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## Interchange Improvements Coming to I-75 and Big Bend Road

Gibsonton, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation's contractor, Skanska USA Civil Southeast, Inc., has begun construction activities as part of the I-75 interchange improvements at CR 672 (Big Bend Road) Exit 246. Due to the rapid growth in southern Hillsborough County, the Florida Department of Transportation has partnered with the County to develop long-term solutions to help alleviate traffic congestion at this area of Riverview.

Improvements on this interchange project include:

- adding a new northbound I-75 entrance ramp from westbound Big Bend Road
- adding a new southbound I-75 exit ramp to westbound Big Bend Road
- adding a left-turn lane to the northbound I-75 exit ramp to westbound Big Bend Road
- adding dual right-turn lanes to the southbound I-75 exit ramp to westbound Big Bend Road
- adding a signalized triple right-turn lanes to the southbound I-75 exit ramp to eastbound Big Bend Road
- adding signalized dual left-turn movements from westbound Big Bend Road to southbound
  I-75 and eastbound Big Bend Road to northbound I-75
- widening Big Bend Road between Covington Garden Drive and Simmons Loop from a four-lane divided road to six lanes: featuring enhanced pedestrian, bicycle, and bus facilities
- rebuilding the Old Big Bend Road and Big Bend Road bridges

Construction activities are occurring during the daytime and nighttime hours. Work requiring lane closures will occur at night between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Occasionally, interstate ramps may close at night between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. for overhead signage and underpass work. Advanced warning signs and electronic message boards will assist motorists traveling through the area.

This interchange improvement project is expected to finish in the summer of 2025.

For more information on this project or to sign-up to receive construction updates and traffic alerts, please visit: <u>FDOTTampaBay.com</u>

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