

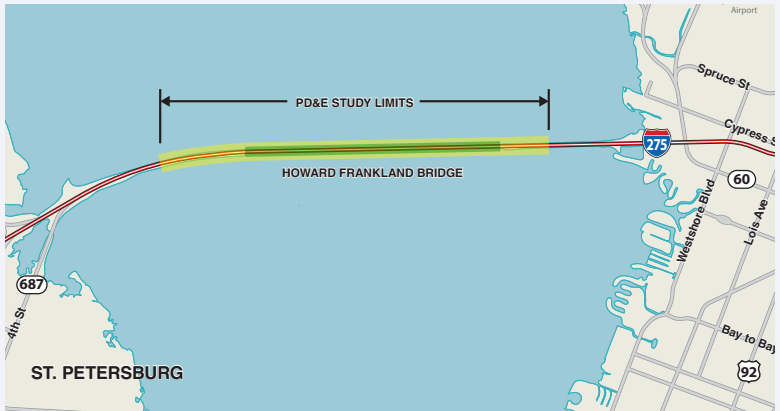
Howard Frankland Bridge



FPID # 4229042 Pinellas; 4229044 Hillsborough

FDOT is rebuilding the existing northbound bridge, which was originally constructed in 1960, and adding capacity to alleviate traffic congestion.

The most recent plan for the Howard Frankland Bridge was announced in early 2017. Since that time, the Florida Department of Transportation conducted public outreach as part of the Tampa Bay Next process and gathered valuable input to enhance the project.



NEW DESIGN BENEFITS

The new design will improve incident management in emergency response situations, which addresses safety concerns raised by the community during our outreach process.

Hurricane evacuation plans can utilize all the lanes. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, this is particularly important for coastal Pinellas County, the most densely populated county in Florida.

The new design can provide improved operations of Express Bus Service and better accommodate the possibility of future transit.

The new design includes a bicycle/pedestrian trail, which accommodates requests from both the Hillsborough MPO and Forward Pinellas and reflects the increased emphasis the community has asked us to place on bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

In order to accommodate light rail in the future, we would not have to construct a third bridge as called for in the previous plan. We would only need to widen the existing southbound bridge and shift some of the travel lanes to the widened bridge, which would be more cost efficient and less impactful to the environment.

This new design will accommodate future demand at a much lower cost than adding lanes as part of future construction.

The additional express lane in each direction will better prepare the Howard Frankland Bridge for the potential of autonomous vehicles. Experts believe that initially autonomous vehicles (passenger and transit) may operate in dedicated lanes.

You Talked. We Listened.

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

PROJECT ESTIMATE	\$750 Million
INDUSTRY FORUM	September 2018
DESIGN-BUILD AD DATE	December 2018
CONTRACT AWARD	Fall 2019

ALL DATES TENTATIVE

Additional information about the Howard Frankland Bridge Project is available at TampaBayNext.com.

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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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.

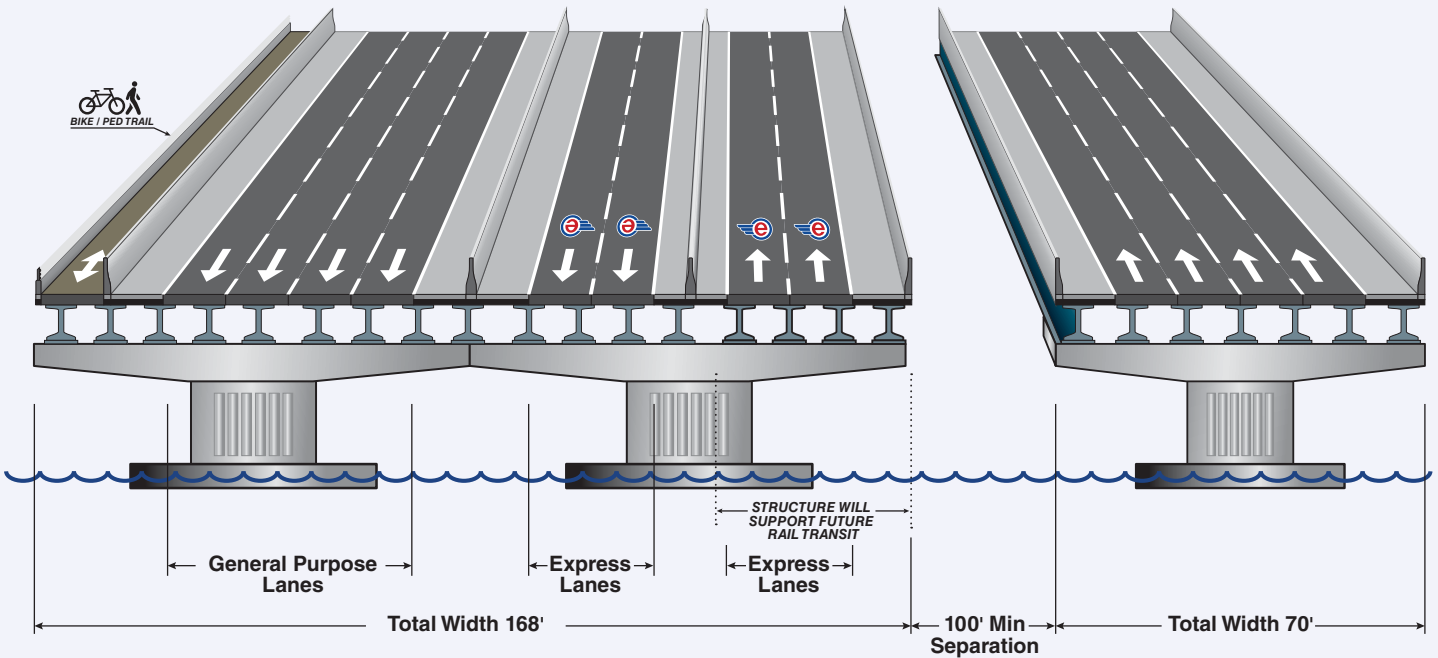
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This Is What We Are Proposing To Build In 2020.

New Bridge with Bike/Ped Trail on the Outside and 2 Express Lanes in each Direction

Existing Southbound Converts to Northbound



This Is How We Would Accommodate Rail In The Future.

Southbound Bridge with Express Lanes and Rail Transit

Northbound Widened to Outside to Accommodate Express Lanes

