

Florida Department of Transportation

East Tampa Projects Update

Spring Update 2022

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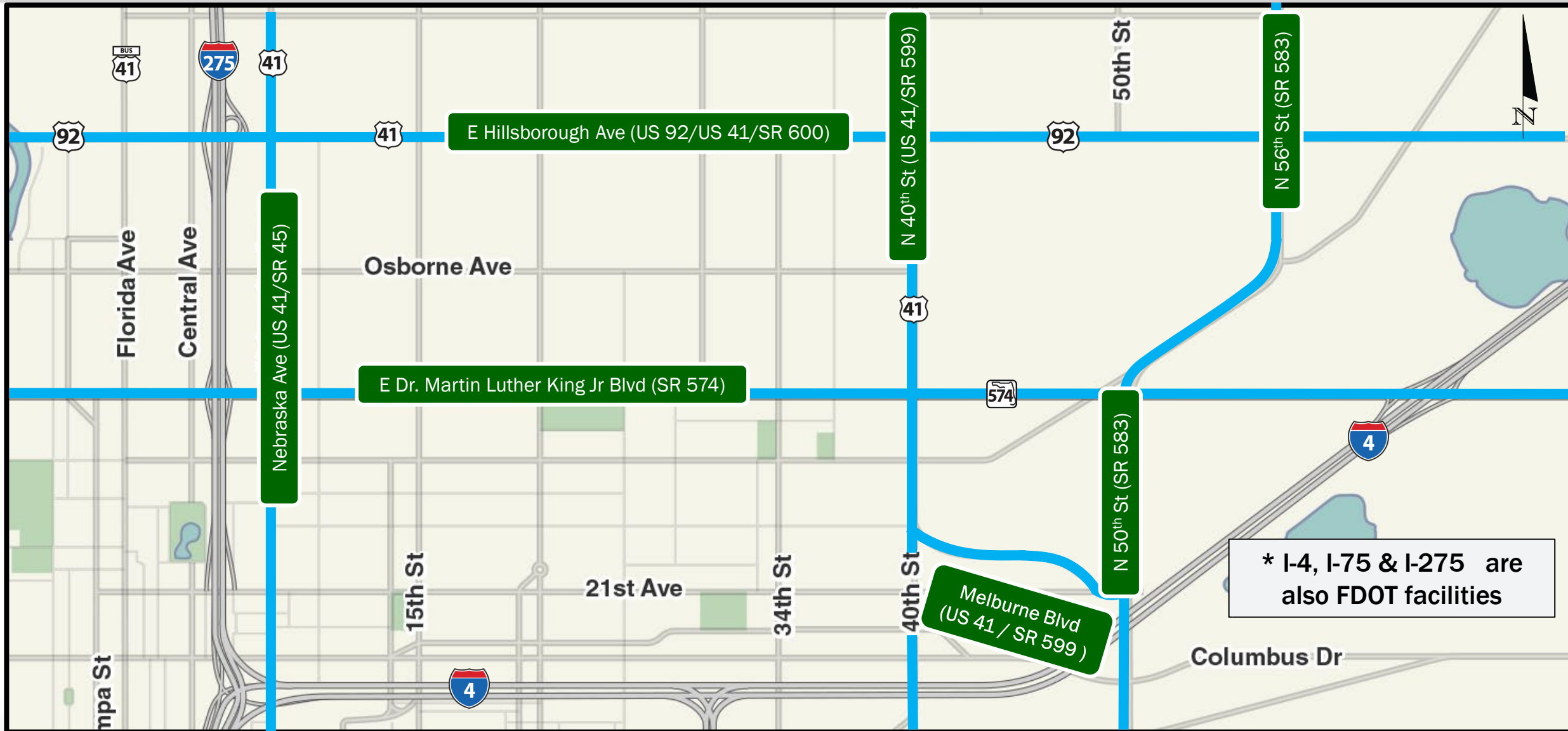


C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Public Library
2607 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard
Tampa, FL

Virtual April 21, 2022



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Completed Projects

Hillsborough Avenue from Central Avenue to 56th Street

Hillsborough Avenue was repaved.

Additional **drainage improvements**, **midblock crosswalks** and **traffic signal upgrades** were completed between Nebraska Avenue and 34th Street.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 26th Street

New traffic signal with pedestrian crosswalks installed adjacent to C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library.

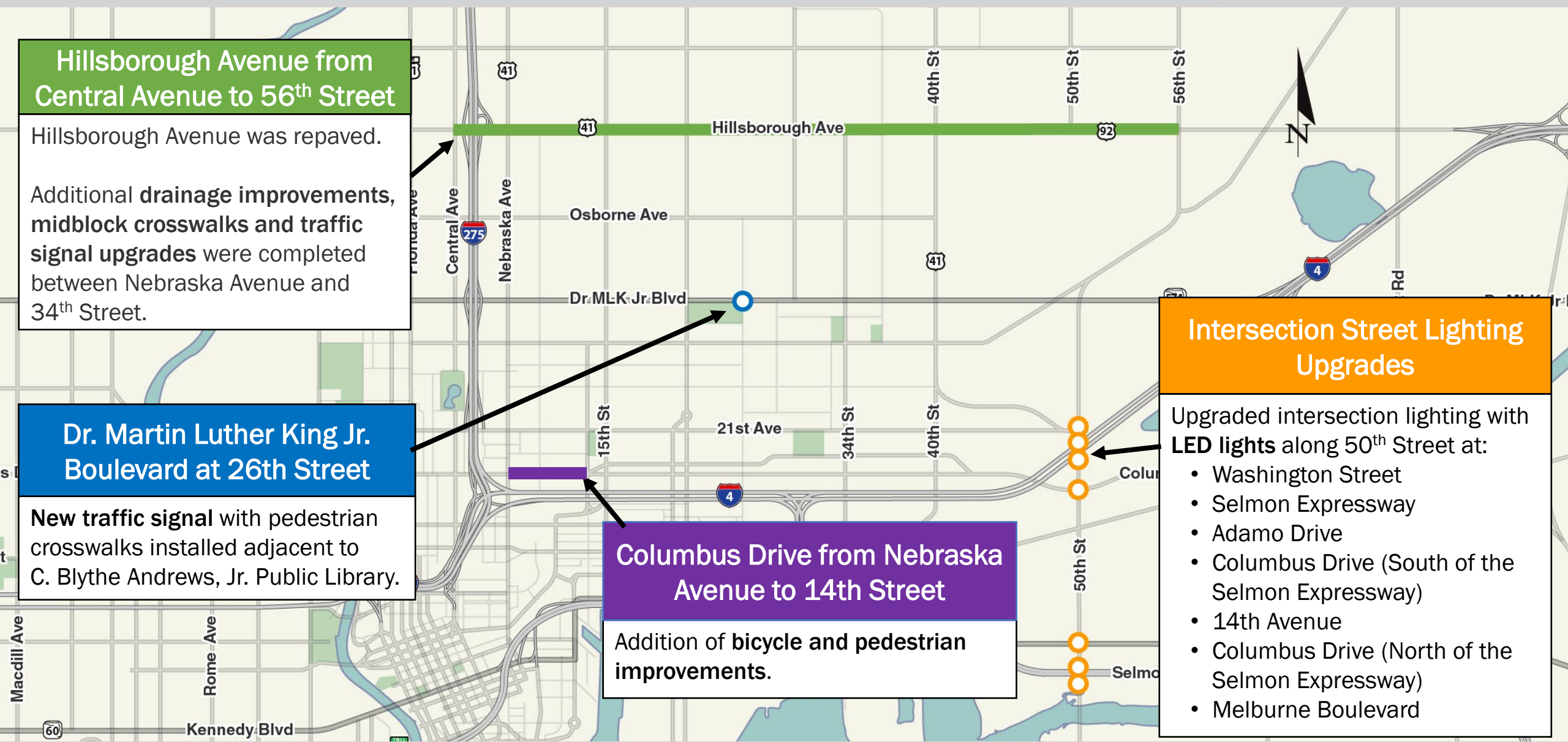
Columbus Drive from Nebraska Avenue to 14th Street

Addition of **bicycle and pedestrian improvements**.

