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1. GENERAL INFORMATION (originally approved Environmental Document)

- a. Project Phase: Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation
- b. Document Type and Date of Approval: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation approved on November 22, 1996, and Records of Decision (RODs) approved on January 31, 1997, and June 14, 1999, as updated by the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), ROD, and Section 4(f) Use Determination approved on September 15, 2020. See attached FEIS cover page and RODs (Pages A-1 to A-20) and attached SEIS cover page (Page A-22).
- c. Project Numbers
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| <u>IR-9999 (43)</u> | <u>258337-1</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Federal Aid | WPIS | ETDM |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>258337-2</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Federal Aid | WPIS | ETDM |
- d. Project Local Name, Location, and Limits: Interstate 275 (I-275) from Howard Frankland Bridge to North of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Interstate 4 (I-4) from I-275 to East of 50th Street with New Alignment from I-4 South to the Existing Selmon Expressway and Improvements to the Selmon Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard Overpass East to Maydell Drive, Hillsborough County, Florida (see attached Project Location Maps from the approved 258337-1 FEIS and 258337-2 SEIS) (Pages A-21 and A-23).
- e. Segments of Highway Being Advanced: There are two roadway segments being advanced with this Construction Re-evaluation as shown on the Project Location Map on Page A-24.
- I-275/SR 93 from N of Howard Frankland Bridge to S of SR 60 Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation (WPIS: 447534-1)
 - Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation (WPIS: 447615-1)
- f. Prior Re-evaluations:
- I-4 (State Road [SR] 400) Westbound (WB) to I-275 (SR 93) Northbound (NB) from West of 14th Street to Floribrasca Avenue (WPIS: 445056-1) and I-275 (SR 93) Southbound (SB) I-4/SR 400 WB from North of Morgan Street to West of North 12th Street (WPIS: 445056-2) Design Change and ROW Re-evaluation approved on June 29, 2021. See attached Design Change and ROW Re-evaluation cover page (Pages A-25 to A-26).
 - I-4 (State Road [SR] 400) Westbound (WB) to I-275 (SR 93) Northbound (NB) from West of 14th Street to Floribrasca Avenue (WPIS: 445056-1), I-275 (SR 93) Southbound (SB) I-4/SR 400 WB from North of Morgan Street to West of North 12th Street (WPIS: 445056-2), and I-275 (SR 93) SB Off Ramp to I-4 from North of Floribrasca Avenue to West of 21st Street Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation (WPIS: 445057-1). (Pages A-27 to A-28)

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g. Project Segment Planning Consistency.

447534-1 I-275/SR 93 from North of Howard Frankland Bridge to South of SR 60

Currently Adopted CFP-LRTP	Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Hillsborough Transportation Plan, Hillsborough County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), page 58, adopted November 5, 2019 showing committed funding to the project between FY2026 and FY2030.				
Y/N	Y (Construction – \$1,298.23 million)				
Phase	Currently Approved TIP	Currently Approved STIP	TIP/STIP \$	TIP/STIP FY	Comments
Design	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Underway
ROW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	Yes	Yes	\$35,025,000	FY 2022	N/A

**Include pages from current TIP/STIP/LRTP*

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447615-1 Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street

Currently Adopted CFP-LRTP	Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Hillsborough Transportation Plan, Hillsborough County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), page 58, adopted November 5, 2019 showing committed funding to the project between FY2026 and FY2030.				
Y/N	Y (Construction – \$1,298 million)				
Phase	Currently Approved TIP	Currently Approved STIP	TIP/STIP \$	TIP/STIP FY	Comments
Design	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Underway
ROW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Underway
Construction	Yes	Yes	\$2,171,707	FY 2023	N/A

**Include pages from current TIP/STIP/LRTP*

h. Name of Analyst(s): Robin Rhinesmith

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2045 Hillsborough County LRTP Page

447534-1: I-275/SR 93 from N of Howard Frankland Bridge to S of SR 60, and 447615-1: Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street

FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Projects for 2020-2045 (in Millions YOY)				Project Costs (PDC-2018)																	
Map ID	FPN	Facility	Description	Project Costs (PDC-2018) Total	< FY 2025/26 ²			FY 2025/26-2029/30			Project Funding (YOY) ¹			FY 2030/31-2034/35			FY 2035/36-2044/45				
					Design	ROW	CST	Design	ROW	CST	Design	ROW	CST	Design	ROW	CST	Design	ROW	CST		
<i>Westshore Interchanges (I-275/SR60)</i>																					
S-1	412531-1/2	433636-7	I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge to E of Himes	Interchange reconstruction (add 2 toll express lanes each direction)	\$1,089.47		\$111.70		\$6.77			\$1,298.23									
S-2	433636-7	SR 60 from Cypress to N of Memorial Hwy	Interchange reconstruction (add 2 toll express lanes each direction)	\$239.50		\$60.49			\$1.36			\$230.79									
<i>I-275 Toll Express Lanes</i>																					
S-3	434045-2	I-275 from E of Himes to E of Hillsborough River	Add 2 toll express lanes (each direction)	\$152.61					\$1.31		N/A	\$202.29									
<i>Downtown Interchange Operational Improvements</i>																					
S-4	445056-1	445056-2	445057-1	I-275 at I-4	DTI Operational Improvement	\$189.90	\$0.10			\$1.94	\$2.90	\$247.42									
<i>I-275 North of Downtown Widening and Interchange Improvements</i>																					
S-5	443773-1	I-275 at MLK Blvd	Interchange Improvements	\$0.32								\$0.13						N/A	\$0.41		
S-6	431821-3	I-275 from N of Hillsborough Ave to S of Bearss Ave	Add 1 general use lane in each direction	\$196.97					\$2.03		N/A	\$260.63							N/A	\$4.84	
S-7	436732-2	I-275 at Hillsborough Ave	Interchange Improvements	\$2.42								\$0.13							N/A	\$5.00	
S-8	443775-1	I-275 at Busch Blvd	Interchange Improvements	\$70.51								\$0.88							\$1.65	\$147.92	
S-9	431821-4	I-275 at Bearss Ave	Interchange Improvements and Add 1 Lane in Each Direction from N of Bearss Ave	\$175.51								\$0.13							N/A	\$3.54	
S-10	443776-1	I-275 at Fowler Ave	Interchange Improvements	\$1.83								\$0.13							N/A	\$3.71	
<i>I-4 Express Lanes and Interchange Improvements</i>																					
S-12	431746-3	I-4 from W of Salmon Connector to E of Branch Forbes Rd	Add 2 express lanes (each direction)	\$875.88	\$7.36							\$31.01	\$1,317.39								
S-13	431746-4	I-4 from E of Branch Forbes to Polk Parkway	Add 2 express lanes (each direction)	\$306.30								\$2.99	N/A	\$477.10							
S-14	436726-1	I-4 WB from W of I-75 to E of Mango	Modify interchange/New WB CD Road	\$50.81					\$127	\$12.07	\$50.09										
S-15	430337-1	I-4 WB from W of Orient Rd to W of I-75	Modify interchange/New WB CD Road	\$101.29	\$6.11	\$2.68						\$123.80									
S-16	430338-1	I-4 EB from E of Orient Rd to W of I-75	Modify interchange/New EB CD Road	\$117.03	\$2.95							\$10.30	\$63.23								
<i>I-75 Express Lanes and Interchange Improvements</i>																					
S-17	49235-5	I-75 from Manatee County to S of US 301	Add 2 express lanes (each direction)	\$819.96								\$5.51							\$35.00	\$1,696.08	
S-18	49235-6	I-75 from US 301 to N of Bruce B Downs	Add 2 express lanes (each direction) plus I-75/I-4 Interchange Reconstruction	\$1,657.82								\$11.84							\$100.00		
<i>\$1,745.98 in unfunded CST (PDC-2018)</i>																					
S-19	TBD	I-75 from N of Bruce B Downs to N of I-75/I-275 Apex	Add 2 express lanes (each direction)	\$26.75								\$26.75									
S-20	437650-2	I-75 at Gibsonton	Interchange Improvements	\$37.80	\$4.48														N/A	\$72.49	
S-21	430673-3	I-75/I-275 CD Rd from S of County Line Rd to County Line Rd (Phase II)	Modify interchange/New SB CD road	\$13.20	\$2.08						N/A	\$14.86									
S-22	427454-3	I-75 NB on ramp from NB US 301 to NB I-75	Ramp widening	\$5.89	\$1.05	N/A	\$5.54														
<i>Other SIS Improvements</i>																					
S-23	440749-1	US 41/ SR 45/S 50th St - CSX Grade Separation S of Causeway Blvd	Grade separation/New bridge	\$140.39	\$5.44	\$63.68						\$95.29									
S-24	430056-2	US 41/ SR 45/S 50th St from S of Pendola Point Rd/Medison Ave to S of Causeway Blvd	Add 1 lane each direction ³	\$26.04	\$1.48							\$4.90	\$30.91								
S-25	441250-2	US 92/SR 600/GANDY BLVD from W of Gandy Bridge to East End of Gandy Bridge	Bridge Replacement and Trail	\$381.68								\$5.28	N/A								
<i>\$378.40 in unfunded CST (PDC-2018)</i>																					
S-26	441250-3	US 92/SR 600/GANDY BLVD from East End of Gandy Bridge to West Shore Blvd	Operational Improvements and Trail	\$10.36								\$1.91	N/A								
<i>\$8.45 in unfunded CST (PDC-2018)</i>																					
S-27	436750-1	SR 60 from Valrico Rd to E of Dover Rd	Add Lanes and Reconstruct	\$49.83	\$4.00							\$15.60	\$40.14								
Totals				\$6,788.63	\$35.07	\$258.45	\$5.54	\$14.68	\$30.77	\$15.60	\$40.14	\$2,541.53	\$55.70	\$46.21	\$1,988.64	\$0.00	\$136.65	\$1,034.00			

