



# Welcome

East Tampa Area  
Community Working Group  
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# Tonight's Agenda

- Open House Area (6:00 - ongoing)
  - *Information about related studies, projects, etc.*
- Presentation (6:30 - 7:00)
  - *SEIS Update*
  - *Overview of Downtown Interchange Design Options*
- Roundtable Discussions (7:00 - 8:00)
  - *Dive into details and provide input with 2 sessions*
- Closing Comments/Announcements (8:00 - 8:10)



# Real Time Record


- Comprehensive meeting notes and graphics - available next week
- Presentation and Graphic Displays – available tomorrow
- Posted on TampaBayNext.com

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**Now on to our presentation**



**Chloe Coney**  
**Richard Moss, P.E.**  
**Sen. Darryl Rouson**

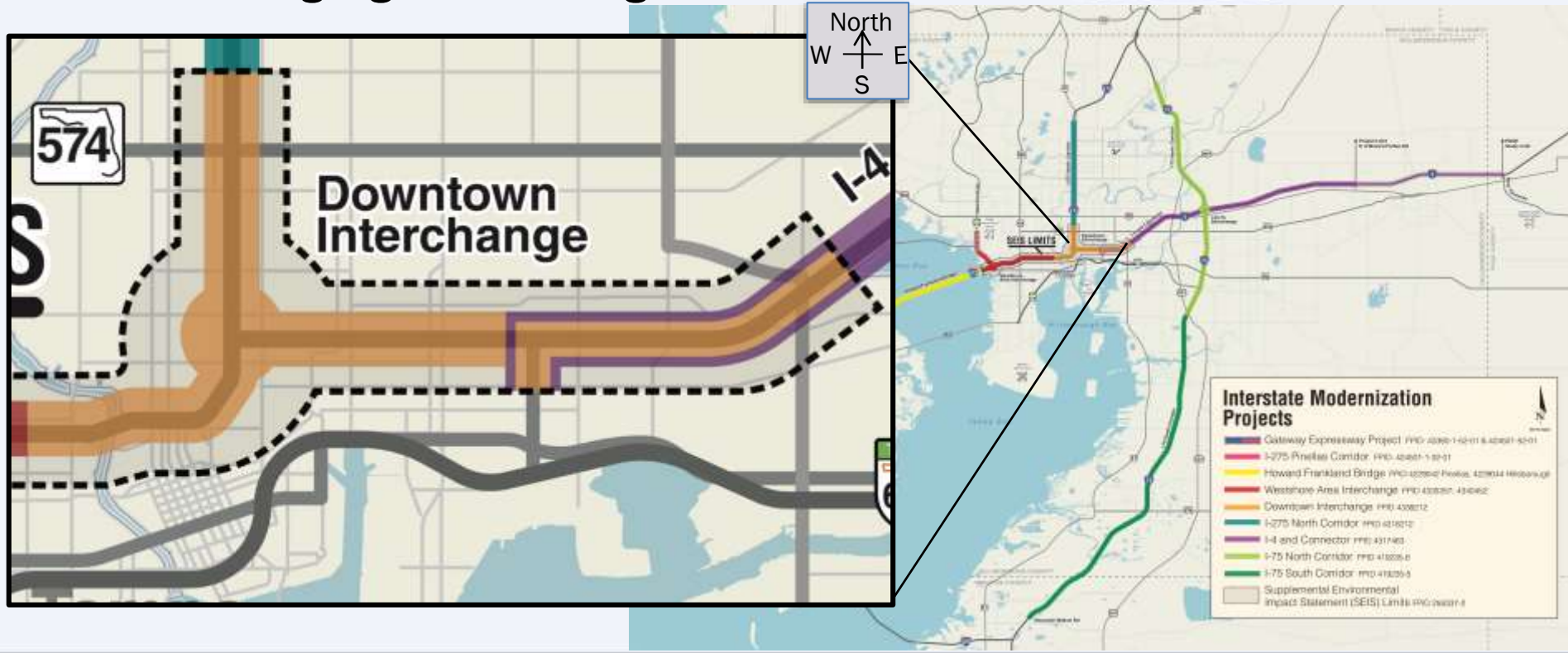
# **Alice Price/Jeff Novotny**

## **Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Update**

### **FDOT District Seven**

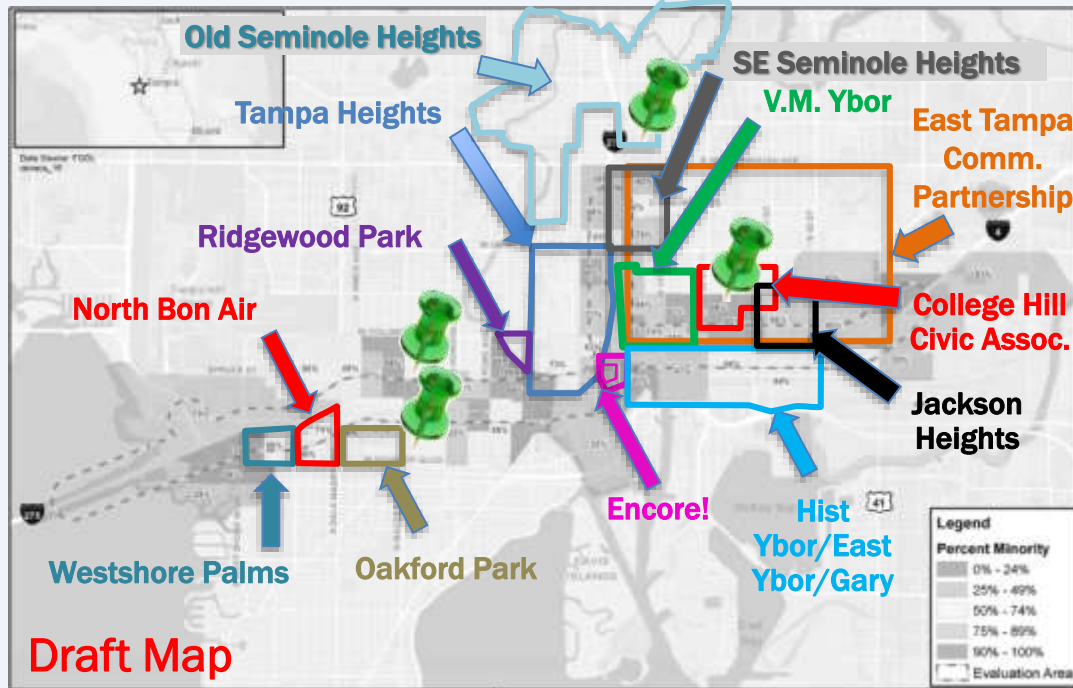
# Interstate Overview

## I-275 @ I-4 - Highlighted in Orange





# Small Group Meetings to date



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## Where Are We In The Process?



We are here



ALL documents remain in DRAFT form and open for public comment until after the Public Hearing in 2019.

SEIS Began  
January  
2017

Public  
Workshop  
October  
2017

Preparation  
of  
Documents  
Ongoing

Public  
Workshop  
December  
2018

SEIS Public  
Hearing  
Summer  
2019

\*A Preferred Alternative will be recommended after the December 2018 Public Workshop.

# Tampa Interstate Study SEIS

A project's environmental impacts, engineering considerations, and public comments aid in the decision-making process.

This graphic lists the various documents that FDOT will prepare as a part of this process.

Draft documents will be available at the December 10 & 13, 2018 Public Workshop.

## Sociocultural Effects

SCE Tech Memo (includes Environmental Justice and Economic Considerations)

Cultural Resources Assessment Survey/Section 106 Case Study

Conceptual Relocation Plan

## Natural and Physical Effects

Air Quality Tech Memo

Natural Resources Evaluation

Noise Tech Memo

Contamination Screening

## Engineering Considerations

Preliminary Engineering

Traffic Tech Memo

Pond Siting

## Public Outreach

Public and Agency Coordination Plan

Comments and Coordination Tech Memo

Small Group Meeting

Public Workshop/  
Hearing

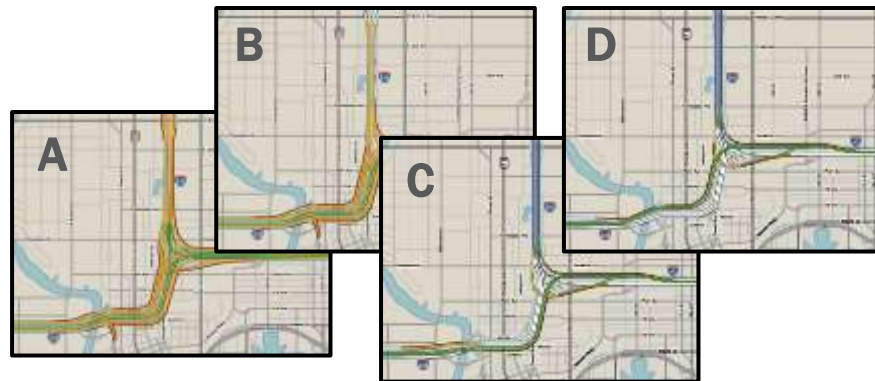
# What is FDOT still considering for the Downtown Interchange?