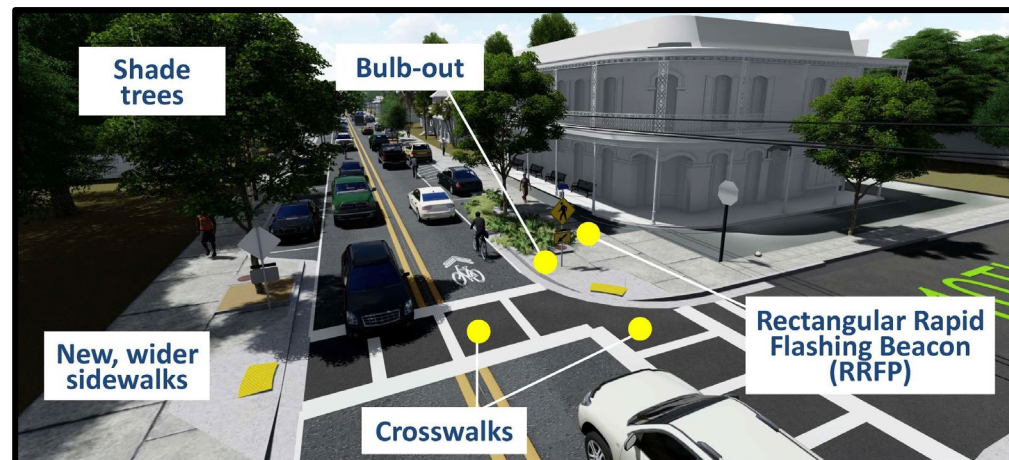
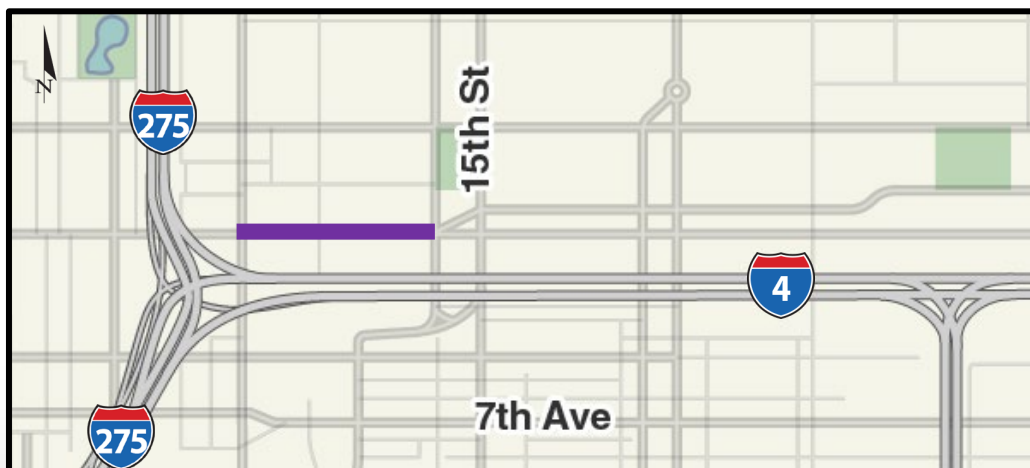
Intersection Street Lighting Upgrades

Upgraded intersection lighting with **LED lights** along 50th Street at:

- Washington Street
- Selmon Expressway
- Adamo Drive
- Columbus Drive (South of the Selmon Expressway)
- 14th Avenue
- Columbus Drive (North of the Selmon Expressway)
- Melburne Boulevard



- Columbus Drive from: Nebraska Avenue to 14th Street
- Work included roadway improvements to accommodate bicycle/pedestrian facilities including:
 - Narrow travel lanes
 - Enhanced crosswalks
 - Widening sidewalks
 - Landscaping



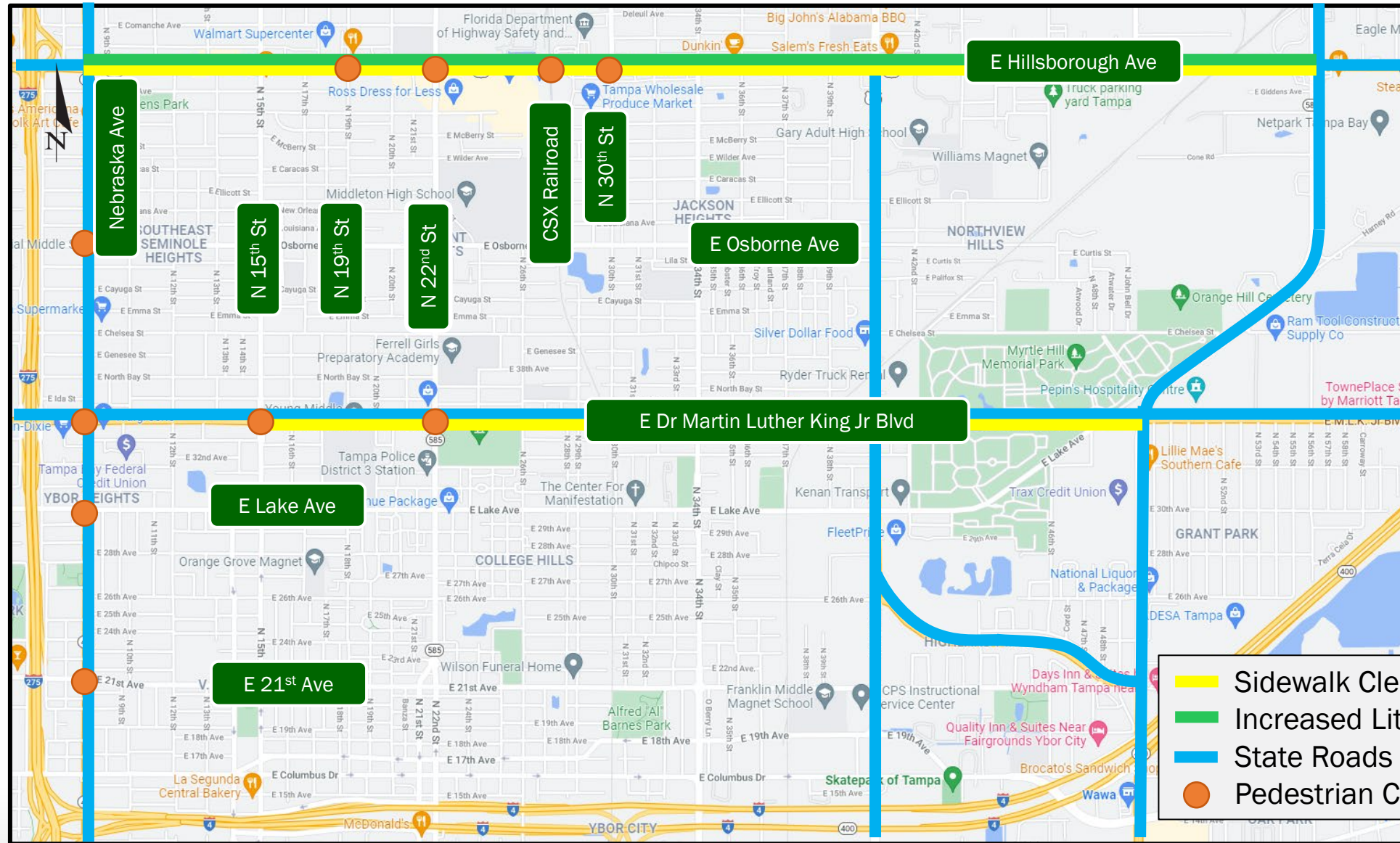
Project Website: <https://www.tampa.gov/tss-transportation/info/projects/columbus>