¹"ROW" represents "right-of-way", "CST" represents "construction" and N/A represents "not applicable".
²This Funding Time Phase is based on FDOT draft Tentative Work Program through FY 2025 which is not yet approved.
³Constrained road, amendment to Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan needed prior to advancing

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2. EVALUATION OF CHANGES

		YES / NO	COMMENTS
A. SOCIAL & ECONOMIC			
1.	Social	[] [X]	_____
2.	Economic	[] [X]	_____
3.	Land Use Changes	[] [X]	_____
4.	Mobility	[] [X]	_____
5.	Aesthetic Effects	[] [X]	_____
6.	Relocation Potential	[] [X]	_____
7.	Farmlands	[] [X]	_____
B. CULTURAL			
1.	Section 4(f) Lands	[] [X]	_____
2.	Historic Sites/Districts	[] [X]	_____
3.	Archaeological Sites	[] [X]	_____
4.	Recreation Areas	[] [X]	_____
C. NATURAL			
1.	Wetlands and Other Surface Waters	[] [X]	_____
2.	Aquatic Preserves and Outstanding Florida Waters	[] [X]	_____
3.	Water Quality	[] [X]	_____
4.	Wild and Scenic Rivers	[] [X]	_____
5.	Drainage and Floodplains	[] [X]	_____
6.	Coastal Zone Consistency	[] [X]	_____
7.	Coastal Barrier Resources	[] [X]	_____
8.	Protected Species and Habitat	[] [X]	_____
9.	Essential Fish Habitat	[] [X]	_____
D. PHYSICAL			
1.	Highway Traffic Noise	[] [X]	_____
2.	Air Quality Analysis	[] [X]	_____
3.	Contamination	[] [X]	_____
4.	Utilities and Railroads	[] [X]	_____
5.	Scenic Highways	[] [X]	_____
6.	Construction	[] [X]	_____
7.	Bicycles and Pedestrians	[] [X]	_____
8.	Navigation	[] [X]	_____

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3. EVALUATION OF MAJOR DESIGN CHANGES AND REVISED DESIGN CRITERIA (e.g., Typical Section Changes, Alignment Shifts, Right-of-Way Changes, Bridge to Box Culvert, Drainage Requirements, Revised Design Standards).