**No Further Action**



**Original TIS Preferred Alternative**

**Tolled Express Lanes or Non-Tolled Express Lanes**

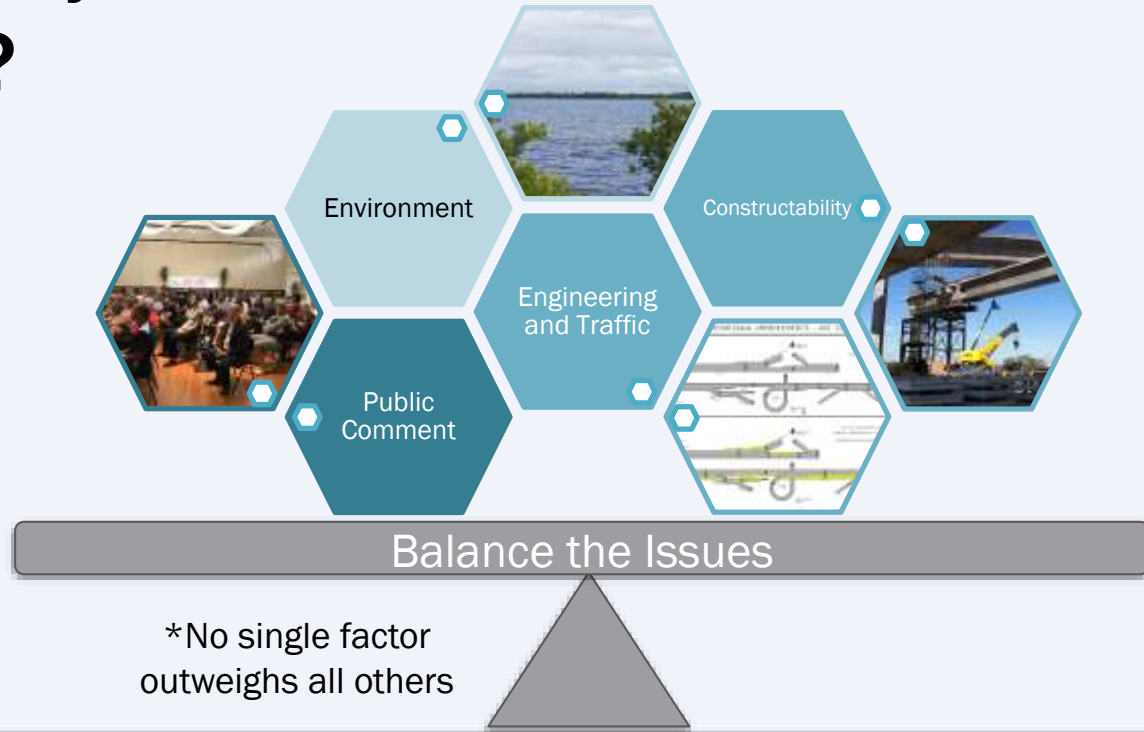


**Four Design Options**

## How will we ultimately make a decision?

Follow the Process

Balance the Issues



# Tampa Interstate Study (TIS)

## Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

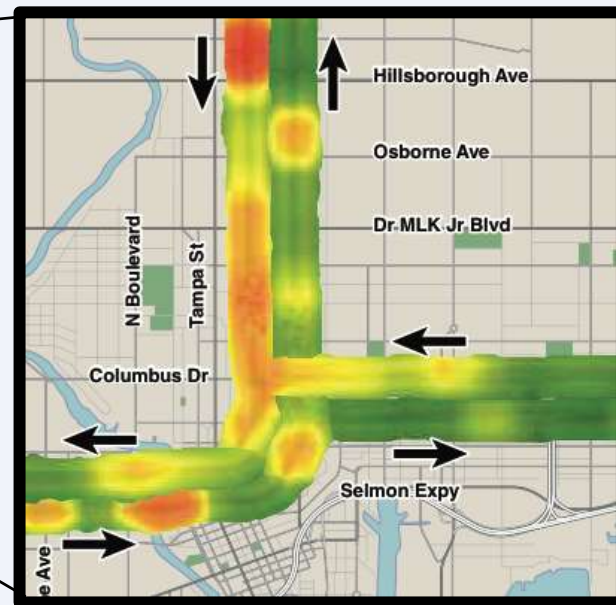
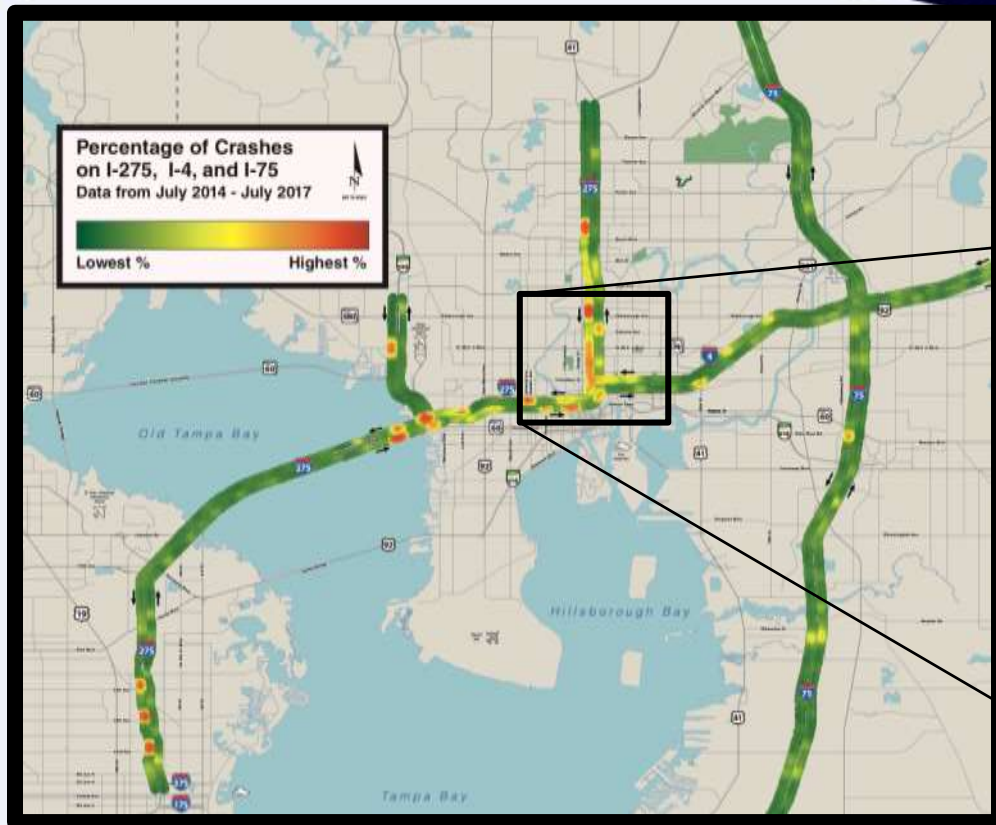
### Purpose & Need:

- Improve regional connectivity
- Provide multimodal corridor
- Meet future travel demand
- Relieve congestion
- Improve safety
- Improve accessibility





# Safety



# Downtown Tampa Interchange SEIS Alternatives



# No Further Action

**Where no additional construction was previously approved**

- **No impacts to the physical environment**
- **Does not require property acquisition**
- **Does not relieve congestion**
- **Potential decrease in air quality**
- **Potential increase in traffic noise, or no remedy for noise**
- **Does not provide multimodal corridor**
- **Does not improve regional connectivity**
- **Does not meet future travel demand**
- **Does not provide safety improvements**
- **Does not improve accessibility**

# 1996 Long Term Preferred as updated

Various portions have already been approved and constructed



# Build Alternatives






- Tolled or Non-tolled Express Lanes
  - 4 Design Options

*\*Boulevard and Beltway are being investigated as a part of the Hillsborough County MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process.*



## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE OPTION A

Reconstructed Interchange with  
Express Lane Ramps to the North

-  General Purpose Lanes – New Construction
-  Express Lanes
-  Collector / Distributor Lanes
-  Non-Interstate Roadwork
-  ROW Footprint (170-190 new parcels)












## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE OPTION B

Reconstructed Interchange without  
Express Lane Ramps to the North






-  General Purpose Lanes – New Construction
-  Express Lanes
-  Collector / Distributor Lanes
-  Non-Interstate Roadwork
-  ROW Footprint (130-150 new parcels)





## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE OPTION C

Existing Interchange with Elevated  
Express Lanes South Option

-  General Purpose Lanes – New Construction
-  Express Lanes
-  Collector / Distributor Lanes
-  Non-Interstate Roadwork
-  ROW Footprint (30-50 new parcels)












## DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE OPTION D

Existing Interchange with Elevated  
Express Lanes North Option

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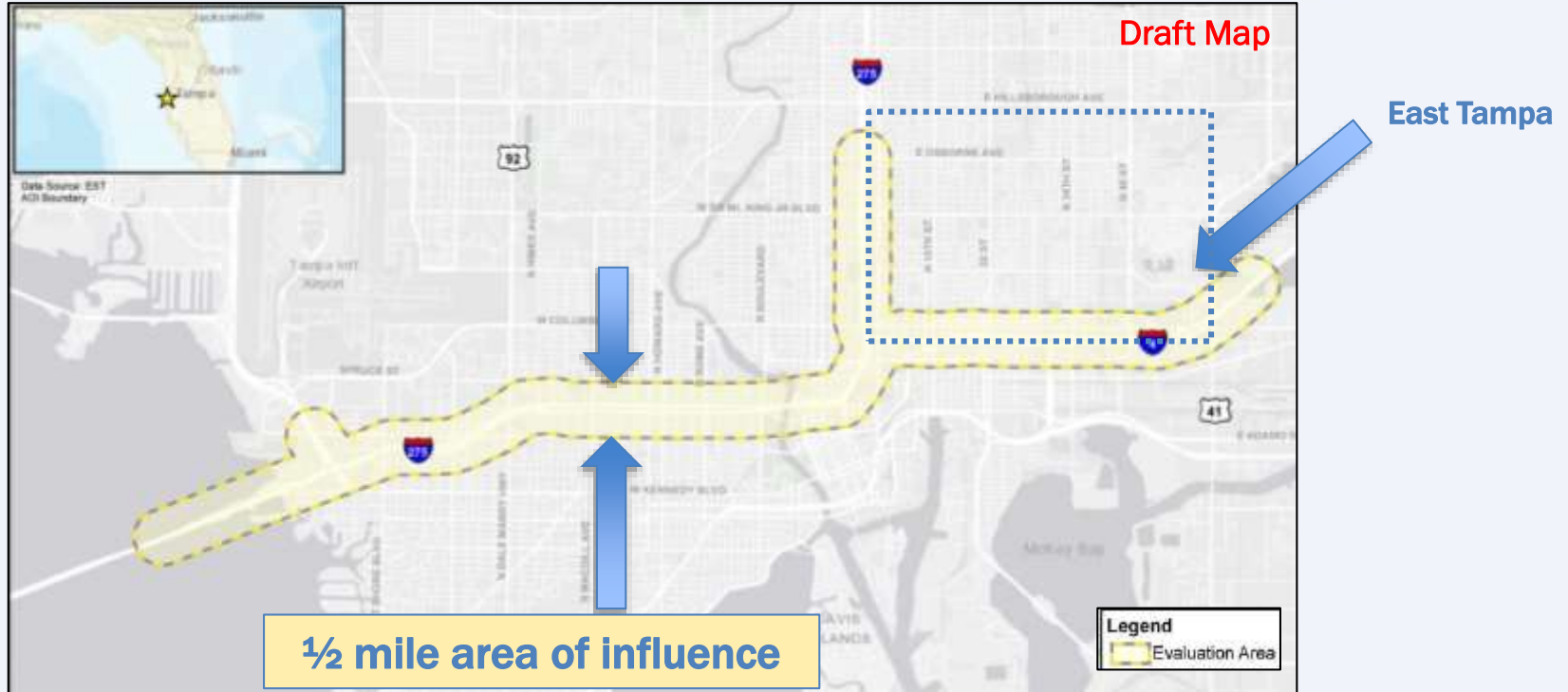


## Sociocultural Effects (SCE)

Social	Economic	Land Use	Mobility	Aesthetics	Relocation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demographics</li><li>• Community Cohesion</li><li>• Safety</li><li>• Community Goals/Quality of Life</li><li>• Special Community Designations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business &amp; Employment</li><li>• Tax Base</li><li>• Traffic Patterns</li><li>• Business Access</li><li>• Special Needs Patrons</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use-Urban Form</li><li>• Plan Consistency</li><li>• Growth Trends &amp; Issues</li><li>• Focal Points</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobility Choices</li><li>• Accessibility</li><li>• Connectivity</li><li>• Traffic Circulation</li><li>• Public Parking</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Noise/Vibration</li><li>• Viewshed</li><li>• Compatibility</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residential</li><li>• Non-Residential</li><li>• Public Facilities</li></ul>

