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### **New Traffic Pattern Continues on US 19 from SR 580 to Tampa Road**

Clearwater, FL – The US 19 project team will continue implementing a new traffic pattern along US 19 from SR 580 (Main Street) to Tampa Road in Pinellas County. The traffic pattern switch will be fully implemented within the next three weeks.

The new traffic pattern will shift all northbound and southbound US 19 traffic inward allowing crews to perform construction activities along the outside travel lanes of the corridor. Continued U-turn access at signalized intersections at SR 580 (Main Street), Republic Drive/Hammock Pine Boulevard, SR 586 (Curlew Road), and Tampa Road will remain available. Three travel lanes will remain in each direction and this phase of construction will be in place through late 2025.

Advance warning signs and electronic message boards are in place to assist motorists traveling through the corridor. Motorists should use caution while traveling through the work zone and are reminded to remain alert for construction workers. Access to businesses and residences is being maintained. The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph for the safety of the crews and the travelling public.

The \$242.6 million project is modifying the existing six-lane divided highway to a six-lane controlled access roadway with one-way frontage roads in both directions of US 19 from SR 580 to the north of CR 95/CR 39. In addition, new interchanges will be constructed just north of Boy Scout Road and at SR 586 (Curlew Road) to improve traffic flow and safety along this corridor. This project is anticipated to finish in 2029.

For more information on the US 19 new interchanges and roadway improvements project or to sign-up to receive traffic alerts, please visit [FDOTtampabay.com](http://FDOTtampabay.com)

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