

Next Steps Newsletter

October 2017

Outreach Events

Friday, October 27, 12:00 p.m.,

Citizens Transportation Academy

How Transportation Projects are Funded

Online Webinar (or attend at FDOT)

11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Thursday, November 2, 12:00 p.m., **Citizens Transportation Academy Congestion Management Strategies**Online Webinar (or attend at FDOT)

11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Wednesday, November 29, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Minority Transportation Forum with Representative Shaw

Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 E. Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605



Interested in learning more about how transportation is planned, developed, funded, and implemented? The Citizens Transportation Academy online series is free and open to the public. For more information on how to participate or view previous sessions, please visit: TampaBayNext.com/CitizensTransportationAcademy.

- If you would like Tampa Bay Next to come to your meeting or event, please contact us at TampaBayNext@dot.state.fl.us.
- Be sure to check our website for the latest list of events:
 TampaBayNext.com

You Talked. We Listened.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been working with the community to take a fresh look at transportation planning. We are in the community, gathering input and sharing information with citizens as we design solutions for how to improve our transportation system.

Howard Frankland Bridge Improvements

FDOT is rebuilding the existing northbound bridge, and adding capacity to alleviate traffic congestion. The most recent plan for the Howard Frankland Bridge was announced in early 2017. Since that time, FDOT conducted public outreach as part of the Tampa Bay Next process and gathered valuable input to enhance the project.



The community has made it clear that they want:

- ♦ infrastructure that can accommodate transit, with flexibility across modes
- ♦ safety to be a top priority, including incident management and evacuation preparedness
- ◆ transportation improvements that anticipate future demand and are cost effective
- ♦ more bicycle and pedestrian options across the entire region

HOWARD FRANKLAND BRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING

The dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, November 14 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tampa Marriott Westshore 1001 N. Westshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33607 Thursday, November 16 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Hilton-St. Pete Carillon Park 950 Lake Carillon Drive St. Petersburg, FL 33716





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What we've heard from the community is that while long-term planning is good and necessary, some improvements need to be made to provide congestion relief in the interim. We will be implementing some operational improvements along SR 60/Veterans Expressway, and along I-275 at the Westshore Interchange. These improvements will help to reduce traffic congestion in the short-term while we complete long-range planning for an overhaul of the interchange.

SR 60 Operational Improvements



The SR 60/Veterans Expressway operational improvements will expand the transition from Veterans Expressway to SR 60 and the Tampa Airport Interchange. Lanes will be added with a minor shoulder widening to improve the flow of traffic through that corridor.

SR 60 Operational Improvements

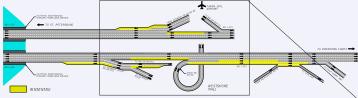
Cost estimate

Anticipated start date

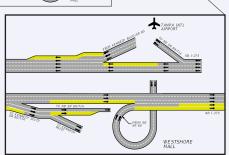
\$3 million

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I-275 Operational Improvements



The I-275 Operational Improvements will widen the southbound access to I-275 from Kennedy, expand the northbound transitions from the Howard Frankland Bridge,



and expand the northbound transitions from SR 60 all the way through Lois Avenue. These improvements will reduce congestion at this regional connection point of I-275.

I-275 Operational Improvements

Cost estimate

\$25 million

Design/Build Notice To Proceed

Tampa Interstate Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (TIS SEIS)

On October 9 and 10, the Florida Department of Transportation held a Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Public Workshop to review and discuss Downtown Tampa Interchange concepts, Westshore Interchange concepts and Northwest (Veterans) Expressway design changes.

If you were unable to join us for these SEIS public workshops, you can view the display boards and other documents online at **TampaBayNext.com.**

Written or emailed comments not received at the meeting must be postmarked or emailed by October 31, 2017 to be included in the official meeting record. Written comments can be mailed to: Ashley Henzel, P.E., PD&E Senior Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, MS 7-500, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL, 33612, or emailed to: Ashley.Henzel@dot.state.fl.us

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this informational meeting, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to notify the agency at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting by contacting: Christopher Speese, Public Involvement Coordinator, at Christopher.Speese@dot.state.fl.us, 1 (800) 226-7220 or (813) 975-6405.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestra representante en español es: Lilliam Escalera, (813) 975-6445, Lilliam. Escalera@dot.state.fl.us.