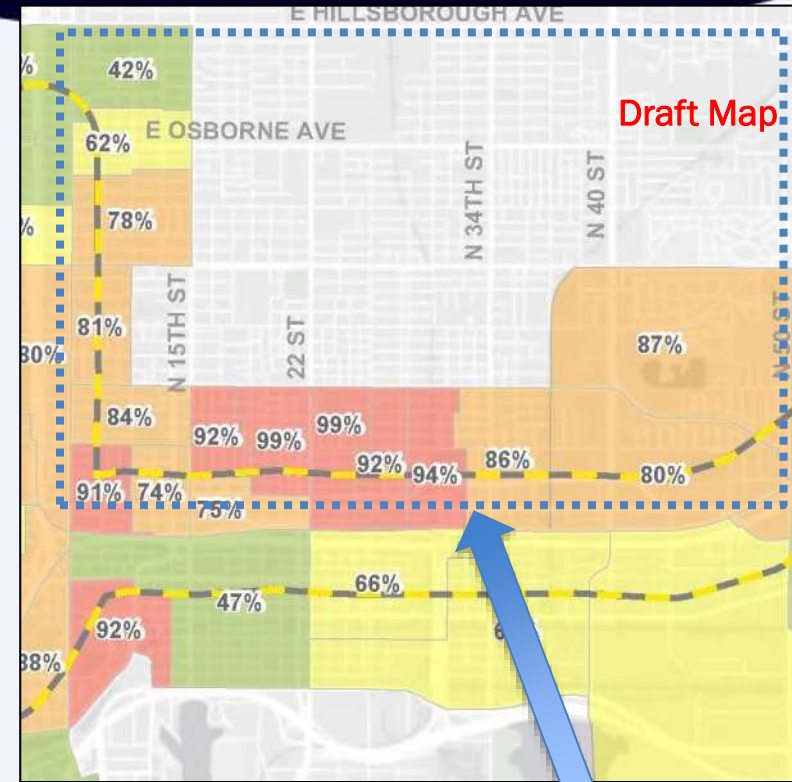
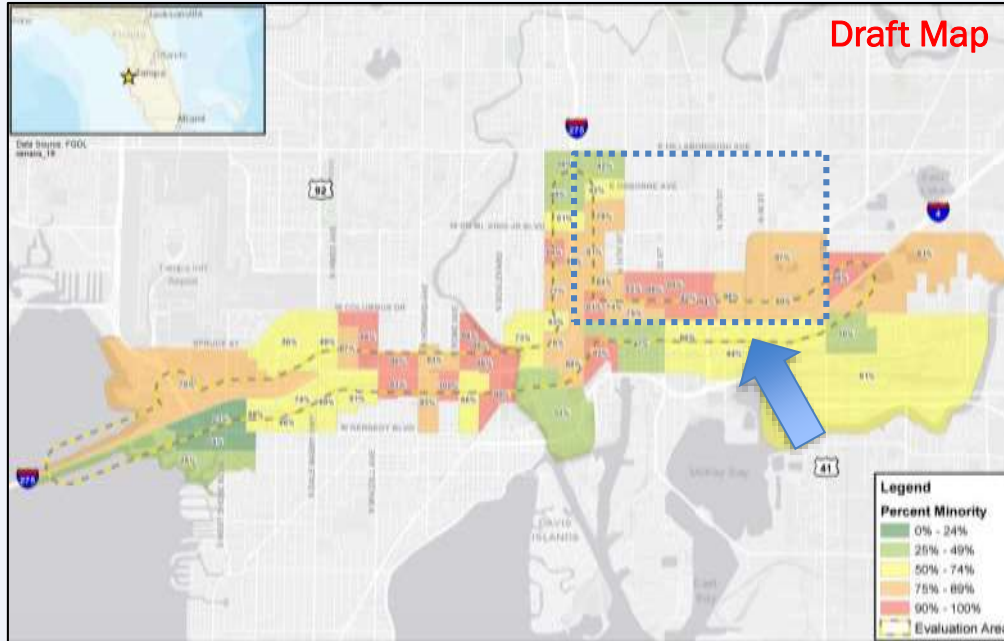


# Area of Influence



# Demographic Information from GIS Tool

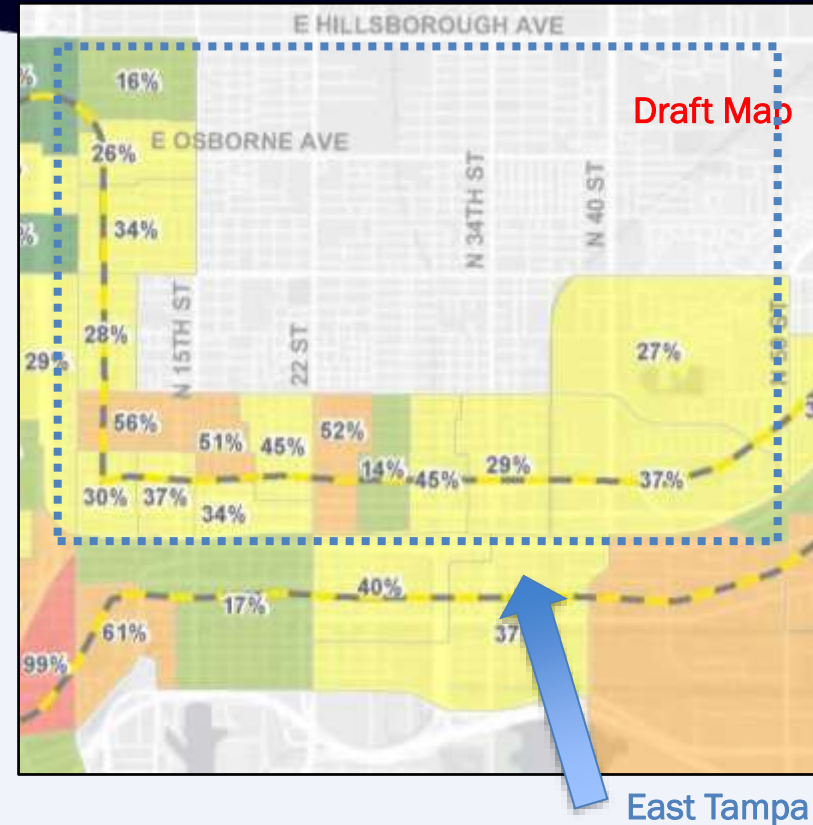
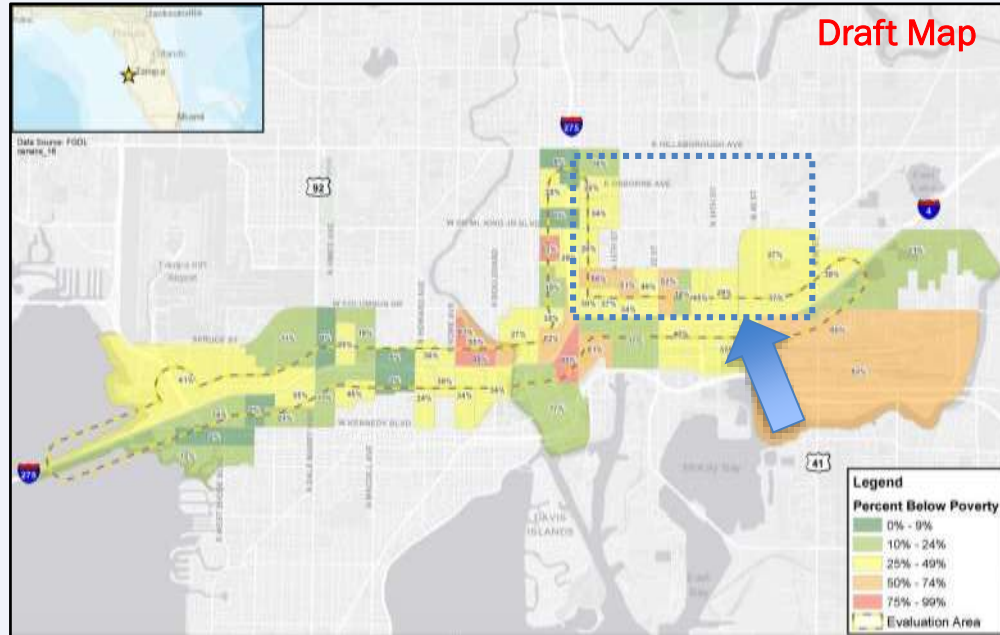
## Percent Minority Population