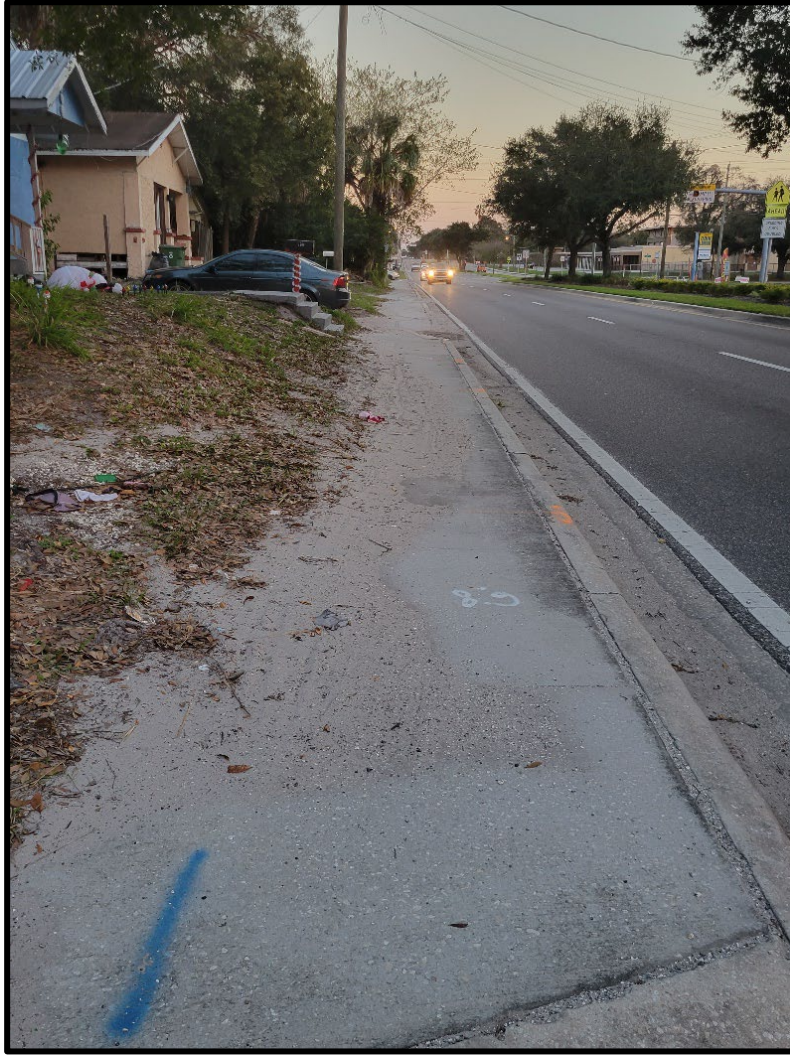
Before



After



- Sidewalk Clearing/Cleaning
- Increased Litter Cleanup
- State Roads
- Pedestrian Crosswalk Striping



Before



After



Before



After



Before



After

- **Completed Maintenance**
 - Sidewalk Cleanup
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard – February 2022
 - Hillsborough Avenue – March 2022
- **Upcoming Maintenance**
 - Tree Trimming
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard – April 2022
 - Hillsborough Avenue – May 2022
- **Reoccurring every 3 to 6 months**

Future Construction Projects

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 22nd Street

Work includes **extending the northbound turn lane on 22nd Street** and **signal modifications** including protected/permissive left turn signal

Design is underway and construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2022

40th Street at Melburne Boulevard

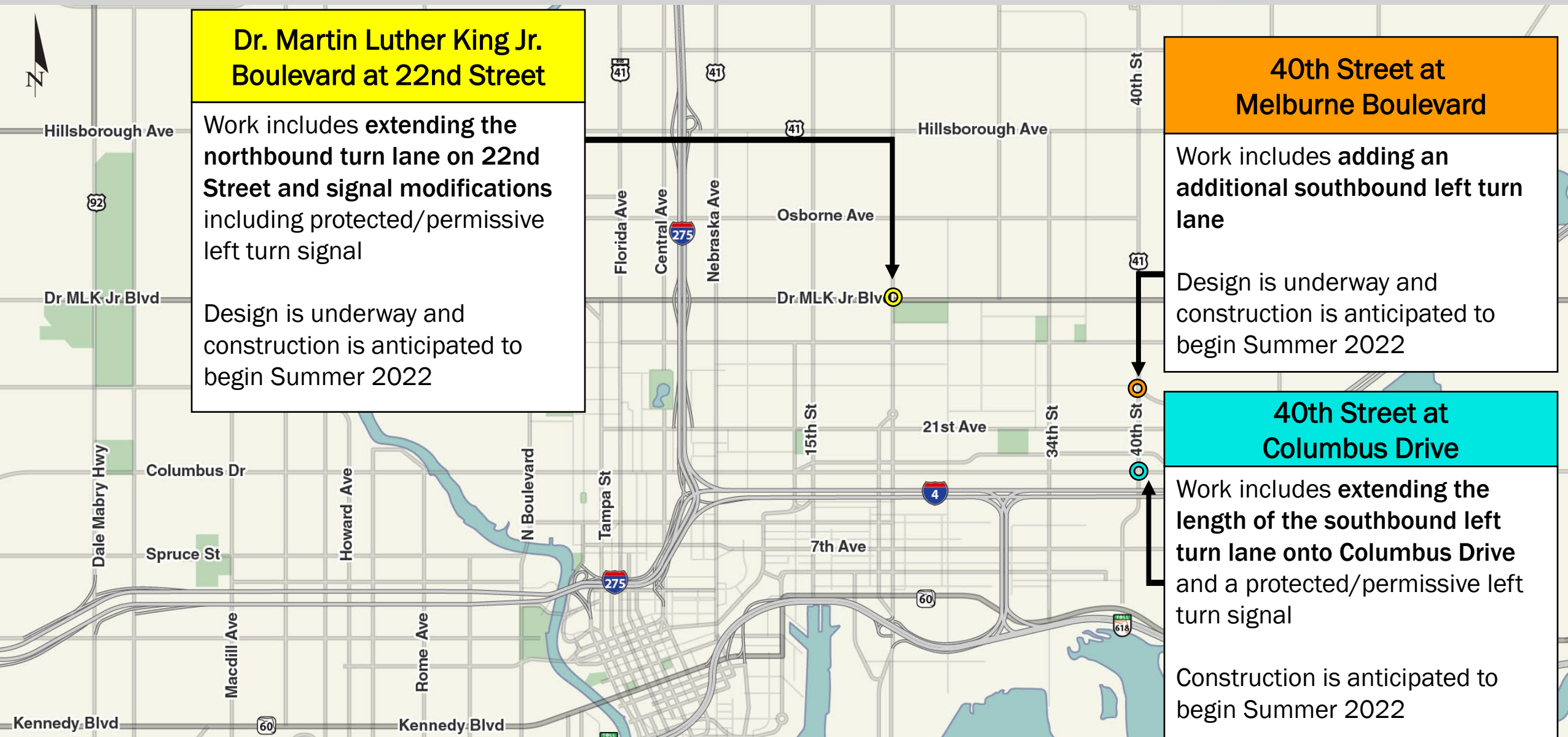
Work includes adding an **additional southbound left turn lane**

