SR 580 (Skinner Boulevard) Improvements
from Alt US 19 (Broadway) to Bass Boulevard in Pinellas County

Frequently Asked Questions

What does this project include? Improvements include reducing travel lanes along Skinner Boulevard between Alt 19/Broadway and Oak Street to two lanes, constructing two single-lane roundabouts at Douglas Avenue and Highland Avenue, installing 10-foot-wide concrete sidewalk that connect to the Pinellas Trail, adding on-street parking, bus bays and bicycle lanes, installing a permanent pedestrian crossing signal at the Pinellas Trail, installing new mast arm signals at Bass Boulevard/Main Street and the Pinellas Trail, and adding decorative street lighting.
This project is a collaborative effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Dunedin, which aims to improve safety and mobility for all users by encouraging walkability and rideability, calming vehicular traffic, facilitating transit, and stimulating economic development.

Why are travel lanes being reduced from 4 lanes to 2 lanes? The reduction of travel lanes will help to lower vehicle speeds and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the Pinellas Trail. The final decision was based on a Lane Repurposing Study conducted by the Department at the City of Dunedin's request, which shows that lane reduction along the project limits will improve traffic calming and provide additional parking along Skinner Boulevard.

Why construct roundabouts? Roundabouts improve traffic flow and safety at intersections as they require less maintenance, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create an environment for walking and bicycling.

Can the contractor minimize the increased traffic on local roads during detours? Due to the existing temporary road closure along Skinner Boulevard (SR 580), at times, the community may experience increased traffic on local roads that are not part of the approved detour route. However, the project team continues coordinating with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to minimize speeding along Skinner Boulevard and side streets.

Why is construction happening during the day? The FDOT considers both the traveling public and the local community when determining what construction activities are permitted. Activities are looked at on a project-by-project basis, and all attempts are made to balance the needs of the entire community. Skinner Boulevard (SR 580) is an important east/west state roadway and a vital link in our transportation system. Due to the nearby residential homes, all construction activities are scheduled to occur during daytime hours.

What construction impacts should be anticipated? Unfortunately, noise and dust are inherent aspects of roadway improvement projects. Please know the contractor is doing their best to manage concerns within the project constraints and is making attempts to minimize future impacts.

Will I be able to get to my business or residence? Access to businesses and residents continue to be maintained.

Will business be compensated during construction? Compensation for loss of business is not provided by the FDOT; however, the contractor has made changes to the construction schedule to expedite the duration of this project. Initially, the FDOT planned for each roundabout to be built one at a time. The contractor submitted a proposal to construct both roundabouts at the same time, reducing the contract schedule from 440 days to 240 days.

Whom should I contact with questions on this project? For more information on the Skinner Boulevard improvements project, please email the FDOT at roadwork@dot.state.fl.us

Where can I find out about project updates and closures or sign up to receive notifications? Updates and closures are posted to the webpage found by visiting FDOTTampaBay.com or one can sign up to receive updates by scanning the following QR code.

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