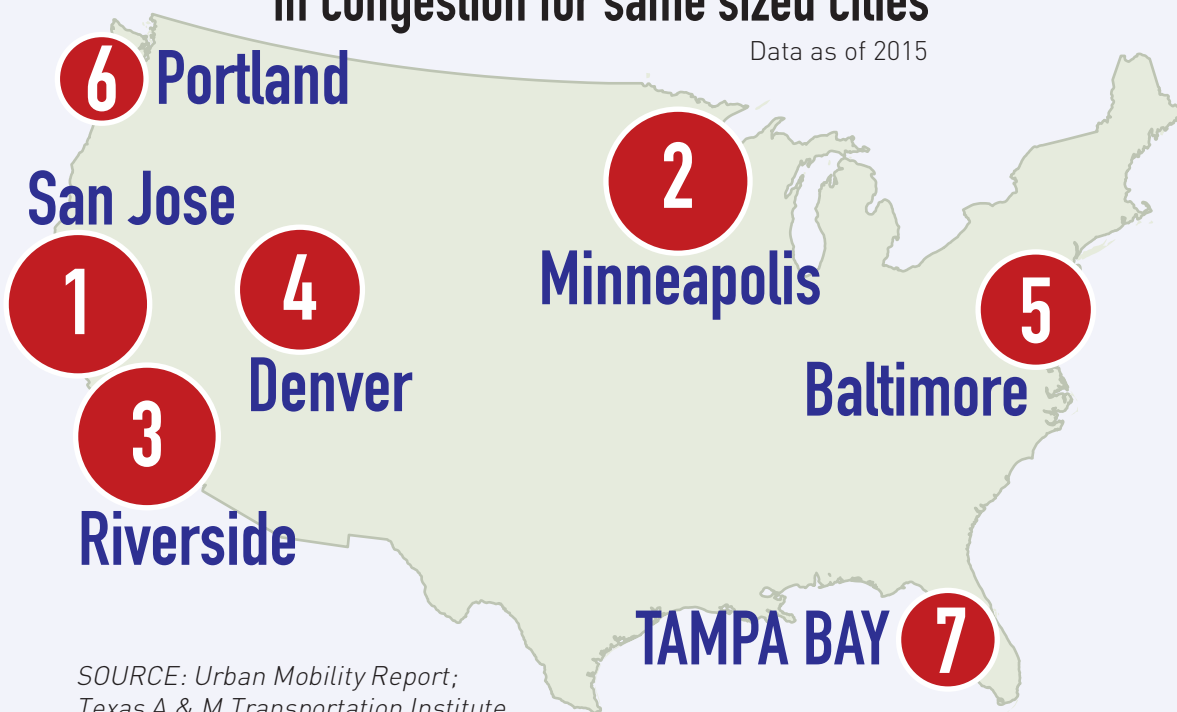


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TAMPA BAY RANKS **7th** in congestion for same sized cities

Data as of 2015

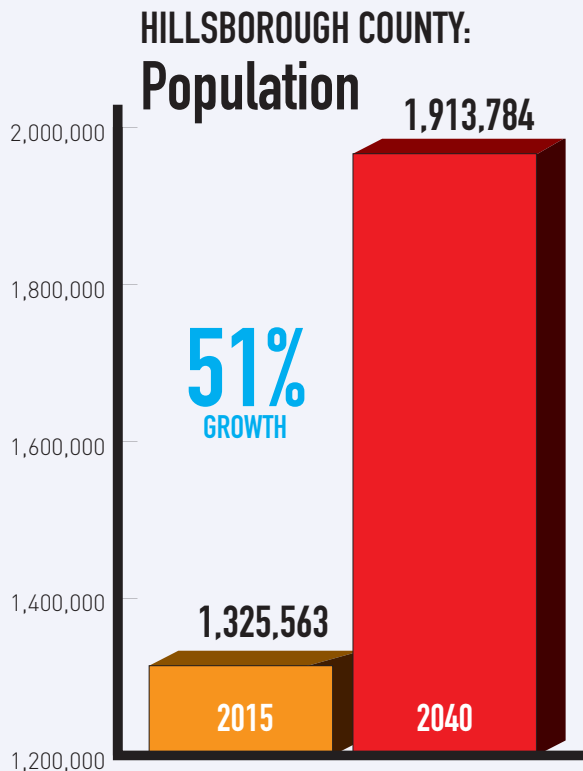


SOURCE: Urban Mobility Report;
Texas A & M Transportation Institute

Each Year
CONGESTION COSTS YOU:

\$900
\$36,000 over a 40 year career

1 Week
of time



SOURCE: Florida Demographic Estimating Conference, December 2015 and the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research