Design is underway and construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2022

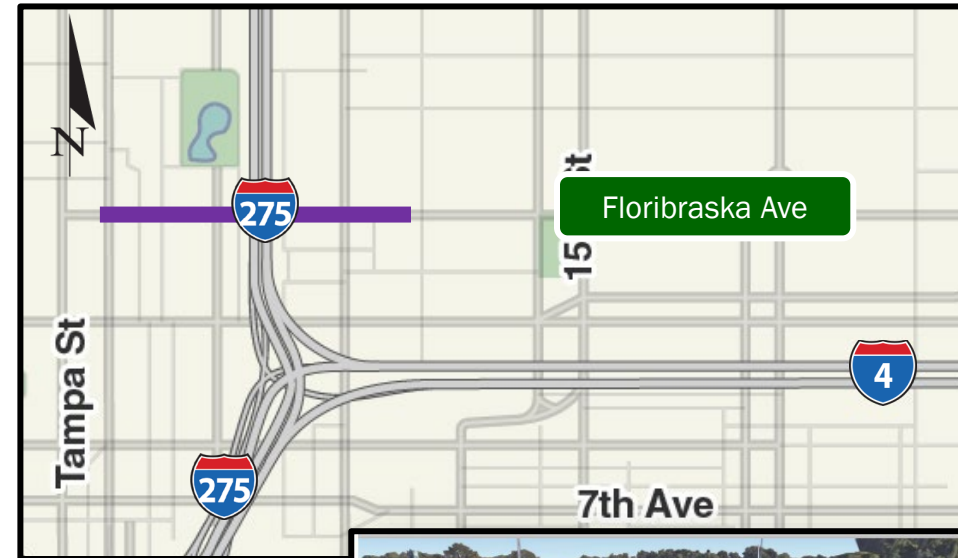
40th Street at Columbus Drive

Work includes **extending the length of the southbound left turn lane onto Columbus Drive** and a protected/permissive left turn signal

Construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2022



- Lane reduction from 4 to 2 lanes with a center left turn lane
- Work will include:
 - Bi-directional cycle track
 - Sidewalk improvements
 - Raised pedestrian refuge islands
 - Protected crosswalks at Jefferson Street and Central Avenue
 - LED lighting improvements
- Funded by City of Tampa & FDOT
- Construction to Begin Spring 2023



Project Website: <https://www.tampa.gov/tss-transportation/info/projects/FloribraskaAve>

Nebraska Avenue from Kennedy Boulevard to Arctic Boulevard

Work includes pedestrian midblock crosswalks, increasing sidewalk connections, drainage upgrades, lighting improvements, bicycle improvements and landscaping

Design is underway

Construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2023

Nebraska Avenue from I-4 to Hillsborough Avenue and Hillsborough Avenue from Nebraska Avenue to 56th Street

Landscaping along Nebraska Ave & Hillsborough Ave

FDOT seeking design and construction funding

Green Spine Cycle Track

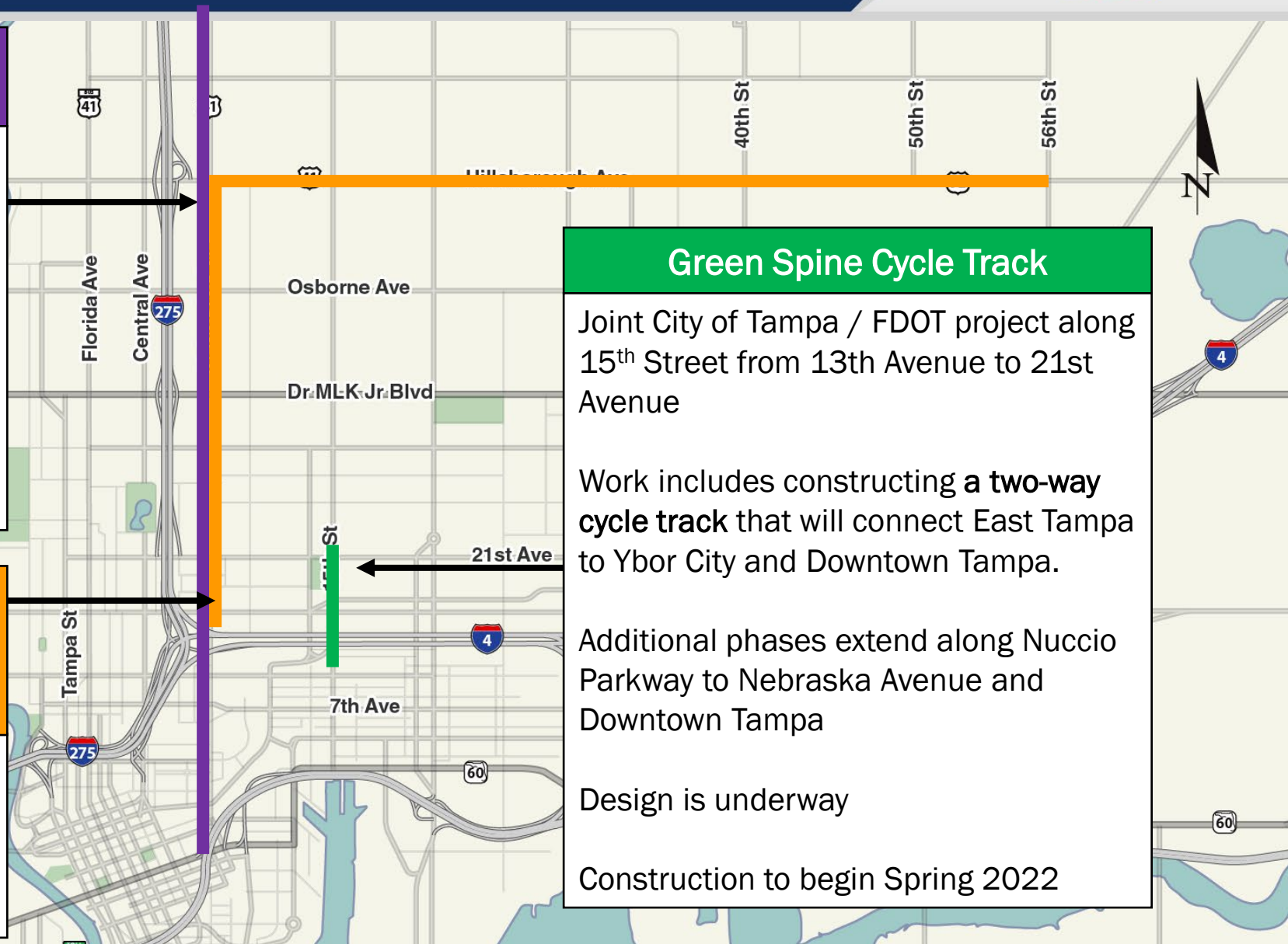
Joint City of Tampa / FDOT project along 15th Street from 13th Avenue to 21st Avenue

Work includes constructing a **two-way cycle track** that will connect East Tampa to Ybor City and Downtown Tampa.

