

Howard Frankland Bridge

Section 3 FPID 4229042 Pinellas; 4229044 Hillsborough

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.

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The original Howard Frankland Bridge was constructed in 1959 and second bridge structure was constructed in 1991 to provide additional capacity across the Tampa Bay.

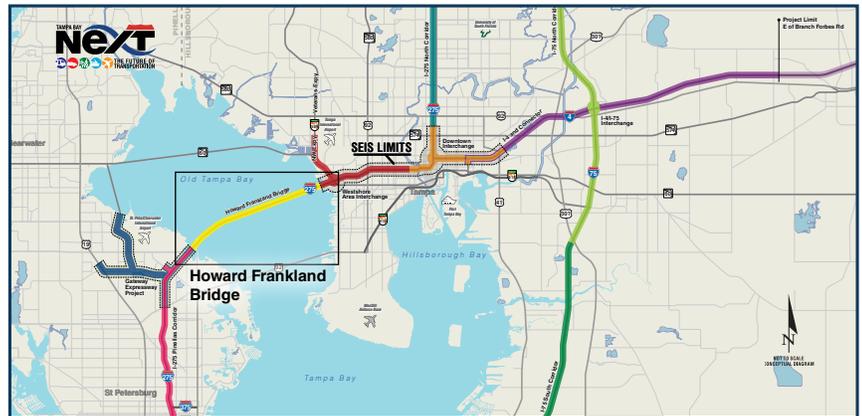
The Howard Frankland Bridge project will replace the existing northbound (1959) bridge to add capacity and alleviate traffic congestion on the most traveled bridge across the Tampa Bay. The new bridge will provide four general purpose lanes and two tolled express lanes in each direction. The tolled express lanes will provide additional capacity, relieve congestion and provide a more reliable travel time option for passenger and transit vehicles. The project will also include a bike/pedestrian path that will connect Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, which was requested by both the Hillsborough MPO and Forward Pinellas. This project requires no right of way.

The new design will improve incident management in emergency response situations and provide additional capacity along a critical evacuation route. To accommodate transit in the future, a portion of the new bridge will be designed and constructed to carry heavier loadings, up to a light rail transit system. Should light rail transit be locally supported for implementation, the existing southbound (1991) bridge would then be widened and travel lanes shifted to the widened bridge.

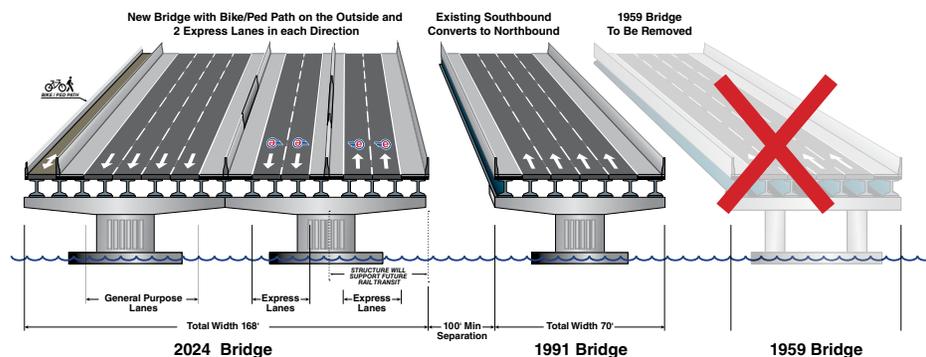
IN PROJECT DESIGN / CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE (as of Feb. 2019)*	\$814 Million Funded for construction
CONTRACT AWARD	Late 2019
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE	Anticipated to begin early 2020 Anticipated completion late 2024

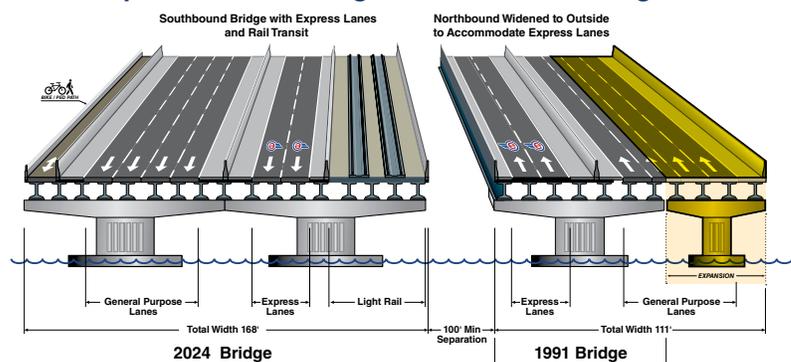
*Present Day Cost



Current Proposed Design



Proposed Future Design to Accommodate Light Rail



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