East Tampa

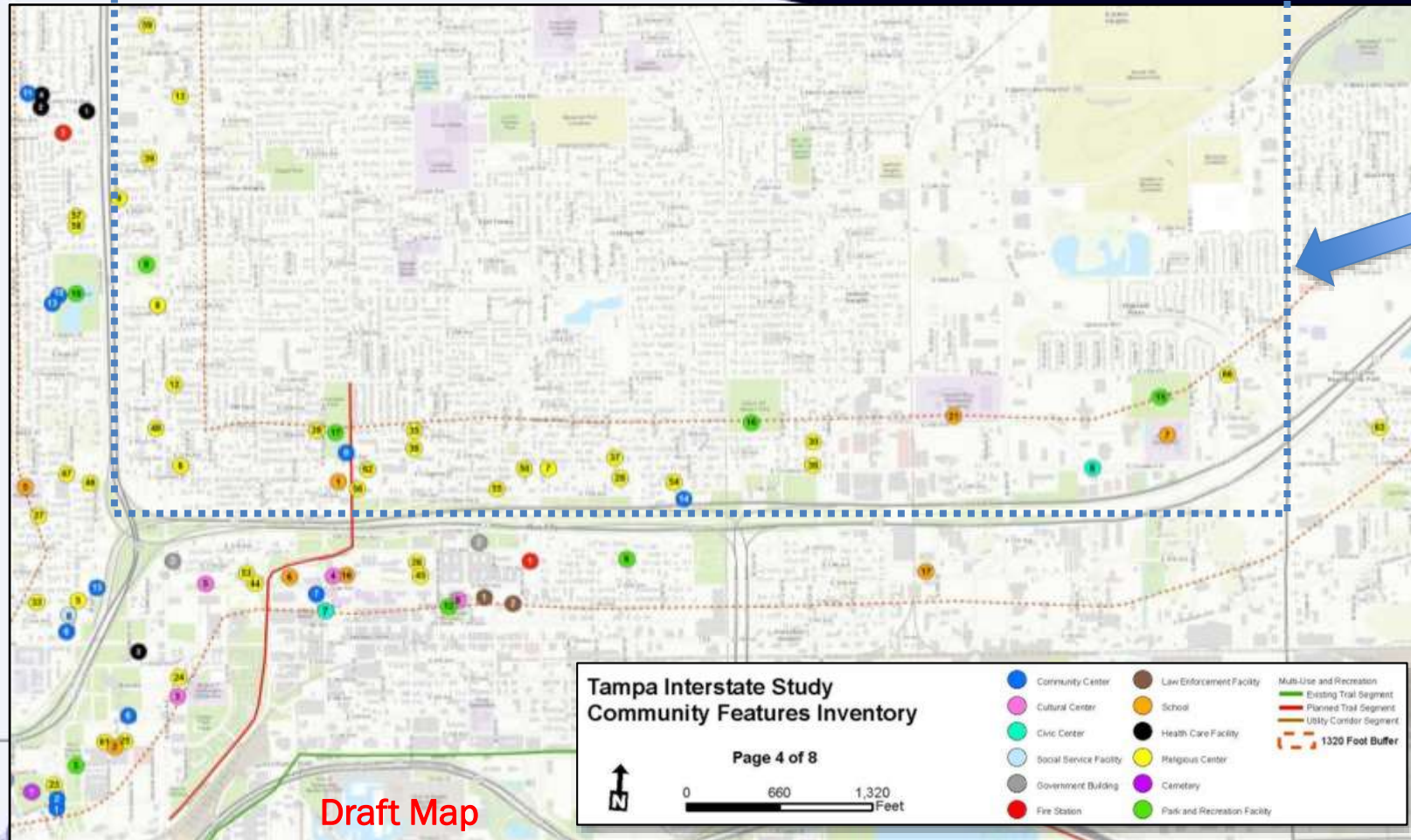
# Demographic Information from GIS Tool

## Population Below Poverty





# Community Features



East Tampa

# Roundtable Discussion Topics

## Discussion #1

**Sociocultural  
Effects**

**Local Access**



## Discussion #2

**Traffic Operations**

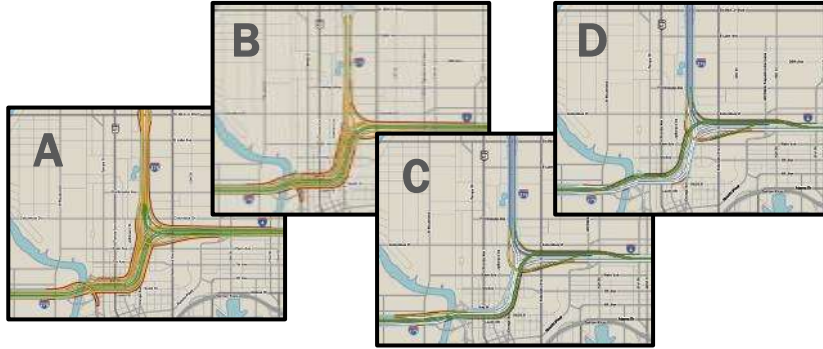
**Ramp Access**

**No Further  
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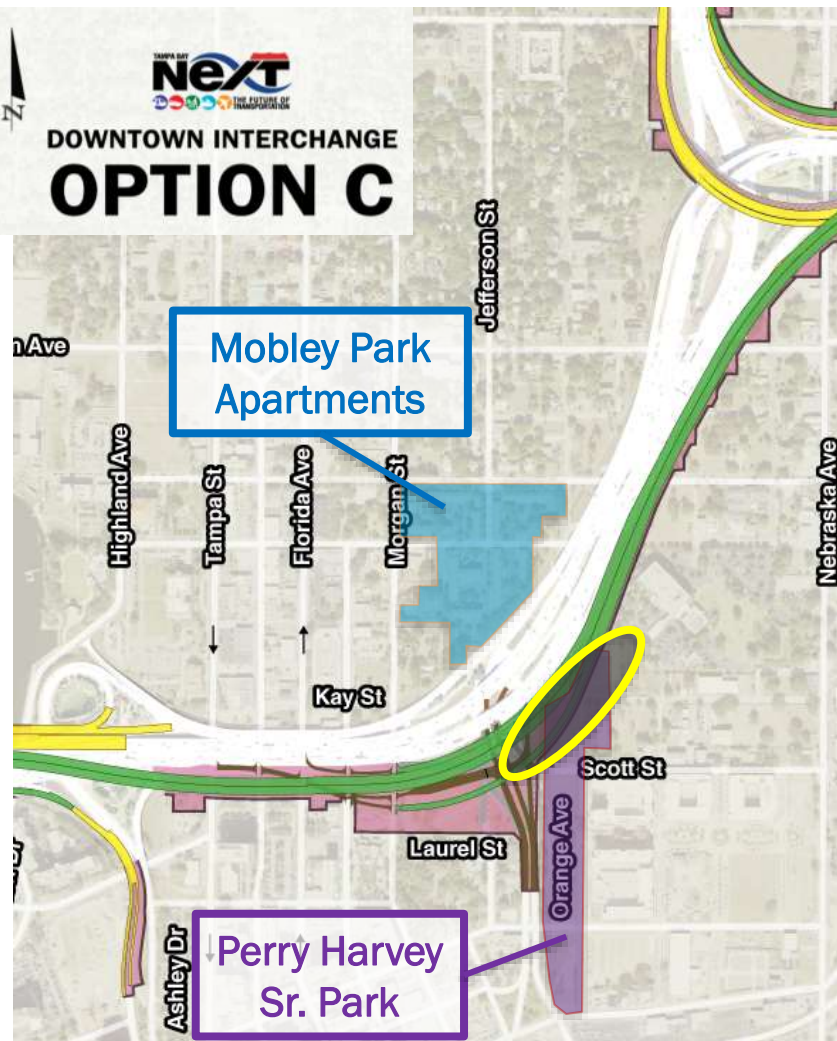


**Four Design Options**

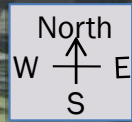
# Evaluating the Impacts

**Each alternative &  
design option has  
differences,  
trade-offs**





# Example



Skate bowl

B-ball courts

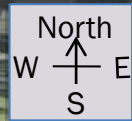
Scott St

Perry Harvey  
Sr. Park





# Example



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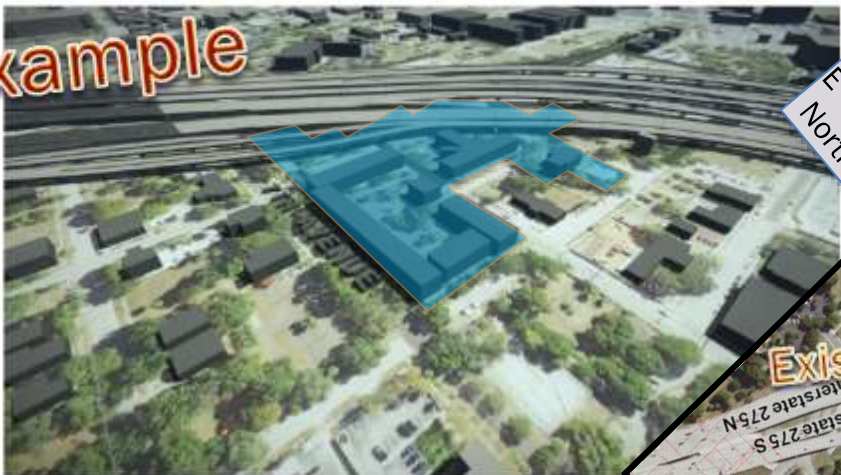
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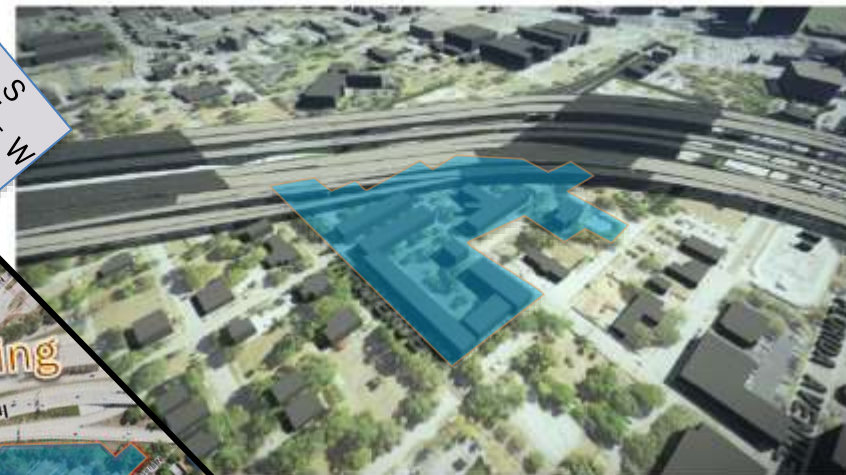
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CONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING  
OPTION C



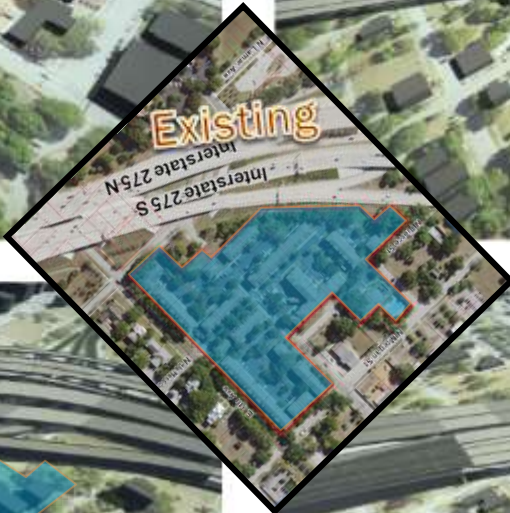
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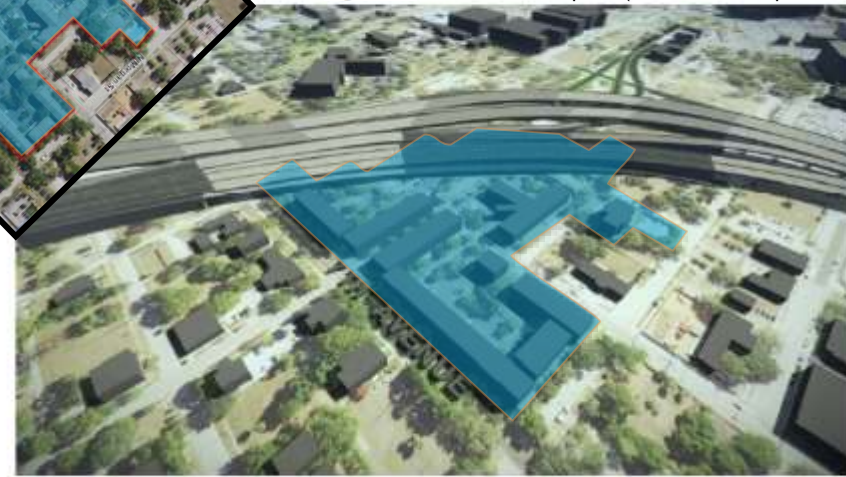
Option A ROW Footprint (170-190 new parcels)



Option B ROW Footprint (130-150 new parcels)



Option C ROW Footprint (30-50 new parcels)

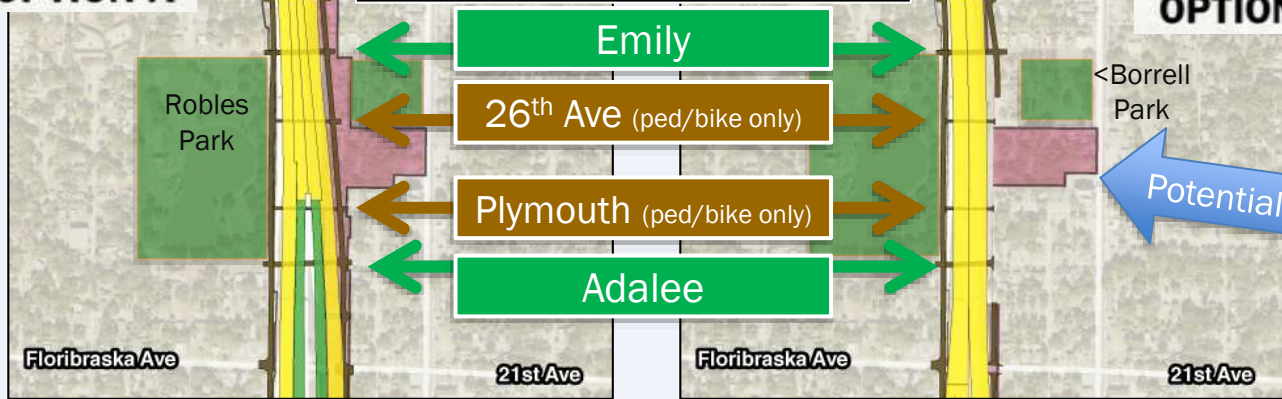


Option D ROW Footprint (60-80 new parcels)

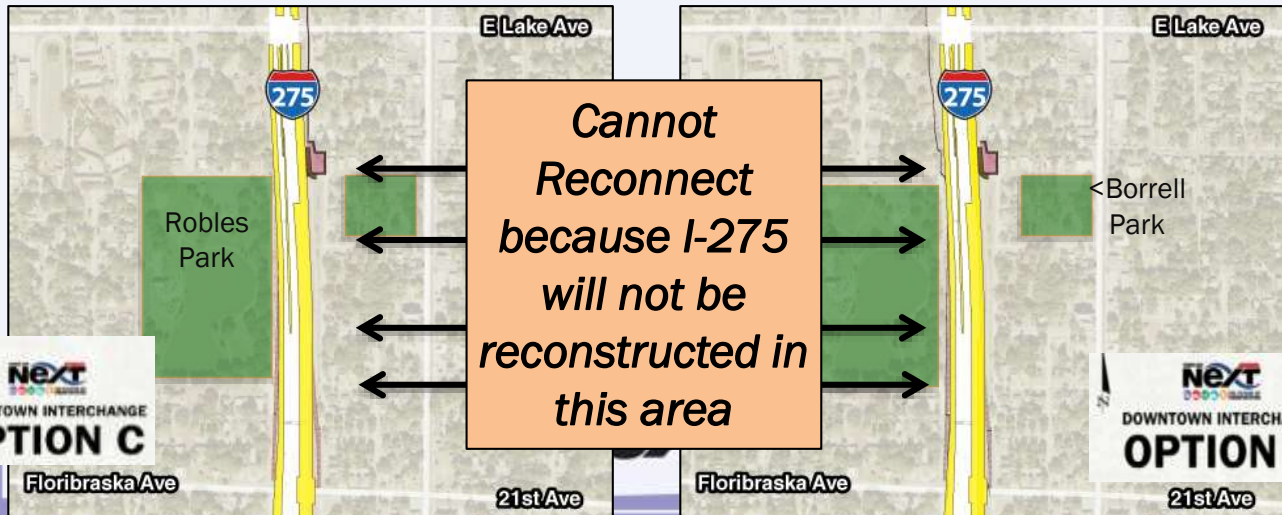
**Photo 7: I-275/Orange Avenue Interchange Looking Southeast at Mobley Park Apartments**