Additional phases extend along Nuccio Parkway to Nebraska Avenue and Downtown Tampa

Design is underway

Construction to begin Spring 2022



Tampa Bay Next Interstate Projects Update



- More than just interstates
- A program with an emphasis on public involvement, public dialogue and two-way flow of information
- Collaborative, integrated, flexible and multimodal



Community Engagement



PRESENTATIONS



Projects Under Construction

- Gateway Expressway
- Howard Frankland Bridge
- I-275 North of Downtown Tampa
- I-75 at Big Bend Road Interchange
- I-75 at Dr. MLK Blvd Jr. Diverging Diamond Interchange

Advertised for Construction

- Downtown Tampa Interchange
- Westbound SR 60 (Veterans Connection)

Funded for Construction – near term

- Early Works Projects in Westshore Area
- Westshore Interchange

Future Construction – long term

- I-275 Corridor from Westshore to Downtown Tampa

Under Study

- I-75 Corridor Public Hearing held January 27, 2022

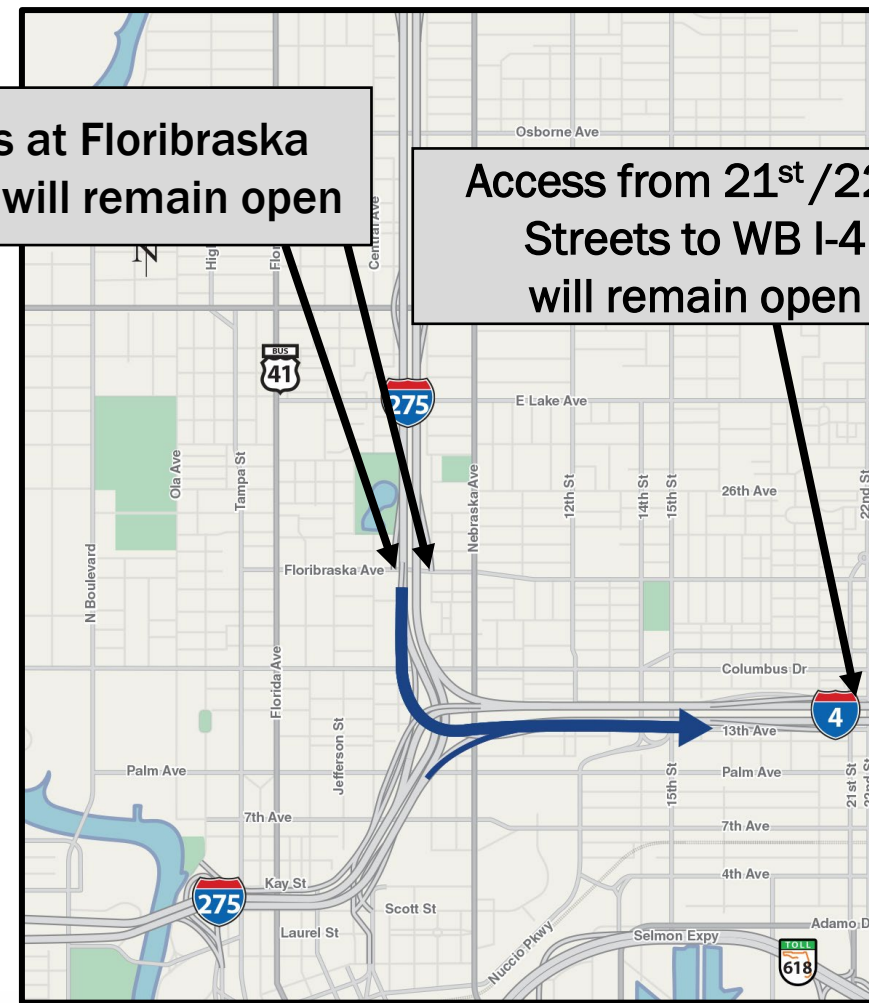
Safety and operational improvements to the I-275/I-4 interchange

1. Southbound I-275 to Eastbound I-4 (FPID 445057-1)

- Widen existing 1 lane flyover ramp to EB I-4 to 2 lanes
- Modify exit ramps to Ybor City/East Tampa from 21st/22nd Streets to 14th/15th Streets
- Widen EB I-4 existing frontage road to 2 lanes

Access at Floribraska Avenue will remain open

Access from 21st/22nd Streets to WB I-4 will remain open



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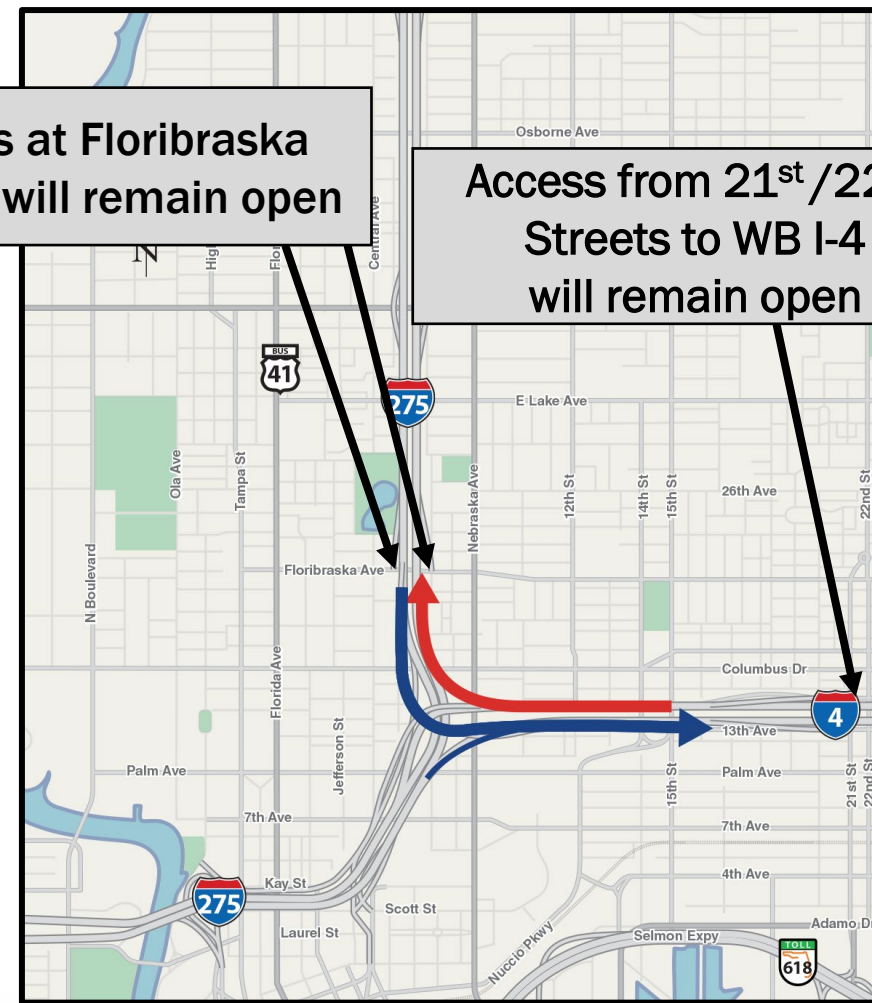
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2. Westbound I-4 to Northbound I-275 (FPID 445056-1)

- Widen existing 1 lane ramp from I-4 to NB I-275 to 2 lanes
- Additional merge lanes on NB I-275 from the interchange to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard exit