There are two project design segments that are the subject of this re-evaluation. The Project Location Map (Figure 1) shows the limits of each project.

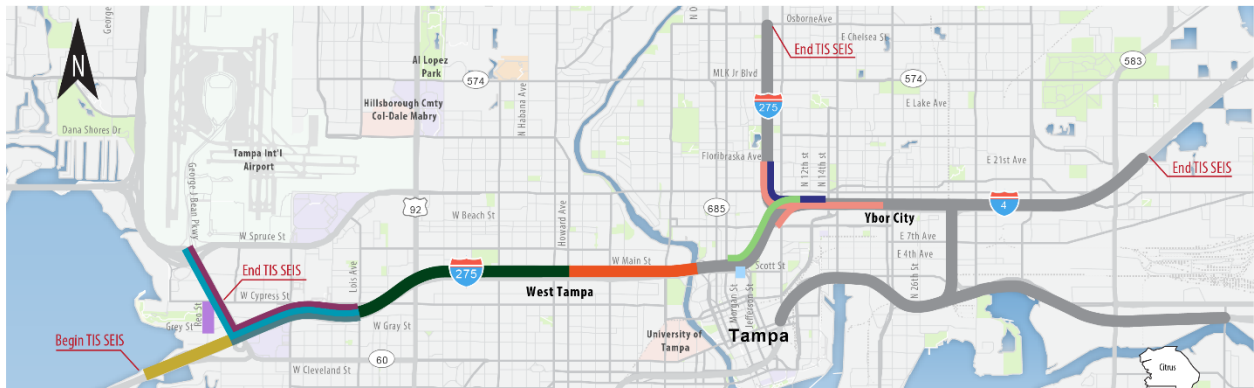
Project Limits: The project segments are located within the TIS SEIS PD&E Study limits. Segment numbers showing the latest updated project limits are listed below and are consistent with FDOT's 5-Year Work Program.

- I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Frankland Bridge to south of SR 60 (WPIS: 447534-1) **THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CONSTRUCTION ADVERTISEMENT RE-EVALUATION.**
- Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street (WPIS: 447615-1) **THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CONSTRUCTION ADVERTISEMENT RE-EVALUATION. ROW Acquisition begun.**
- I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street (WPIS 447107-2)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway.
- I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue (WPIS 447107-3)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway.
- I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street (WPIS 447107-4)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway.
- I-275/SR 93 from north of Lois Avenue to north of Howard Avenue (WPIS 434045-2)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway.
- I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Avenue to north of Hillsborough River (WPIS 434045-3)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway.
- I-4 (SR 400) WB to I-275 (SR 93) NB from West of 14th Street to Floribaska Avenue (WPIS: 445056-1)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun.
Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved.
- I-275 (SR 93) SB I-4/SR 400 WB from north of Morgan Street to west of North 12th Street (WPIS: 445056-2)
Status: Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved.
- I-275 (SR 93) SB Off Ramp to I-4 from north of Floribaska Avenue to west of 21st Street (WPIS: 445057-1)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun.
Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved.
- Scott Street from North Morgan Street to North Jefferson Street (WPIS 447616-1)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway.

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Figure 1: Project Location Map

