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FACT SHEET

Northbound Interstate 275

Tampa, Florida

Project Number 258398-1-52-01 & 258398-1-52-01

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Quick Facts

Project Scope

Reconstruct/Add Lanes
in a New Alignment

Project Limits

Himes Avenue to the
Hillsborough River

Corridor Length

2 miles

Contractor

PCL Civil
Constructors, Inc.

Construction Cost

\$109 million

Start Date

August 13, 2007

Finish Date

Spring 2010

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About the Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is making capacity and safety improvements to northbound Interstate 275 from Himes Avenue to the Hillsborough River in Tampa, Florida. The project will reconstruct a 3-lane roadway into a 4-lane roadway.

At the time of completion, the 4-lane northbound I-275 will be located to the outside of the existing roadway and the area where the existing roadway is located today will eventually be a grassy median. The median area will be reserved for future transportation needs. However, a portion of the existing northbound lanes will remain in place to be used for traffic during the rebuilding of the southbound lanes in a future project.

All crossing streets (Himes Ave., MacDill Ave., Armenia Ave., Howard Ave., Rome Ave., Willow Ave. and North Blvd.) will remain similar as before construction began.

The project improvements also include 8-foot noise walls (primarily barrier-mounted) next to densely developed residential areas and design treatments that complement the historic neighborhood.

Improvement Highlights

- Increase to 4 northbound lanes.
- Provide a median reserved for future transportation needs.
- New bridges will have improved height clearances. **[completed]**
- Shoulder-mounted 8-foot noise walls will be built next to densely developed residential areas. **[completed]**
- Increased median width.
- Improve lighting and drainage.

Traffic Flow

All existing travel lanes will be open during the day. This will allow maximum traffic flow during peak driving hours. Side street closures are allowed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Night Work

Night construction is needed to keep the lanes open during high use periods during the day. Mainline I-275 lane closures occur between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, as needed.

Safety Along the Corridor

To reduce delays caused by disabled vehicles and accidents, the FDOT has **Road Rangers** to assist motorists (at no cost to the motorist). The Road Ranger wreckers patrol the I-275 corridor daytime through late night, seven days-a-week.