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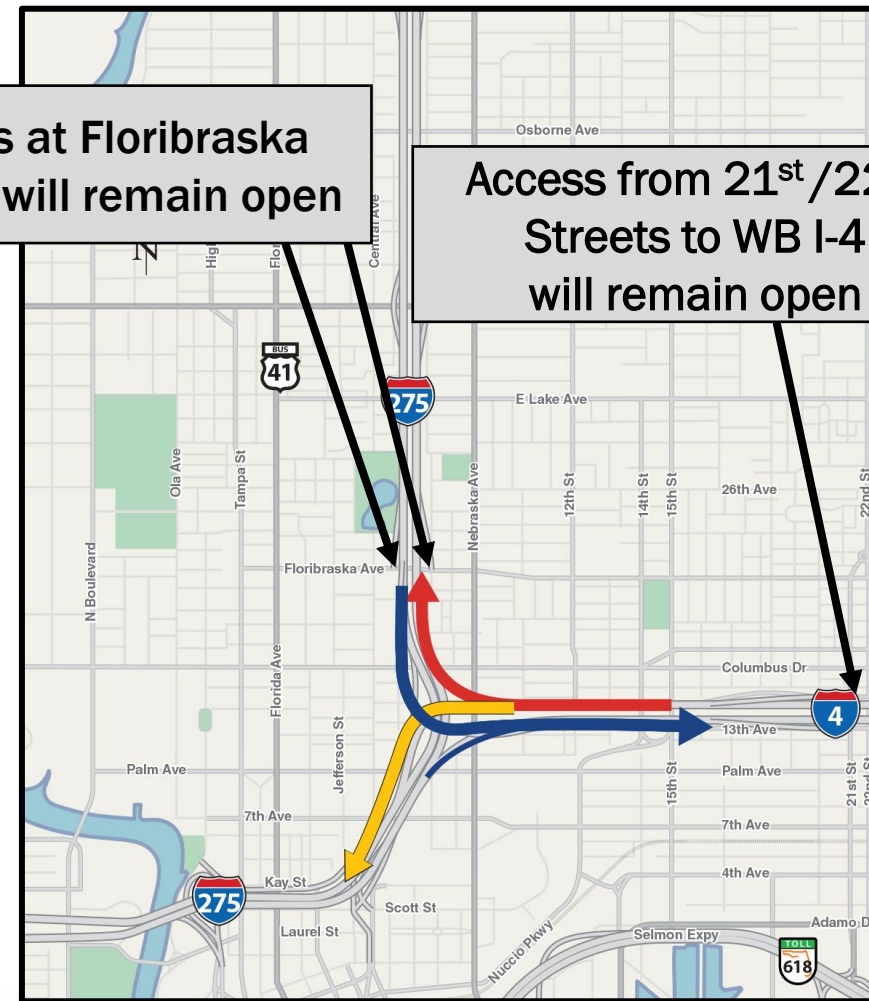
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3. Westbound I-4 to Southbound I-275 (FPID 445056-2)

- Widen 2-lane ramp from I-4 to SB I-275 to 3 lanes
- Widen shoulders on SB I-275 from Palm Ave. to Jefferson St.
- Downtown exit ramp shifted to the west

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Shared Use Path

- 12' wide path
- Widened sidewalks at underpasses (cut back slopes, add gravity walls)
- Low-level solar lighting along path for safety
- Upgraded lighting at all underpasses and road crossings

Community Space

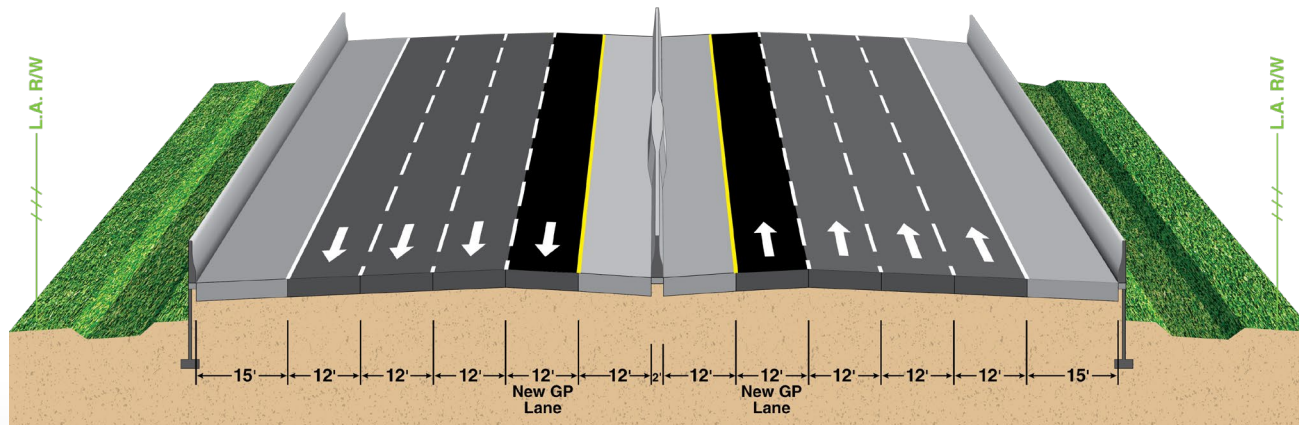
- Landscaping enhancements and screening
- Aesthetics along interstate to match existing

- Previous Public Comments include: dog park, community garden, fitness equipment and aeration fountains
- Partnering with the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the facility
- Community space is included in the Downtown Tampa Interchange project construction
- Options under consideration: dog park, fitness equipment / exercise stations or area, or 3 on 3 basketball court



Construction Underway

- Project will widen I-275 within the existing right-of-way and add 1 additional lane in each direction
- Wide shoulders will accommodate transit
- Noise barriers
- Aesthetics and pedestrian improvements
- New underpass lighting
- Fencing



To receive construction updates and traffic alerts via email, subscribe at:
<https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/706/431821-2-52-01>

Current Construction Activities

- Underpass retaining wall work
- Installing temporary pavement at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard and Hillsborough Avenue on and off ramps
- Drainage
- Pile Driving
- Temporary Walls
- Drill Shafts
- Demo