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| <p>I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Frankland Bridge to south of SR 60
(WPIS: 447534-1)
Status: This segment is the subject of this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation.</p> | <p>I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street
(WPIS: 447107-2)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway</p> | <p>I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue
(WPIS: 447107-3)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway</p> |
| <p>I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street
(WPIS: 447107-4)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway</p> | <p>I-275/SR 93 from north of Lois Avenue to north of Howard Avenue
(WPIS: 434045-2)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway</p> | <p>I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Avenue to north of Hillsborough River
(WPIS: 434045-3)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway</p> |
| <p>I-4 (SR 400) WB to I-275 (SR 93) NB from West of 14th Street to Floribraska Avenue
(WPIS: 445056-1)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved.</p> | <p>I-275 (SR 93) SB/I-4/SR 400 WB from North of Morgan Street to West of North 12th Street
(WPIS: 445056-2)
Status: Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved</p> | <p>I-275 (SR 93) SB Off Ramp to I-4 from North of Floribraska Avenue to West of 21st Street
(WPIS: 445057-1)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved</p> |
| <p>Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street
(WPIS: 447615-1)
Status: This Segment is the Subject of this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation. ROW Acquisition begun.</p> | <p>Scott Street from North Morgan Street to North Jefferson Street
(WPIS: 447616-1)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway</p> | |



I-275(SR93)
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from North of Howard Frankland Bridge to South of SR 60
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Reo Street
Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation
from Gray Street to Cypress Street
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WPIS: 447615-1



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History

WPIS #s: 447534-1 and 447615-1

SEIS Section 1A - Work Program Item Segment Number 258337-2 (July 2020)

Segments 1A and 2A of the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) SEIS included portions of I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge (HFB) to North of US 92 (N Dale Mabry Hwy) within the Tampa area. It was approved on September 15, 2020. The SEIS proposed the full reconstruction of the Westshore Area Interchange including the addition of two tolled express lanes in each direction along the I-275 corridor with direct connections from the HFB to the Veterans Expressway, Tampa International Airport (TIA), Westshore Business District, and Downtown Tampa. The typical section for I-275 consists of 3 to 4 general use lanes in both directions separated from 2 express lanes in both directions. The SEIS proposed one stormwater management facility (SMF 3) within the project limits, which is located along the south side of I-275 at Reo Street and consists of three separate ponds.

Shared Use Path: In TIS SEIS Segments 1A and 2A, a proposed shared use path along HFB will link to Reo Street and Cypress Point Park. The multi-use trail will be added along the southbound side of I-275 from north of the Howard Frankland Bridge to Reo Street, at which point it will turn north along the west side of Reo Street and will ultimately connect to the Cypress Point Park trail.

Reo Street: The SEIS also included the widening of Reo Street. Reo Street is proposed to be widened from Executive Drive to Cypress Street. The proposed typical section includes two southbound lanes, a two-way left turn lane, and a single northbound lane. The two-way left turn lane will provide left-turn access to adjacent commercial properties on both sides of Reo Street without contributing to congestion in the through lanes. Widening on Cypress Street at the intersection with Reo Street will accommodate an additional left turn lane from westbound Cypress Street to southbound Reo Street and a single right turn lane from eastbound Cypress Street to southbound Reo Street. Additionally, a shared use path is proposed along the west side of Reo Street providing connectivity from the proposed shared-use path across the Howard Frankland Bridge to Cypress Point Park. The roadway widening and shared-use path create impacts to five identified commercial properties, including some parking impacts. However, the widening does not impact Cypress Point Park. The City of Tampa will acquire four right of way takings north of Gray Street. As a separate project, the City of Tampa will extend the existing trail within the Cypress Point Park to connect to the shared use path improvements included in the SEIS.

Commitments: The SEIS proposed several commitments, and two were applicable to this project.

- Construction – The SEIS lists several activities that will result in temporary air, noise, water quality, traffic flow, and visual impacts for those residents, businesses, and travelers within the immediate vicinity of the project. Those that are not outlined in *FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* have been added to the General Notes in the Phase II Plans.
- Noise Barriers – The SEIS provides a commitment related to noise abatement measures. No noise barriers were identified within these project limits.

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In the April 2018 Natural Resources Evaluation (NRE) for Segments 1A and 2A, the FDOT committed to the following measures for the protection of protected species with a concurrence provided by USFWS on June 17, 2018.