# Reconnecting Local Streets & Parks



North of  
Floribaska



# **Let's Get Started**

## **Roundtable Discussion #1**

### **Sociocultural Effects & Local Access**





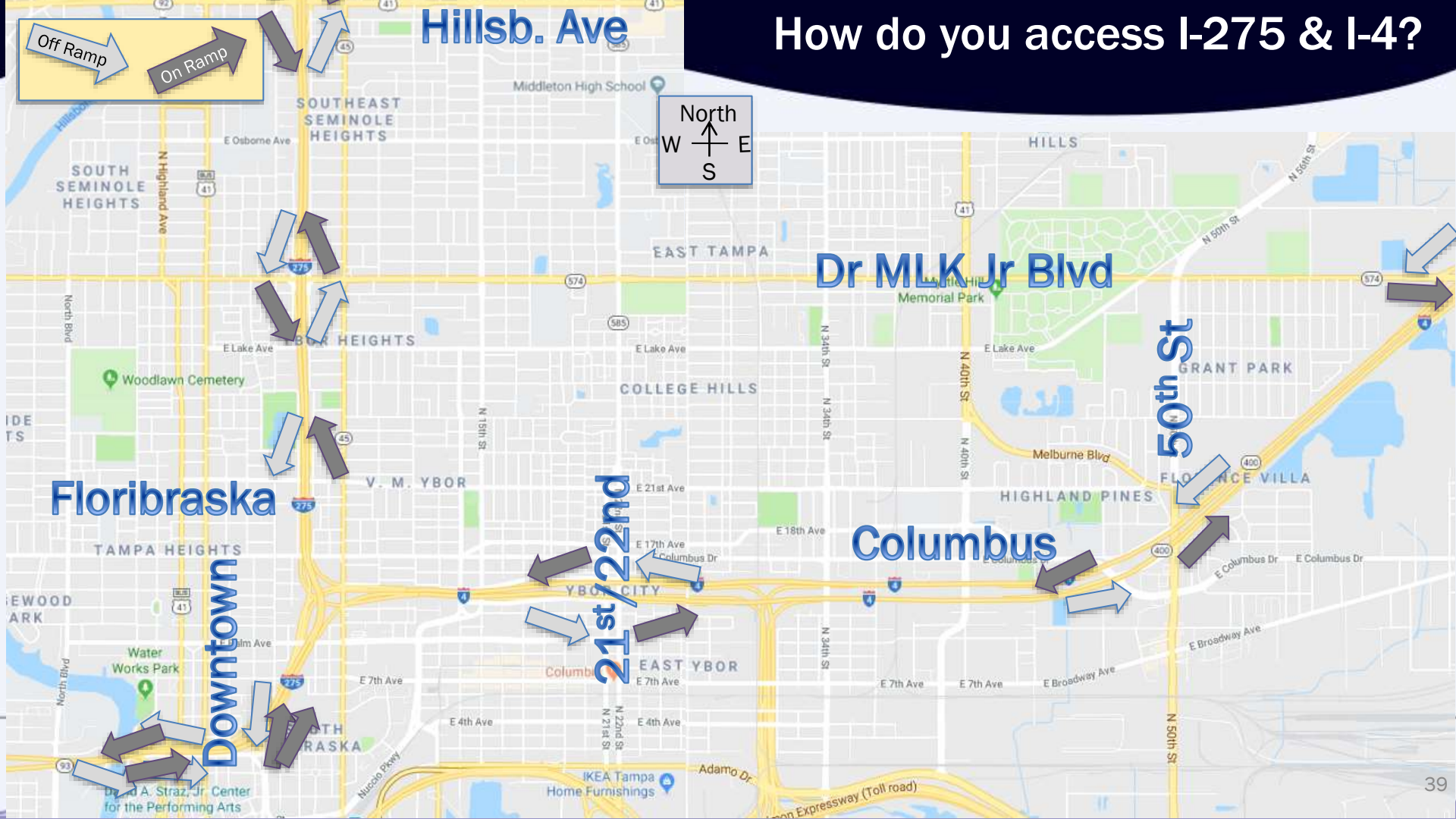
# **Time to Wrap Up Roundtable Discussion #1**



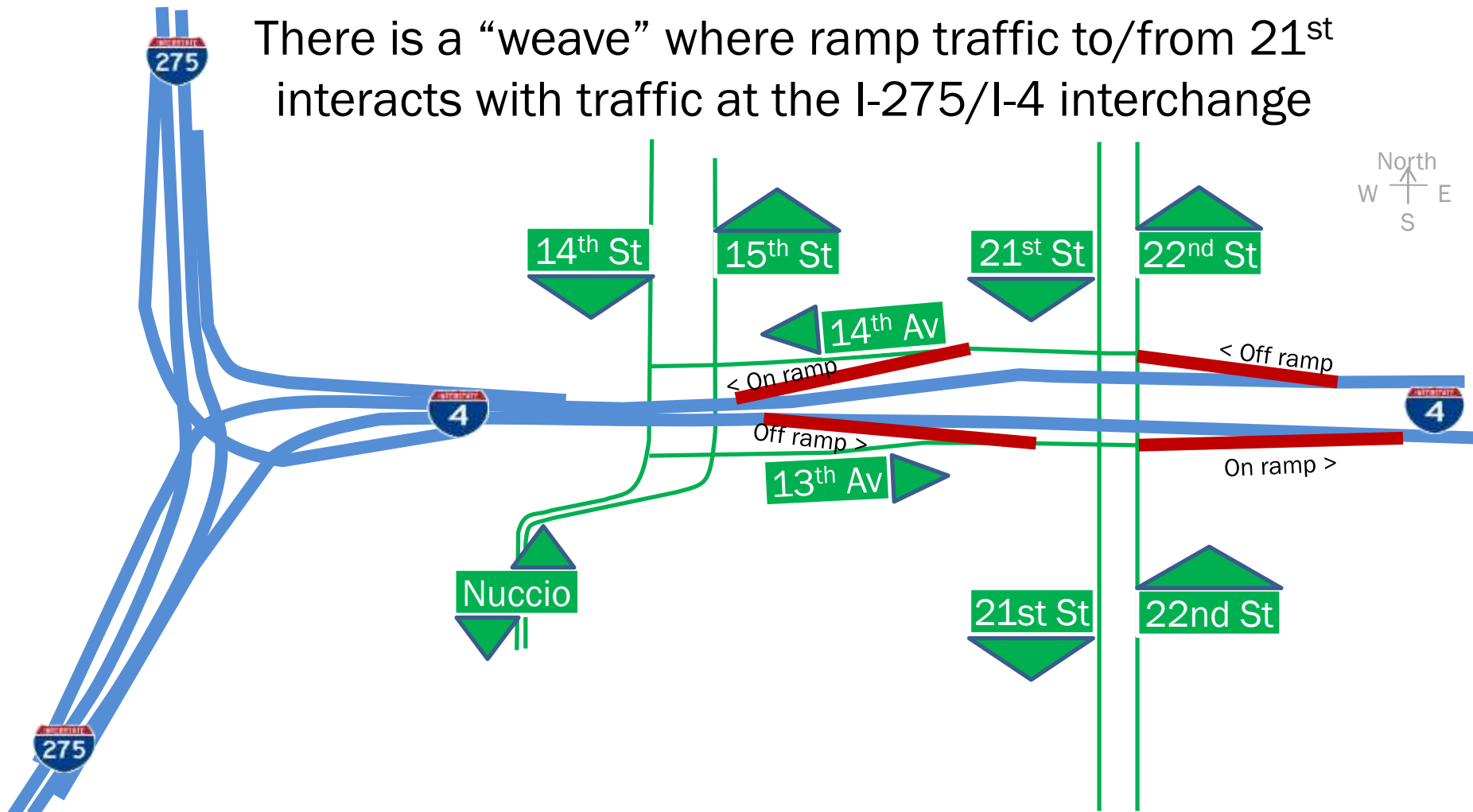
# **ACCESS TO INTERCHANGES**

**I-4 @ 21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup>  
I-275 @ FLORIBRASKA**

# How do you access I-275 & I-4?



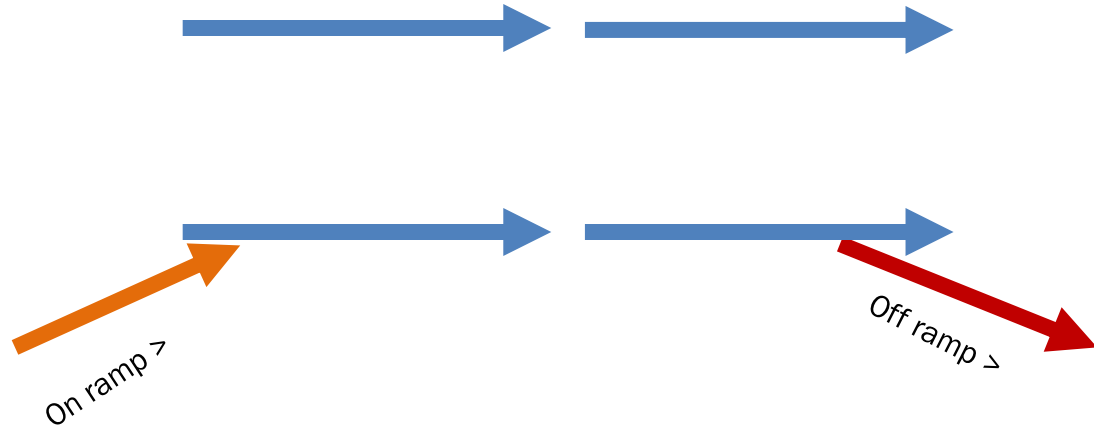
There is a “weave” where ramp traffic to/from 21<sup>st</sup> interacts with traffic at the I-275/I-4 interchange





