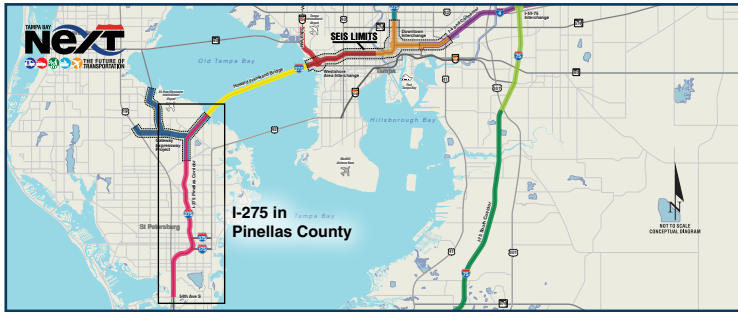


I-275 Pinellas Corridor

Section 2 FPID 424501-5-52-01

Program Description

Tampa Bay Next is a program to modernize Tampa Bay's transportation infrastructure and a process for engaging the public. Within the majority of the program area, the addition of express lanes is being considered to provide additional capacity, relieve congestion and provide a more reliable travel time option for passenger and transit vehicles. In addition, improvements address safety and traffic operations on the interstates. Interstate modernization projects incorporate additional elements such as opportunities to add bicycle and pedestrian facilities, aesthetic treatments, transit accommodations, and reconnecting streets where possible.



I-275 Pinellas Corridor

I-275 is a vital link in the local and regional transportation network and serves as a critical evacuation route in Pinellas County. As a major north-south corridor, I-275 links the Tampa Bay region with the remainder of Florida and the nation, supporting commerce, trade, and tourism.

Currently, there are no continuous travel lanes on I-275 in the southbound direction and only one continuous travel lane in the northbound direction. This is caused by a series of existing left-hand entrance and exit ramps. The corridor does include two travel lanes with one auxiliary lane in each direction from south of 54th Avenue South to I-375. From I-375 to north of 4th Street North, there are three travel lanes with one auxiliary lane in each direction.

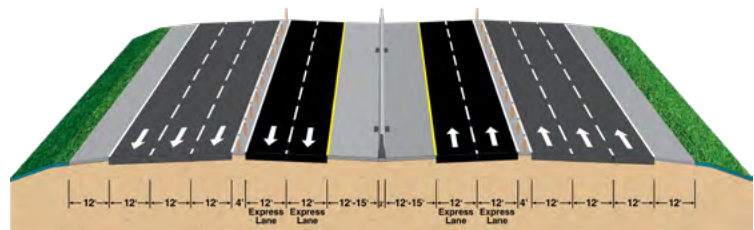
Proposed project improvements include widening the interstate to accommodate the addition of two buffer separated express lanes in each direction from north of I-375 to north of 4th Street North and lane continuity from south of 54th Street South to north of Gandy Boulevard to provide continuous travel lanes for commuters. One express lane in each direction is currently being constructed by the Gateway Expressway project from north of Gandy Boulevard to north of 4th Street North. Improvements and express lanes will tie into express lanes being constructed as part of the Gateway Expressway and Howard Frankland Bridge projects.

Paving will occur in the grass median and approximately 14' of outside widening will occur, though this will vary along the corridor. Improvements will be made within the existing FDOT owned right of way. The only right of way required will be for storm water ponds.

IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE (as of Feb. 2019)*	\$355 Million Partially funded for construction
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE	Anticipated to begin late 2023 Anticipated completion mid 2027
PUBLIC HEARING	September 24, 2019

*Present Day Cost



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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: Manny Flores, 813-975-4248, manuel.flores@dot.state.fl.us.