



Florida Department of Transportation

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Re: Construction Open House - In-Person and Online
I-275 Capacity Improvements from north of I-4 to north of US 92 (Hillsborough Avenue)
Financial Project Numbers (FPN's): 431821-2-52-01 and 443770-1-52-01

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Construction Open House for capacity improvements on I-275 from north of I-4 to north of US 92 (Hillsborough Avenue) in Hillsborough County, Florida. The Open House will be held on **November 4, 2021**. There will be no formal presentation; therefore, we encourage you to participate at your convenience at the locations and hours listed below. Staff will be available to answer questions in-person, online and by phone from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The 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 reconstructing the underpasses at Floribraska Ave., Lake Ave., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chelsea St., Osborne Ave., and Hillsborough Ave. to provide wider sidewalks and bright underdeck lighting. All improvements are being completed within the department's existing right-of-way.

To allow for maximum participation, the Construction Open House will be held in two formats including an online virtual tour and at an in-person drive-thru location. Project staff will be available to answer questions as part of the virtual and drive-thru open house as well as by phone. Information presented will be identical at the virtual tour and in-person location.

In-person drive-thru location/hours:

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hillsborough County Schools Bus Transfer Ramp Parking Area

505 E. Osborne Avenue, Tampa, FL 33603

Enter from Cayuga Street, off of Central Avenue which is located just south of Osborne Avenue in Tampa. (Behind the Seminole Heights Library)

Drive-thru attendees will receive project literature and view the project tour. Attendees will be asked to remain in their vehicle while participating and will have the opportunity to ask questions or leave a comment.

Virtual/Online Tour:

Starting at 11:00 a.m. (An active link will be posted on November 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.) Staff will be available to answer questions through the tour from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Those who cannot attend in person, may participate virtually by visiting the project website <https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/706/431821-2-52-01>
The Virtual Tour will provide attendees an opportunity to view project information and ask questions.

Phone:

Call from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(813) 397-8005

If Project Staff are assisting other callers, please leave a message and your call will be returned during the open house hours or until the last call is returned.

Written questions or comments may also be submitted following the open house by email to Gregory.Deese@dot.state.fl.us or mailed to Gregory Deese, P.E., Resident Engineer – District 7 CCEI Construction, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612 or by phone at (813) 975 -3563.

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 Dr., Tampa, FL 33612.

For more information about this project, please visit the following project webpage:
<https://www.fdotampabay.com/project/706/431821-2-52-01>

Sincerely,
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