Gateway Expressway

FPID 433880-1-52-01

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.

The Gateway Expressway

The Gateway Expressway project is made up of two components.

- Constructing two new 4-lane elevated tolled roadways, to provide express connections from US 19 to I-275 and from the Bayside Bridge to I-275
- The widening of I-275 to add express tolled lanes (one lane in each direction) from south of Gandy Boulevard to 4th Street N

Overall, the Gateway Expressway project will change the existing roadway system to enhance safety, add capacity, and improve mobility. Among the project improvements:

- Construct SR 690, a new 4-lane tolled (static) expressway connection from US 19 to west of I-275
- Construct SR 686A, a new 4-lane elevated tolled (static) expressway from the Bayside Bridge (CR 611) to just west of I-275
- Reconstruct existing Roosevelt Boulevard from the Bayside Bridge to Ulmerton Road as two one-way non-tolled surface roads including new access configurations
- Reconstruct sections of existing US 19 and 118th Avenue N, including new ramps and flyover structures
- Include various improvements to interchanges, intersections, and ramps within the project limits

IN CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE \$595 Million

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE Construction start: August 17, 2018
Anticipated completion early 2023

CONTRACTOR: Archer Western - de Moya Joint Venture

*Present Day Cost





Work in front of the St. Pete-Clearwater International (PIE) Airport includes:

- Construction of a new airport access road parallel to SR 686
- Construction of a new signalized intersection at Terminal Boulevard
- Construction of a permanent roadway connection at Fairchild Drive north of the existing signal at Airport Parkway from Westbound SR 686

The project component along I-275 includes the design and construction of one tolled express lane in each direction (one northbound and one southbound) from south of Gandy Boulevard to north of 4th Street North. The new express lanes are in addition to existing general purpose (non-tolled) lanes.

Tolling

Tolling on SR 690 and SR 686A will be **static**, meaning the cost will remain the same at all hours. Express lanes on I-275 will be **dynamically** priced, meaning prices increase as the express lanes become more congested and decrease as congestion goes down. Dynamic pricing is designed to provide more reliable travel times, particularly during peak travel periods.

For further information about the Gateway Expressway project go to fdottampabay.com/project/235/433880-1-52-01

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