



## *Florida Department of Transportation*

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GOVERNOR

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Re: Community Conversation Open House with FDOT (In-Person and Virtual)  
Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvements Project Design Changes  
(Financial Project Numbers: 445057-1-52-01, 445056-1-52-01, 445056-2-52-01)

Dear Community Members:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven invites you to attend and participate in Community Conversation meetings in Tampa's Urban Core as a follow up to the Spring 2022 Community Conversations hosted by the FDOT. The meetings will be an open house style format and will provide an update on how community input on aesthetic enhancements and uses for community spaces are proposed to be incorporated into the Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvements project. The meeting will also include information about proposed design changes to the interchange.

The previous concept included widening the existing flyover bridge from southbound I-275 to eastbound I-4 and relocating the exit to Ybor City from 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets to 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets. The design change being proposed includes constructing a new two-lane flyover bridge to the inside of the interchange that drivers will use to access eastbound I-4. The existing one-lane flyover bridge is proposed to remain one lane, which drivers will use to access Ybor City via the relocated exit to 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets. Additional proposed design changes include constructing an additional auxiliary lane along eastbound I-4 between I-275 and the exit to the Selmon Expressway and creating a two-lane exit to the Selmon Expressway. All proposed design changes are within the existing right-of-way. Final design is ongoing and construction activities are anticipated to begin in early 2023.

The meetings will be held in-person on two dates with an additional virtual option. Participants will have the opportunity to share feedback with FDOT staff and ask questions on the transportation improvements both in-person and virtually via the online chat. The meetings will provide identical information and will be held on multiple dates and locations to allow for maximum participation, so you only need to attend one.

### ***In-Person Meetings***

**Format:** Display boards and exhibits showing the proposed project improvements will be available in an open house format. An informational presentation will run continuously during the open house. FDOT staff will be available to receive feedback and answer questions.

### **Time and Locations:**

**Option 1: Thursday, January 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

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

Complimentary on-site parking and designated handicap parking are available. Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) bus route 5 provides bus services to access the meeting site.

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**Option 2: Thursday, January 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Ragan Park Community Center

1200 E. Lake Avenue

Tampa, FL 33605

Complimentary on-site parking and designated handicap parking are available. Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) bus route 9 provides bus services to access the meeting site.

***Virtual/Online Meeting Option***

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Those who cannot attend in person, may participate virtually by registering at [www.TampaBayNext.com](http://www.TampaBayNext.com). A narrated presentation will be shown at 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 12:30 p.m. during the webinar. Staff will be available throughout the meeting time to receive feedback and answer questions via the online chat function. Display boards and exhibits showing the project improvements will be available for viewing during the meeting. Additionally, the material will also be posted online at [www.TampaBayNext.com](http://www.TampaBayNext.com) and [www.FDOTTampaBay.com](http://www.FDOTTampaBay.com).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this open house or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to advise the agency at least seven (7) days prior to the open house by contacting: Roger Roscoe, FDOT Title VI Coordinator, at (813) 975-6411 or (800) 226-7220, or [Roger.Roscoe@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Roger.Roscoe@dot.state.fl.us). 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 usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nuestro representante, Manuel Flores, (813) 975-4248, [Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us), Departamento de Transportación de la Florida, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

For more information about the Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvements Project, please visit the website at <https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/839/445057-1-52-01>.

For more information, contact Justin Hall, Planning and Environmental Office (PLEMO) Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation by email [Justin.Hall@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Justin.Hall@dot.state.fl.us) or by phone at (813) 975-6427.

Sincerely,

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