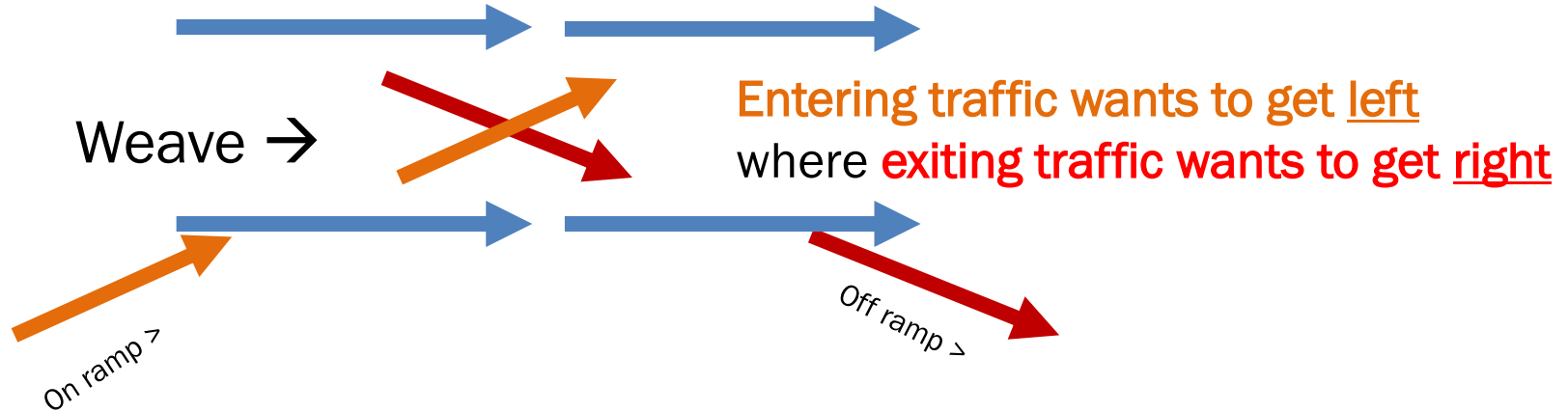
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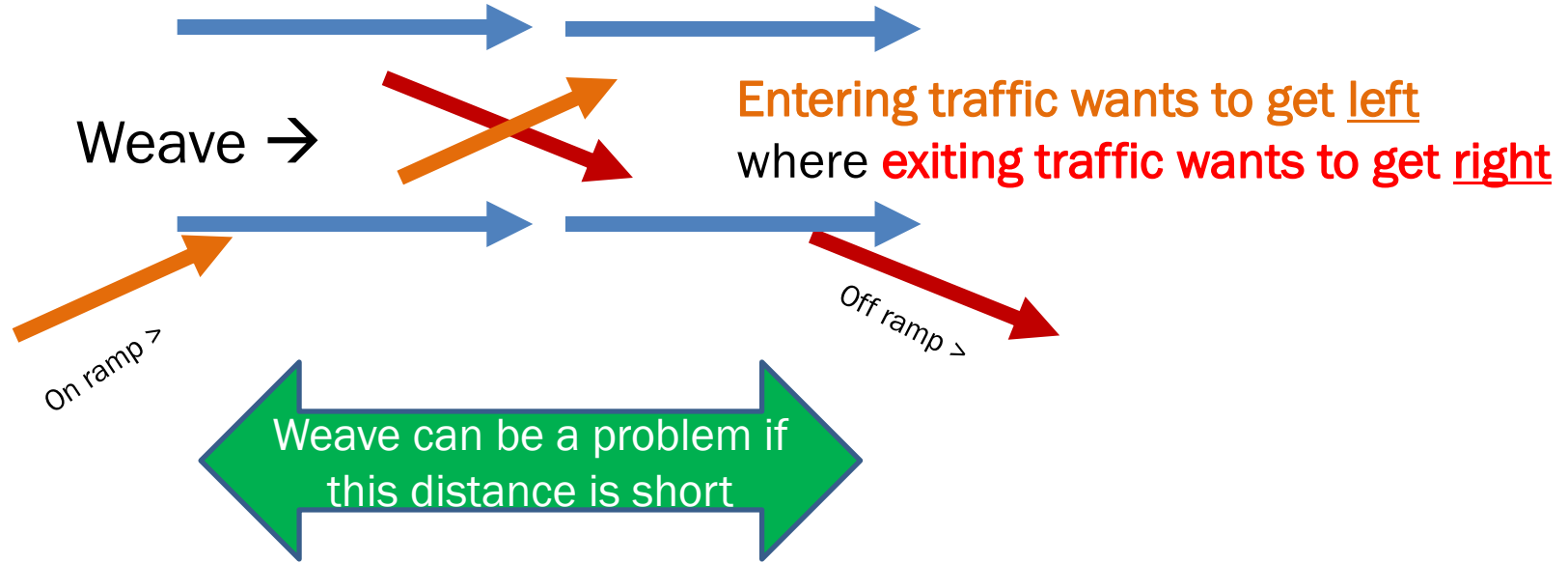
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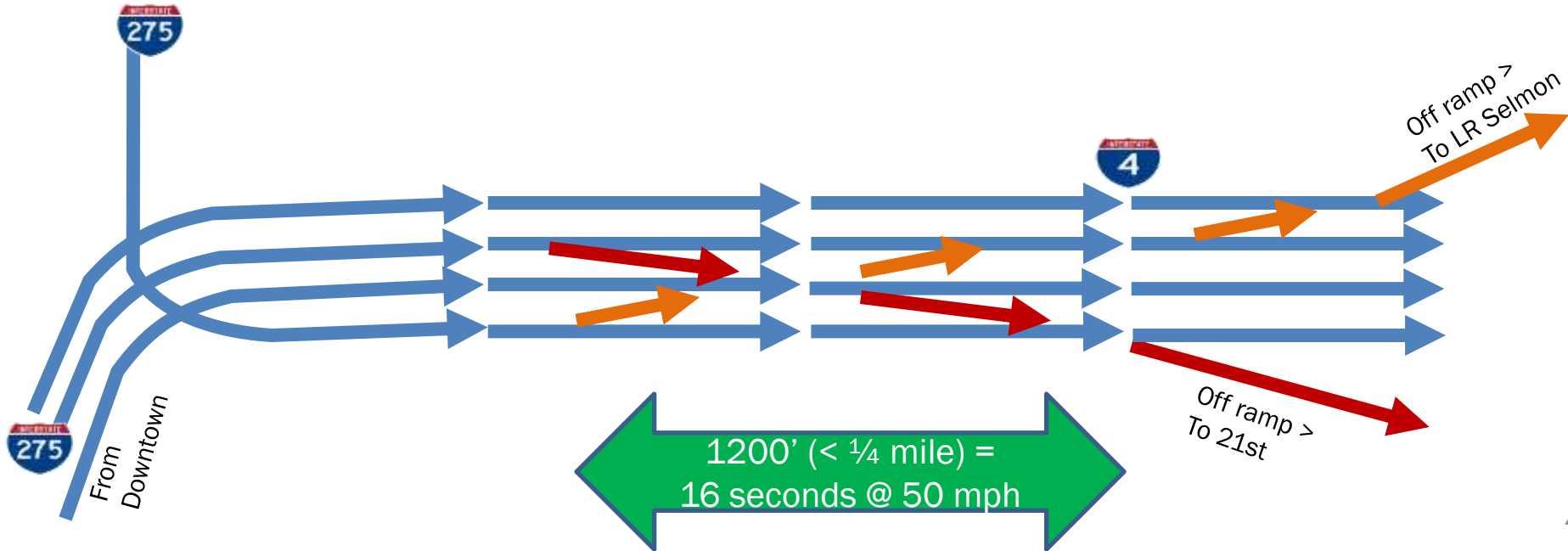
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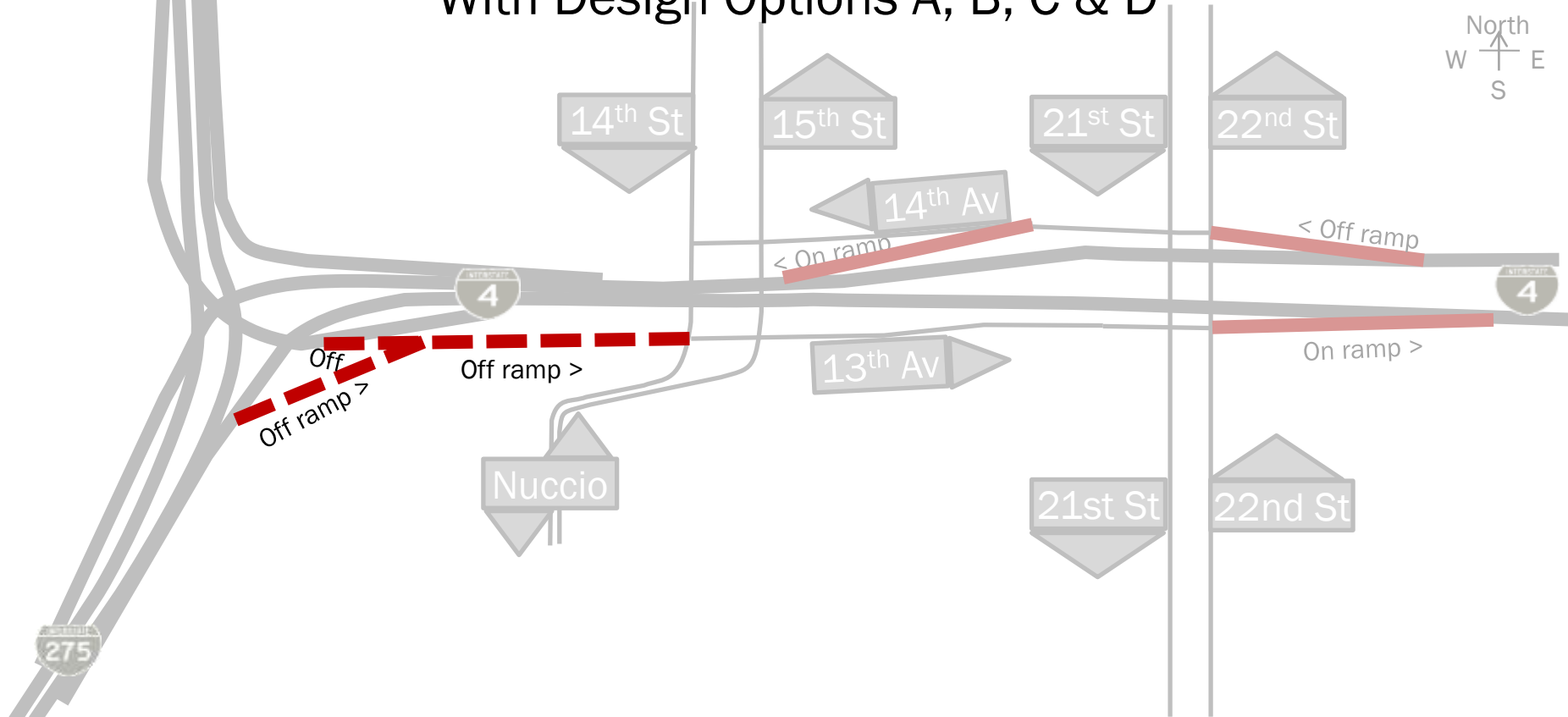
# Weave Eastbound I-4

I-275 traffic joins followed by exit to 21<sup>st</sup> Street

But also followed by exit on left to LR Selmon Connector



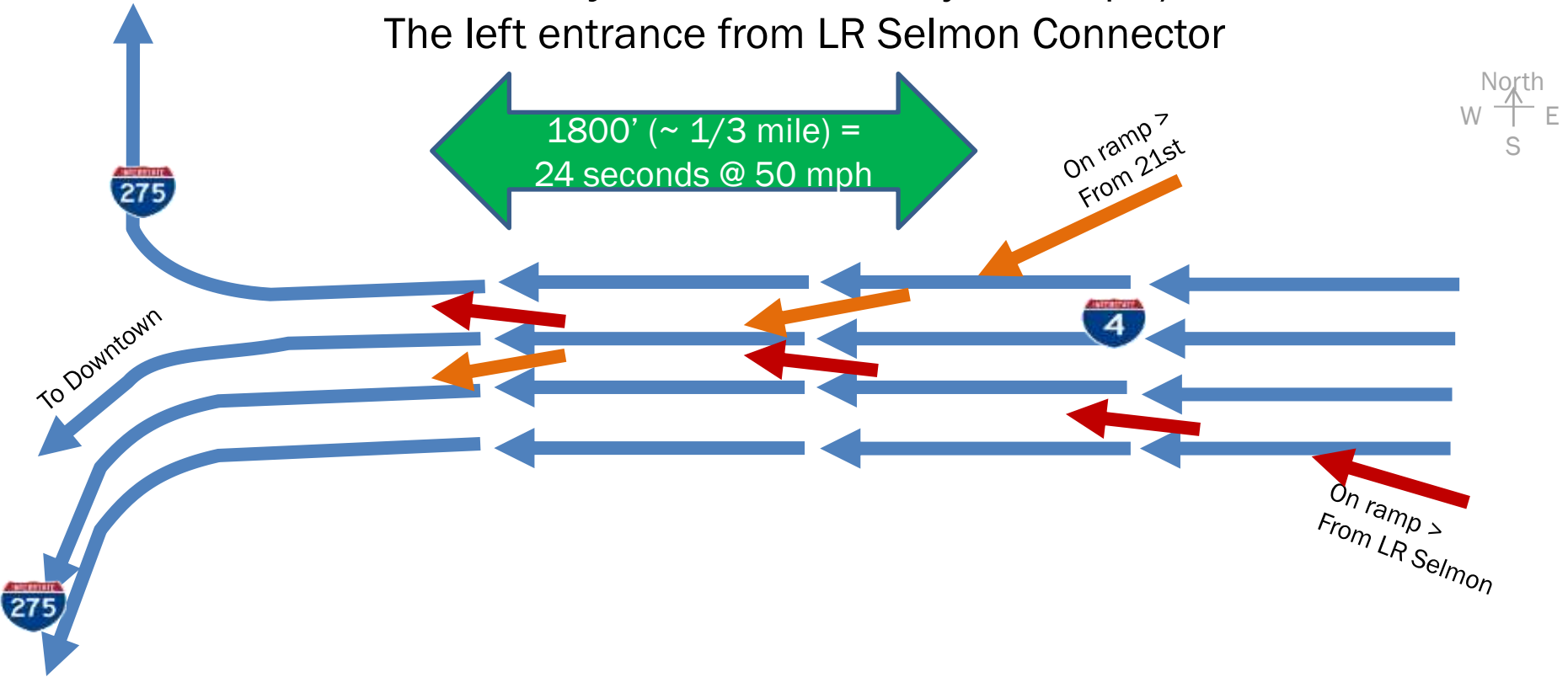
# Improve the Weave Eastbound Move Off ramp before I-275 traffic merges With Design Options A, B, C & D