Pile Driving Operation

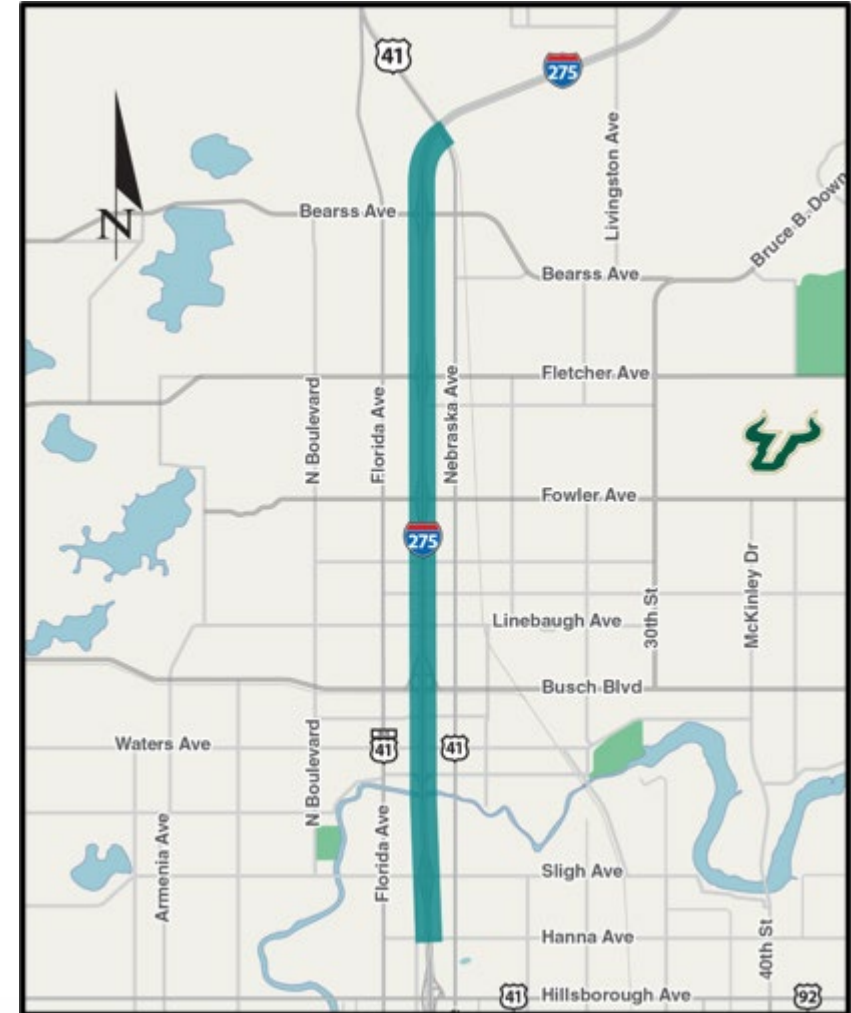


I-275 southbound on-ramp from
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard



Removal of Barrier Wall and Bridge Deck

- Future phase **not currently funded** for construction
- Widening for 1 additional general-purpose lane in each direction
- Wide outside shoulders to accommodate Regional Rapid Transit Bus
- Extensive noise barriers
- No Right-of-Way required



Ongoing Studies

- 50th/56th Street from Adamo Drive to Fletcher Avenue
- Vision Zero Study to identify operational and safety improvements
- Schedule
 - 1st Public Meeting: 12/14/2021
 - 2nd Public Meeting: TBD
 - Study Complete: Fall 2022
- Website:

<https://www.fdotd7studies.com/project/s/56thstreetcorridor/>



Reviewing the existing northbound and southbound left turn operations at the signal

