

# I-275 Capacity Improvements from north of I-4 to north US 92 (Hillsborough Ave)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is happening to I-275 north of the downtown Tampa Interchange?** The Florida Department of Transportation's contractor, Lane Construction is 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 fencing and 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. The cost of the project is \$85.3 million project and will be completed within the existing right-of-way.

**What impacts should motorists traveling along I-275 expect?** Construction activities are taking place during the daytime and nighttime hours. Work requiring lane closures will mostly occur at night between 9 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Please watch for workers, travel the speed limit and drive with caution.

**What impacts should motorists traveling on these local roads (Floribraska Ave., Lake Ave., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chelsea St., Osborne Ave., Hillsborough Ave.) expect?** Construction activities on local roads will occur during the daytime and nighttime hours. Most work requiring lane closures will occur at night between 9 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. In addition, planned closures of local roads may detour traffic for an extended period during underpass reconstruction work.

**What should communities expect during construction?** Due to high traffic volumes, some of the work will be done overnight. To construct the project, heavy machinery and lighting will be used during nighttime hours. Concrete and asphalt work may produce noise, vibration, and lighting impacts.

**What other closures can motorists expect?** Occasionally, interstate ramps may be closed for overhead signage work. These closures may occur at night between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Advanced warning signs and electronic message boards will assist motorists traveling through the area.

**Will I be able to get to my business or residence?** Yes, access will be maintained.

**When did construction start?** The project began on October 25, 2021.

**How long will this project take to complete?** Construction is expected to finish by early 2026.

**Will this project address the daily traffic congestion along SB I-275 as drivers exit to EB I-4?** Currently, motorists that use the Downtown Tampa Interchange experience congestion and significant traffic backups daily. Traffic flow improvements from southbound I-275 onto eastbound I-4 are part of the upcoming [Downtown Tampa Interchange Safety and Operational Improvement Project](#). Construction is anticipated to start in 2023.

**Who do I contact with questions on this project?** For more information, please contact Melissa Chin, FDOT Construction Project Manager by calling (813) 975-3573 or via email at [Melissa.Chin@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Melissa.Chin@dot.state.fl.us)

**Where can I find out about construction updates, planned lane closures and detours or to sign up to receive notifications?** Construction updates and traffic alerts will be posted in advance on the FDOT website [FDOTTampaBay.com](http://FDOTTampaBay.com) and emailed to those who signed up to receive project updates. Sign up at [FDOTTampaBay.com](http://FDOTTampaBay.com) or scan the QR code.



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