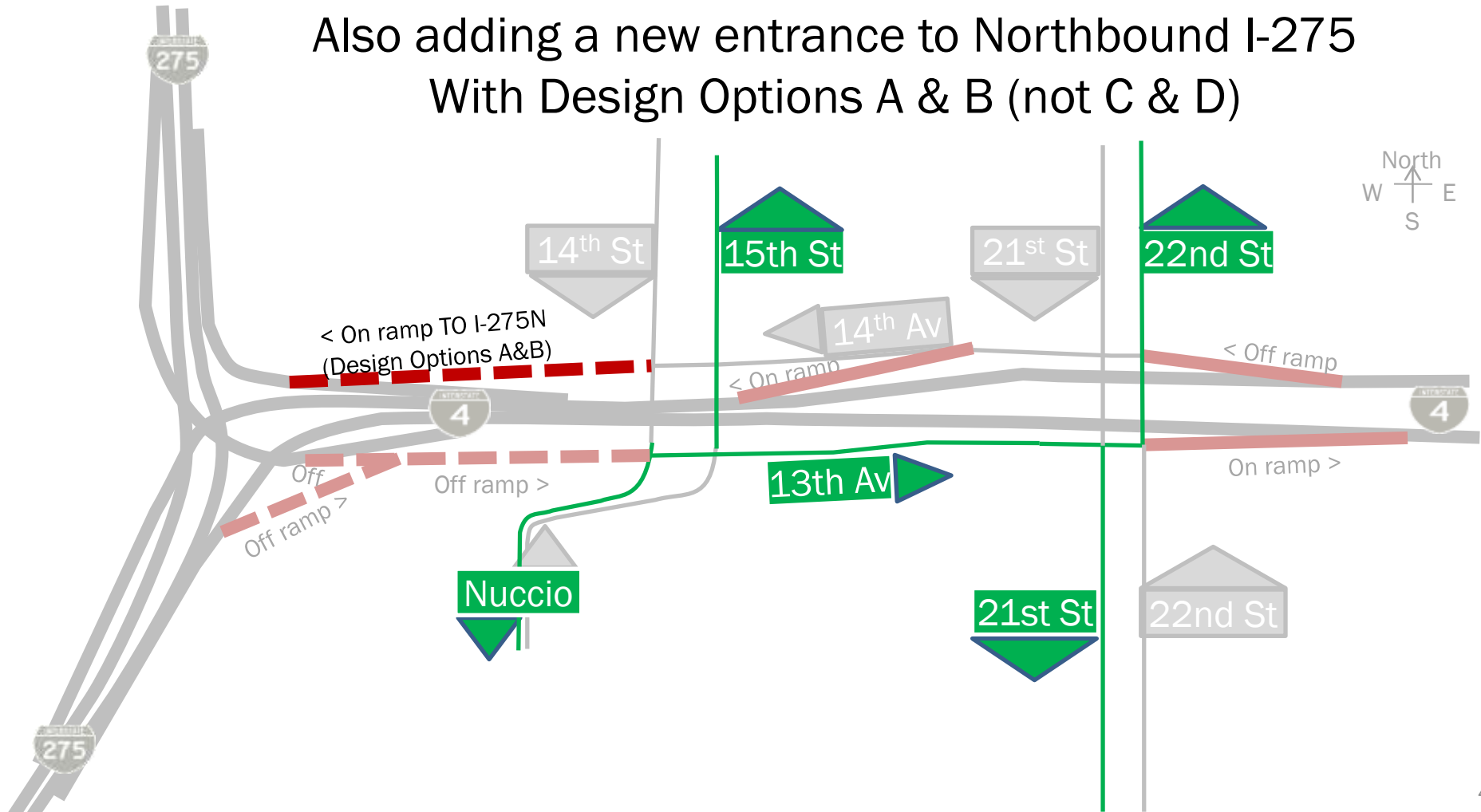


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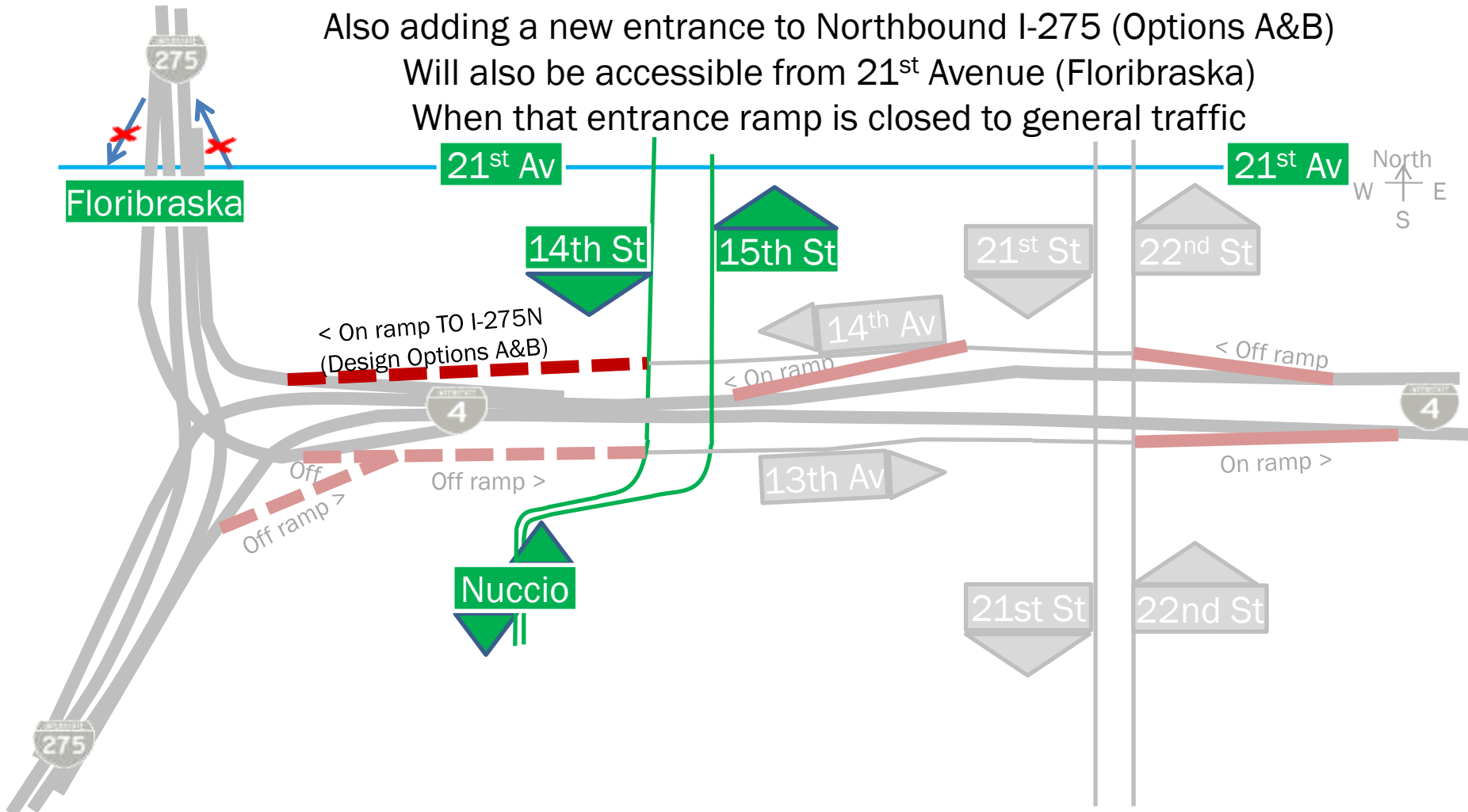
Traffic from 21<sup>st</sup> Street joins I-4 followed by I-275 split/Downtown exit  
The left entrance from LR Selmon Connector



# Also adding a new entrance to Northbound I-275 With Design Options A & B (not C & D)

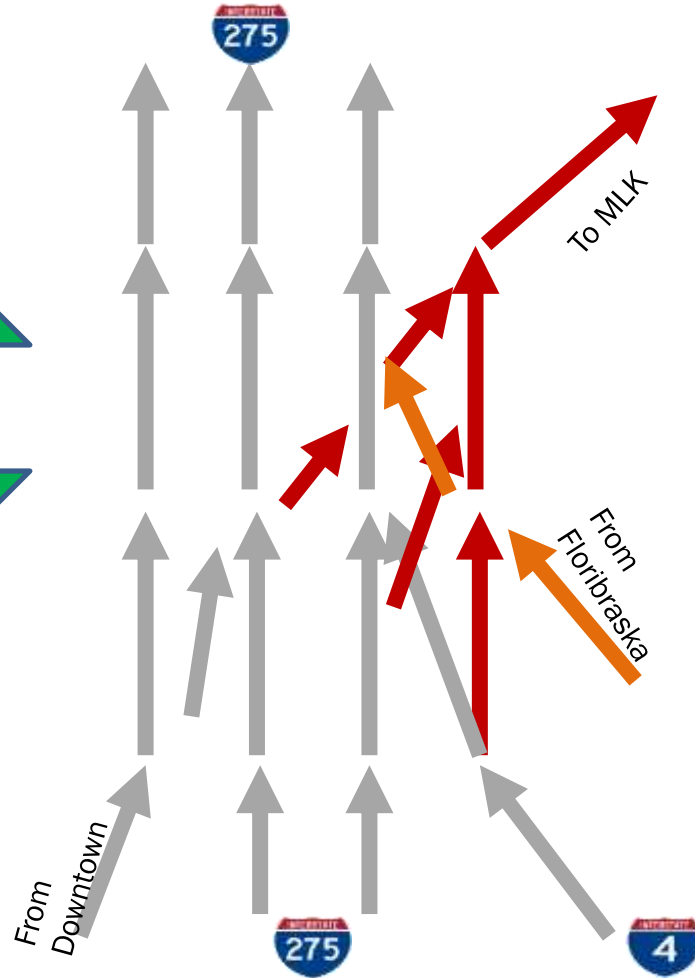


Also adding a new entrance to Northbound I-275 (Options A&B)  
Will also be accessible from 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Floribraska)  
When that entrance ramp is closed to general traffic



