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Public Information Open House (In-Person and Virtual)

I-275 Capacity Improvements Project from north of I-4 to north of US 92 (Hillsborough Avenue)
(Financial Project Numbers: 431821-2-52-01, 443770-1-52-01)
Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvements Project
(Financial Project Numbers: 445057-1-52-01, 445056-1-52-01, 445056-2-52-01)

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven invites you to attend and participate in a public information open house for the two projects listed above. The I-275 Capacity Improvement Project is currently in construction and extends along I-275 from north of I-4 to north of Hillsborough Avenue. The Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275/I-4) Safety and Operational Improvement Project is anticipated to begin construction in 2023. Both projects are in Hillsborough County, Florida. The open house will be held on **January 5, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We encourage you to participate at your convenience between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The **I-275 Capacity Improvements Project** includes adding one lane in each direction on I-275 from north of I-4 to north of Hillsborough Avenue (US 92). Other improvements include constructing noise barrier walls along most of the corridor, installing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices, and enhancing the underpasses at Floribaska Ave., Lake Ave., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chelsea St., Osborne Ave., and Hillsborough Ave. to provide wider sidewalks and upgraded underdeck lighting. All improvements are being completed within the existing right-of-way.

The **Downtown Tampa Interchange Safety and Operational Improvements Project** includes:

- Widening the southbound I-275 to eastbound I-4 flyover ramp to two lanes
- Modifying the exit ramp to Ybor City/East Tampa from 21st/22nd Streets to 14th/15th Streets
- Widening the westbound I-4 to northbound I-275 ramp from one to two lanes
- Widening the westbound I-4 to southbound I-275 exit from two to three lanes
- Providing trail connections to local networks and adjacent communities

The meeting will be held at an in-person location with an option to attend online. FDOT staff will be available to answer questions in-person and virtually via the online chat.

In-person

Location: C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Public Library
2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33610

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

Complimentary on-site parking and designated handicap parking are available. Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) bus routes 12 and 32 provide bus services to access C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Public Library.

Virtual/Online: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7199472816151689996>

Those who cannot attend in person, may participate virtually by registering and joining the GoToWebinar. A narrated presentation will be shown at 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. during the open house. Staff will be available throughout the open house to answer questions via the online chat function.

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: Jensen Hackett, FDOT Title VI Coordinator, at (813) 975-6283 or (800) 226-7220, or Jensen.Hackett@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, Departamento de Transporte de Florida, 11201 North McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

For more information about these projects, please visit the websites listed below:

I-275 Capacity Improvements: <https://www.fdot.com/project/706/431821-2-52-01>

I-275 Downtown Tampa Interchange: <https://www.fdot.com/project/839/445057-1-52-01>

For more information, contact Mary Lou Godfrey, P.E., Tampa Bay Next Program Manager, Florida Department of Transportation by email MaryLou.Godfrey@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (813) 975-6621.