Looking North on Nebraska Avenue

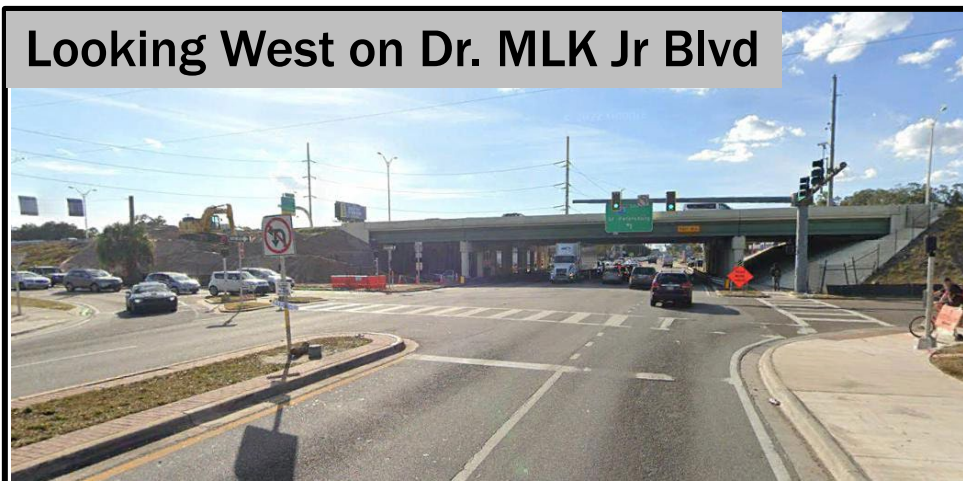


Looking South on Nebraska Avenue

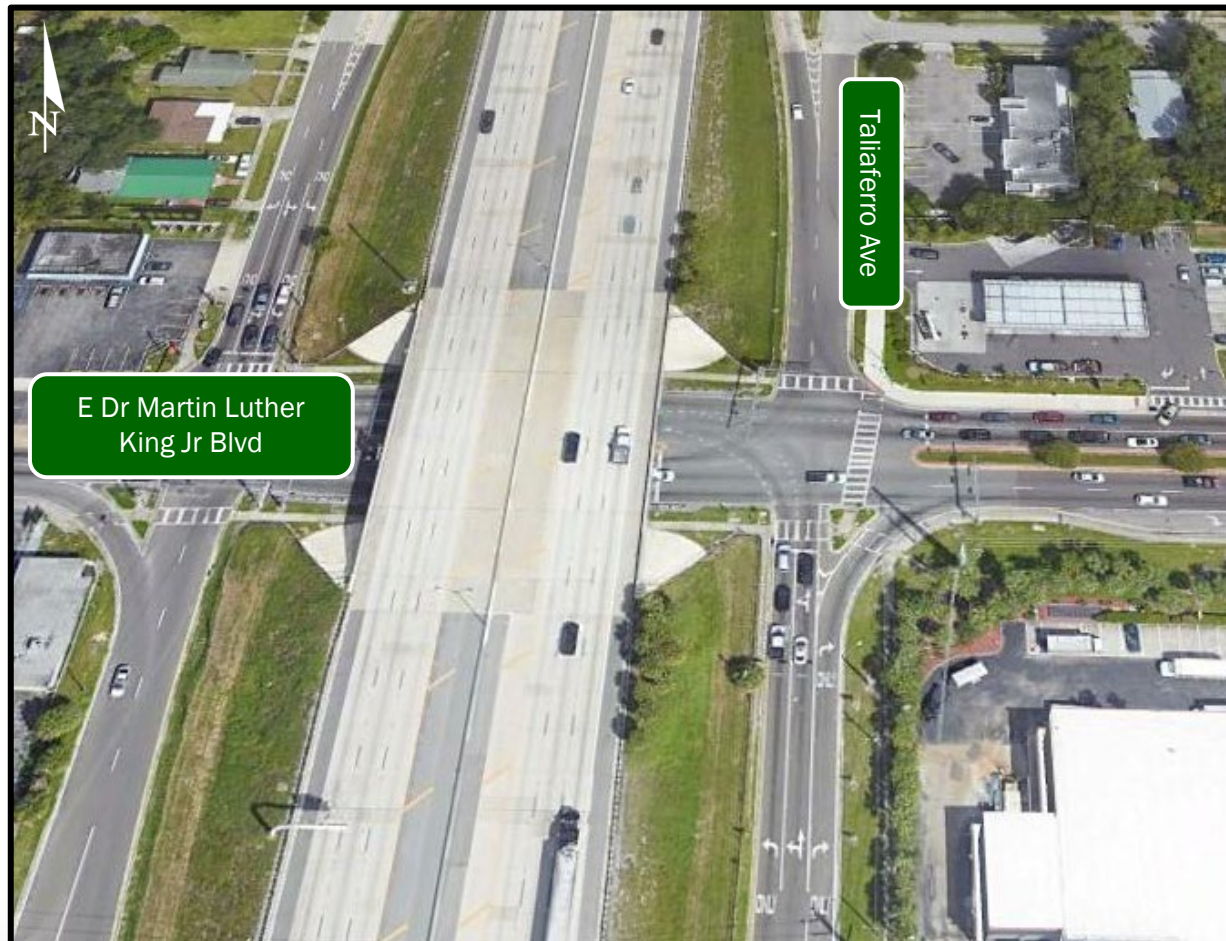


Safety Review of the Signalized Intersection

Looking West on Dr. MLK Jr Blvd

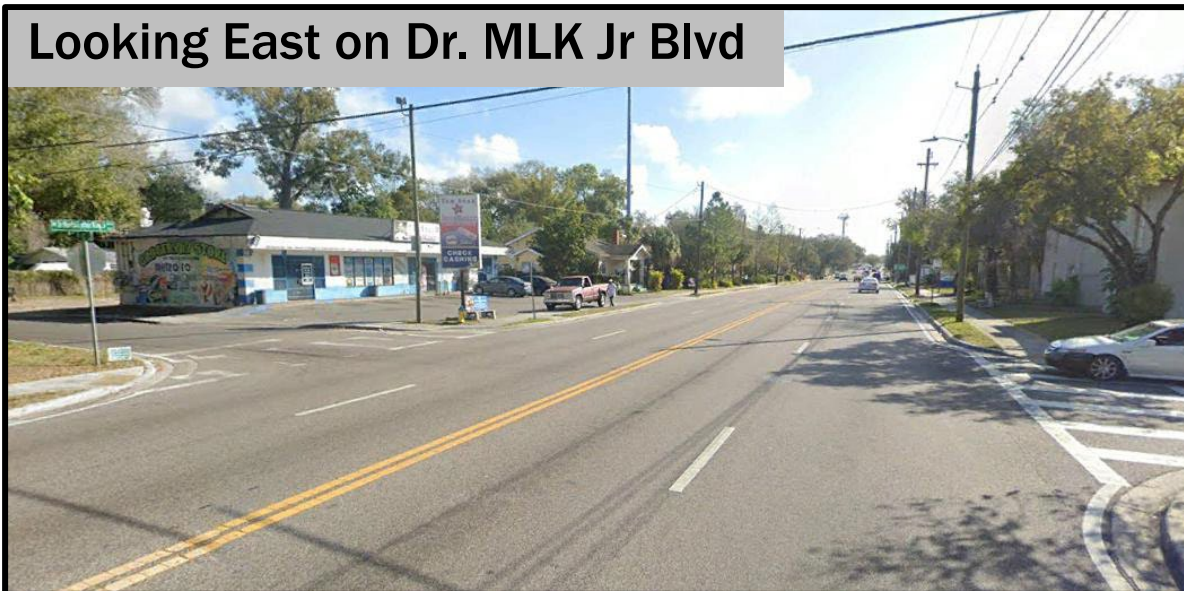


Looking North on Exit Ramp



Safety review of the unsignalized intersection

Looking East on Dr. MLK Jr Blvd



- The City of Tampa is launching a **Quick Build program** to address direct safety or mobility challenges in a streamlined, cost-effective way
- Quick Build projects are **semi-permanent changes** to the street that address these challenges that **can be rapidly deployed**
- Projects will address **safety issues** and **fill critical walk/bike gaps**
- Current streets under consideration for Quick Build are:
 - **Avenida Republica de Cuba (14th Street)** from Columbus Drive to 26th Street
 - **North Boulevard** from Kennedy Boulevard to Cass Street
- **Take the survey** on Avenida Republica de Cuba (14th Street) Proposed Quick Build Changes at <https://www.tpamoves.org/quick-build-program>





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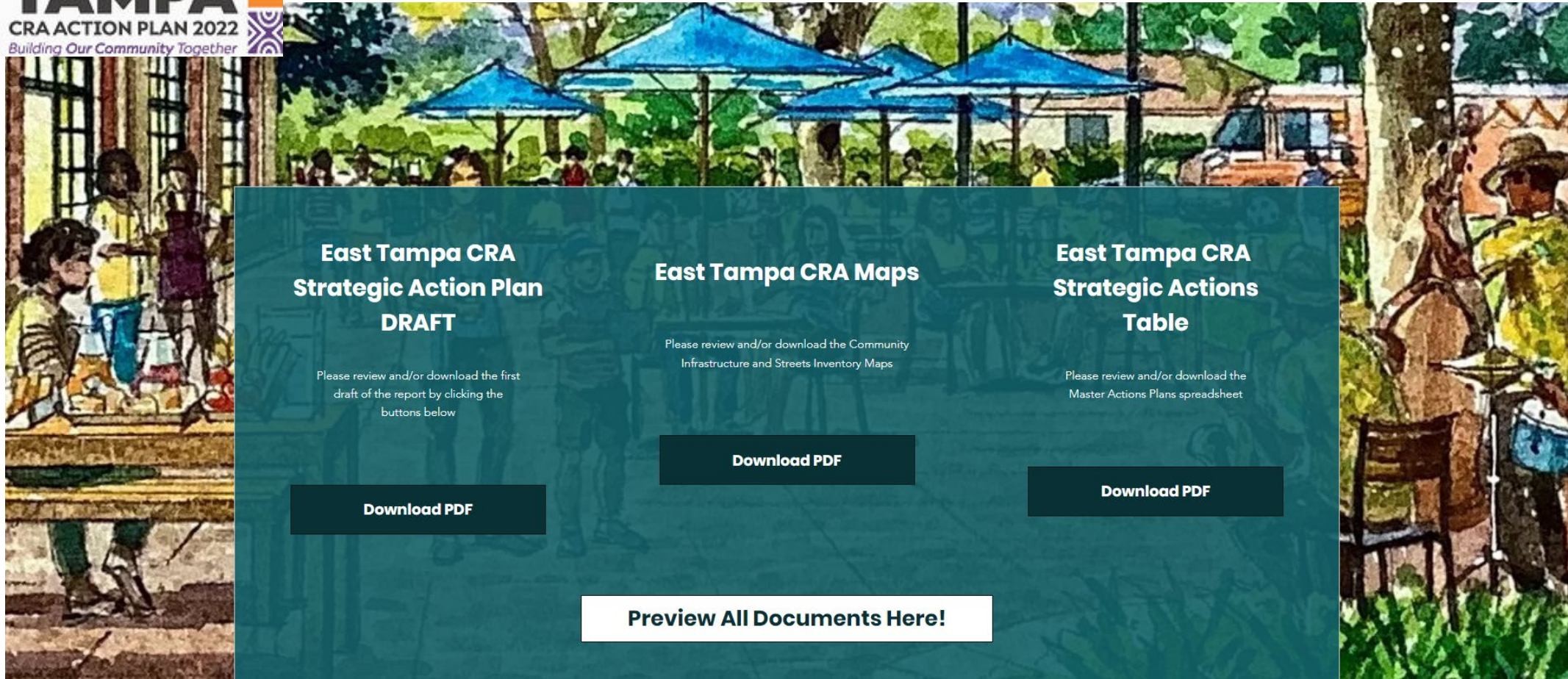
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East Tampa CRA Strategic Action Plan DRAFT

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East Tampa CRA Strategic Actions Table

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Roundtable Discussions

- **Table 1 Topic:** Arterial Roadway Improvements and Projects
- **Table 2 Topic:** Landscaping and Aesthetic Enhancements Along Arterial Roads
- **Table 3 Topic:** Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvements Project, Hardscapes and Additional Aesthetics
- **Table 4 Topic:** I-275 Corridor Improvements and Construction

- Each table will have a facilitator to help guide discussion
- Participants are encouraged to ask questions, share input and ideas on transportation projects and community enhancements
- Participants will change tables to share input on each topic
- Each discussion will last 20-25 minutes
- This is open conversation, and all are encouraged to participate
- There are no right or wrong answers or ideas
- Please respect the views of others even if you disagree
- Try to stay on topic



Remember to be Alert Today,
Alive Tomorrow.

Safety doesn't happen by accident.

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