# I-275 NB Jct from I-4 with weave to MLK and On-ramp from Floribraska

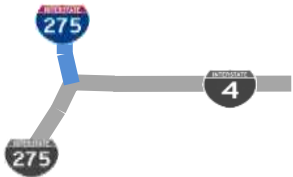
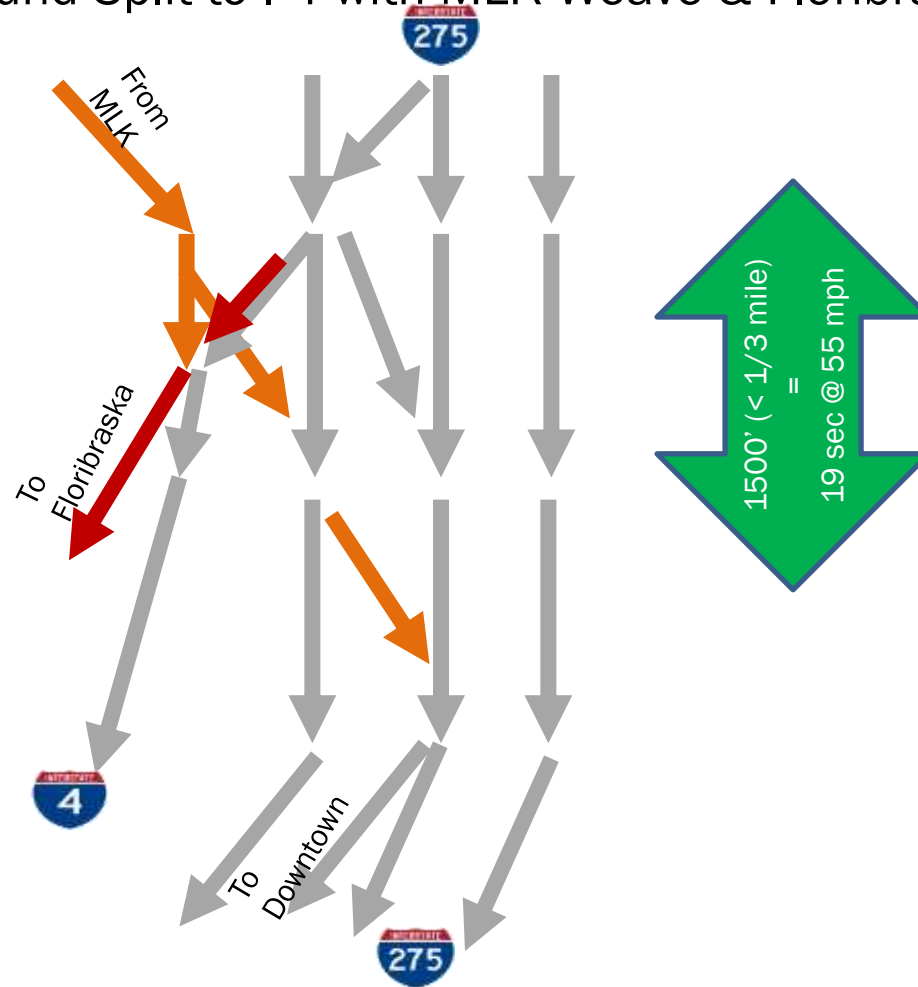
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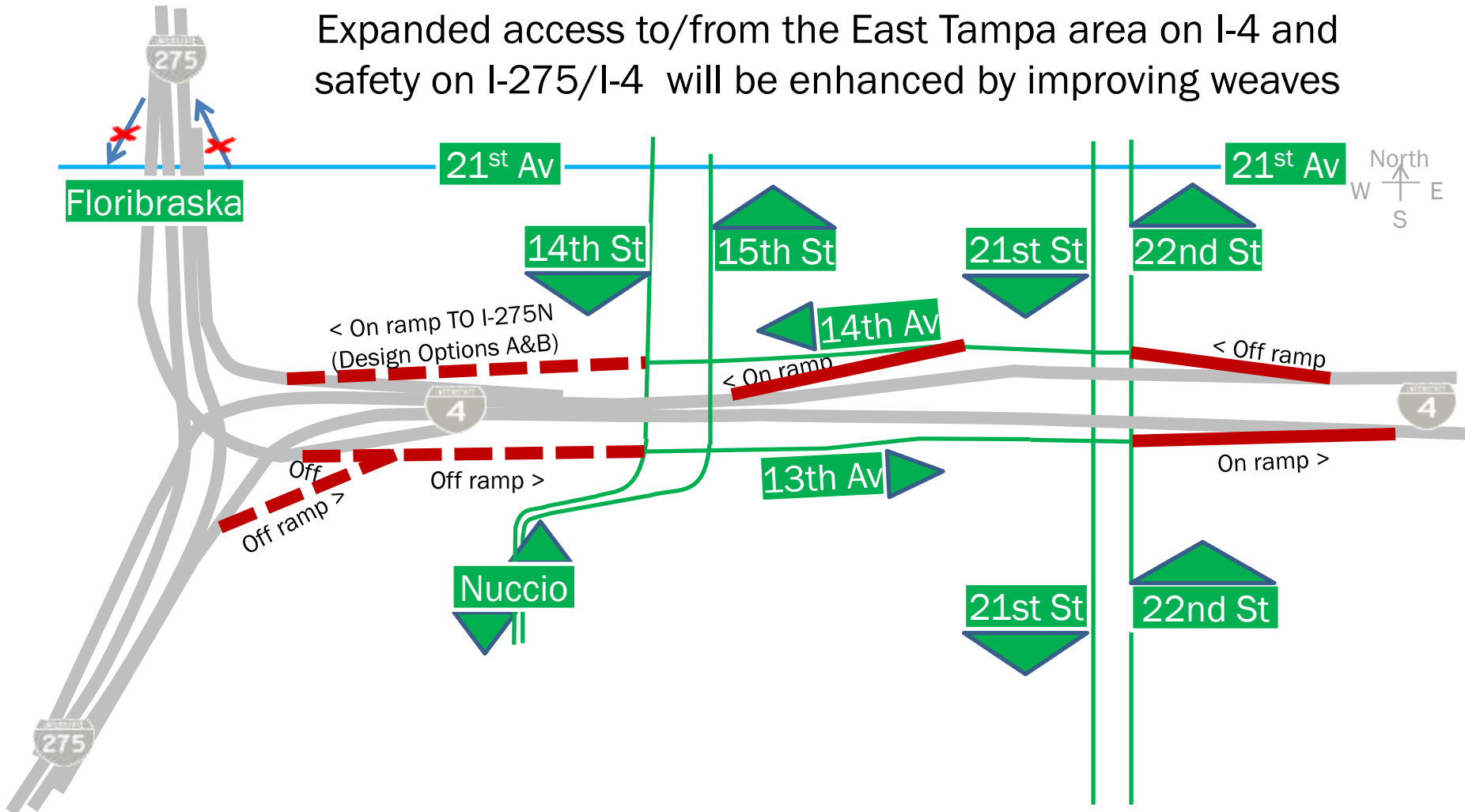
# I-275 Southbound Split to I-4 with MLK Weave & Floribraska Off-ramp

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Expanded access to/from the East Tampa area on I-4 and safety on I-275/I-4 will be enhanced by improving weaves



# **Roundtable Discussion #2**

## **Traffic Operations**

### **I-275/I-4 Ramp Access**



# **Time to Wrap Up Roundtable Discussion #2**



# Closing Comments



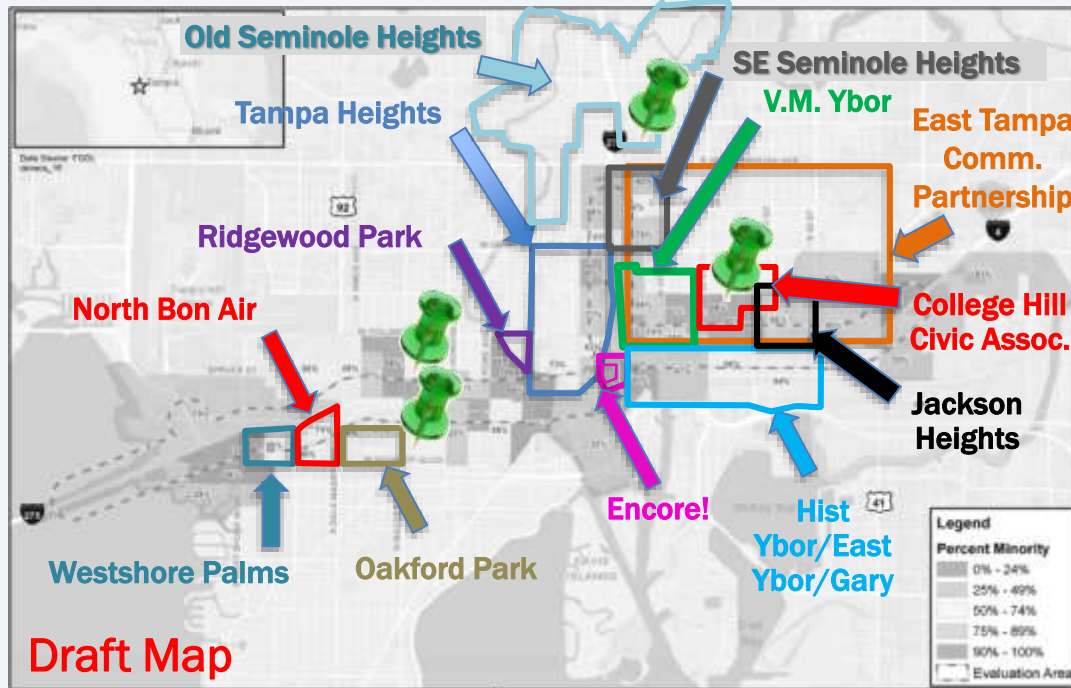
# What is the best way to exchange information?

## Methods of communicating:

- **Public workshops**
- **Community working groups (like these)**
- **Small group meetings (i.e., neighborhood associations)**
- **One-on-one meetings**
- **Email information blasts**
- **Social Media**
- **Church and community postings**
- **Door-to-door**
- **News media**



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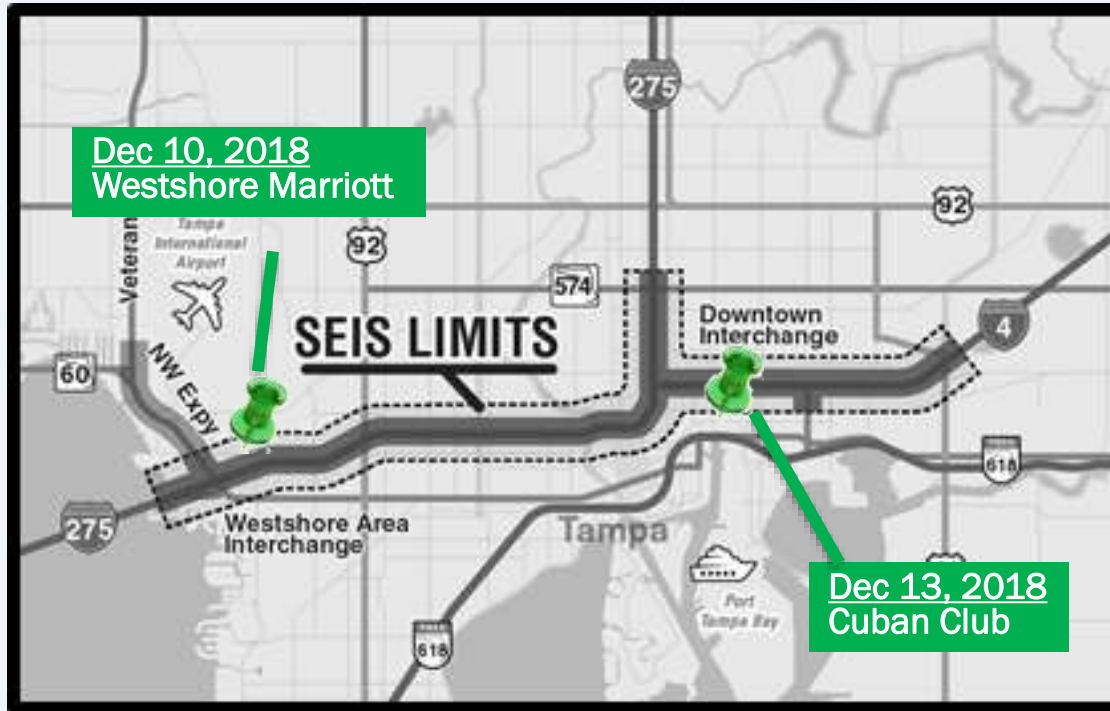
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# Public Workshops



## Workshop will include:

- I-275 & I-4 SEIS (E/HF Bridge-MLK & I-275-50<sup>th</sup> St)
- NW Expressway EIS Reevaluation (Cypress - SR 60)
- Mon Dec 10 @ Marriott Westshore
- Thu Dec 13 @ Cuban Club
- 5:30-7:30pm both nights
- Open house format
- View displays and draft reports
- Same information provided at both locations
- Ask questions, provide input

# Thank you!

Our website will have all materials and information from tonight's Community Working Group meeting and more.

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