# I-275 Pinellas Corridor

Section 2 FPIDs 424501-7, 449109-2, 449109-1, 444243-1



# **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.

### Improvements Under Construction

The project currently in construction includes widening the interstate to construct two buffer separated express lanes in each direction from north of 38th Avenue North to Gandy Boulevard. The project will also construct one additional express lane in each direction from Gandy Boulevard to north of 4th Street North.

A 12-foot-wide shared use path is being constructed along the north side of Ulmerton Road from Fountain Parkway North to west of I-275. Improvements will tie into the Gateway Expressway and Howard Frankland Bridge projects.

## **Future Improvements**

Future project improvements include widening the interstate to include two buffer separated express lanes in each direction from north of I-375 to north of 38th Avenue North. Lane continuity improvements are also planned from south of 54th Street South to north of 38th Avenue North.

#### IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$340 Million

Construction funded: FPIDs 449109-1, 444243-1

Not funded for construction: FPIDs 424501-7, 449109-2

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE (449109-1, 444243-1)

Construction Began August 2025 Estimated Completion Late 2030

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

September 24, 2019





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