- a. The FDOT will incorporate the *Construction Special Provisions Gulf Sturgeon Protection Guidelines (NMFS/USFWS)*.
- b. The FDOT will incorporate the *Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake (USFWS)* during construction.
- c. The FDOT will incorporate the *Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work (FWC)* during construction.
- d. The FDOT will incorporate the *Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions (NMFS)* during construction.
- e. No night-time in-water work will be performed. In-water work can be conducted from official sunrise until official sunset times.
- f. Special conditions for manatees will be addressed during construction and include the following:
 - Two dedicated (minimum one primary), experienced manatee observers will be present when in-water work is performed. Primary observers should have experience observing manatees in the wild on construction projects similar to this one.
 - All siltation barriers or coffer dams should be checked at least twice a day, in the morning and in the evening, for manatees that may become entangled or entrapped at the site.
 - Barges will be equipped with fender systems that provide a minimum standoff distance of four feet between wharves, bulkheads, and vessels moored together to prevent crushing manatees. All slow speed or no wake zones will apply to all work boats and barges associated with construction.
 - Although culverts are unlikely for this project, culverts larger than eight inches and less than eight feet in diameter in areas potentially accessible by manatees will be grated to prevent manatee entrapment.

Status (Phase II Plans – 447534-1 I-275/SR 93 FROM N OF HOWARD FRANKLAND BRIDGE TO S OF SR 60):

The Phase II Plans dated November 2021 were compared to the concept plans provided in the TIS SEIS Segments 1A and 2A PD&E study. The purpose of these improvements is to set the permanent alignment of the shared use path along southbound I-275. At the southern end of the Phase II Plans, 400 feet of transition area is included to tie into the ultimate southbound Howard Frankland Bridge.

The alignment and number of lanes proposed on SB I-275 has not changed.

The proposed adjacent trail/shared use path remains 12 feet wide (except 10 feet wide along Ramp N) with the same alignment shown in the SEIS.

Additionally, the realignment of Ramp N (connecting westbound SR 60 to southbound I-275) aligns with the proposed trail.

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Drainage: The Phase II Plans do not include any proposed ponds/SMFs. An existing “Pond 2” is noted on the Drainage Maps.

Protected Species: The construction provisions and measures for protected species will be incorporated during construction and have also been included as proposed protective measures in the permit applications for the project. Grates for culverts larger than eight inches and less than eight feet in diameter potentially accessible by manatees are shown on the design plans. Consultation with the NMFS was re-initiated on June 30, 2021 to provide additional design-level details required for evaluation of potential hydroacoustic impacts and request concurrence for species under their purview. The NMFS provided concurrence in a letter dated September 24, 2021 (SERO-2021-01564). The following additional commitments were included for NMFS-jurisdictional species as part of this consultation:

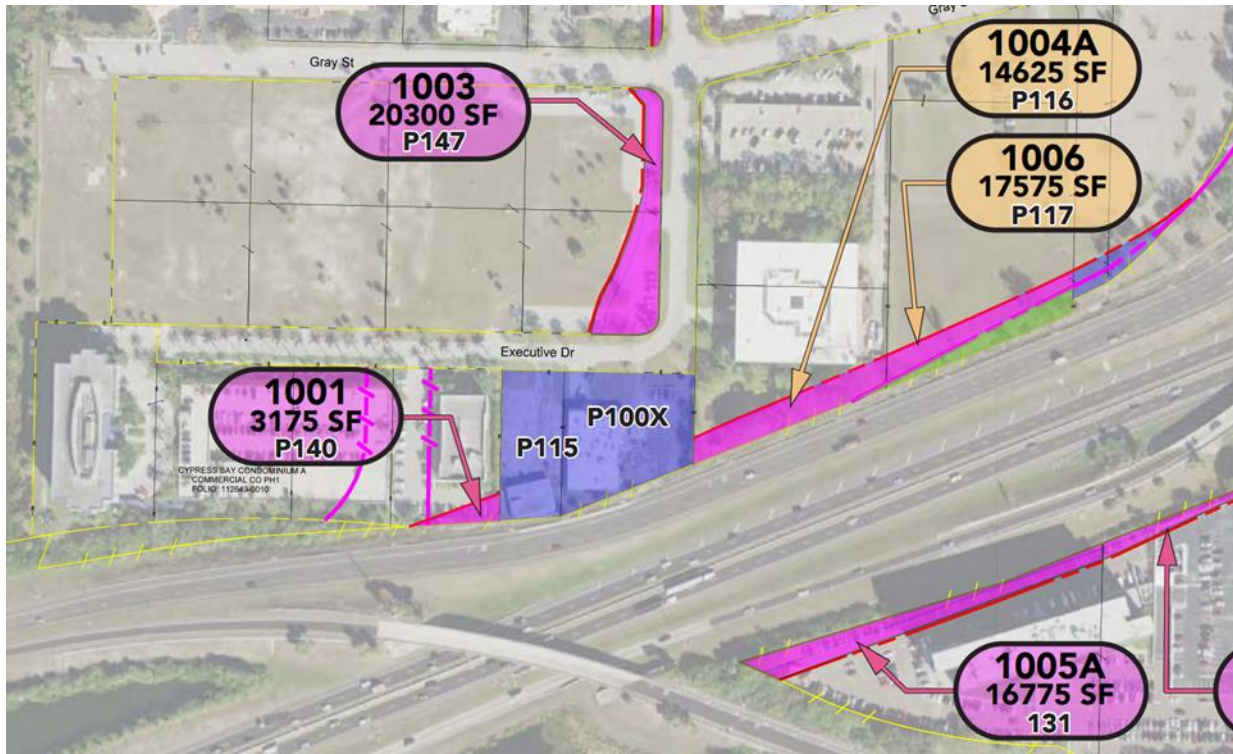
- a. The FDOT commits to restricting the Contractor from conducting sheet pile driving (or any other pile driving activities) between 30 minutes prior to the official sunset and 30 minutes after the official sunrise. All other non-sheet pile driving construction activities taking place in water may occur during this period.
- b. Sheet pile driving and pipe pile installation will be performed with a vibratory hammer (with pipe pile proofing done with use of an impact hammer utilizing a ramp up procedure). If any other method other than a vibratory hammer is proposed to install sheet pile or pipe piles, the ESA Section 7 consultation will be re-initiated with the NMFS by the FDOT, and a noise abatement and noise monitoring program will be developed. Use of another method is not permitted until ESA Section 7 consultation is complete.
- c. The FDOT will incorporate the *NMFS Southeast Region Protected Species Construction Conditions* for the giant manta ray, sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish.
- d. Blasting during construction or demolition is not anticipated. If explosives are proposed for any portion of the project in a NMFS resource area, a project-specific Blast and Watch Plan will be developed, and the FDOT will re-initiate ESA Section 7 consultation with the NMFS and USFW. The FDOT will coordinate with the FWC regarding potential effects of the proposed blasting on listed species. Blasting is not allowed until that consultation is complete.
- e. All siltation barriers will be checked at least twice daily, in the morning and in the evening, for wildlife that may have become entangled or entrapped in the site.
- f. Barge or other marine vessels movement will be restricted to areas permitted for permanent impact, areas outside of seagrass boundaries, or within areas where the vessel can maintain a minimum one-foot clearance over the seagrass bed. Barge or other vessel anchorage is not allowed in seagrass beds unless those areas are permitted for seagrass impact by the USACE permit. The contractor will be required to demarcate the permitted limit of construction in seagrass areas to prevent encroachment into those areas.

ROW: Phase II Plans do not identify any proposed right of way.

Structures: There are no proposed structures shown on the Phase II Plans.

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Figure 2: Existing and Proposed ROW from SEIS



Status (Phase II Plans – 447615-1 REO STREET FROM GRAY STREET TO CYPRESS STREET):

The Phase II Plans dated October 2021 were compared to the concept plans provided in the SEIS PD&E study. The future condition of the Reo Street “punch through” and trail under I-275 is shown on the Phase II Plans in light gray for reference. The southbound inside thru lane along **Reo Street** is labeled as “thru/right”; however, this should be “right turn only” since there is only one receiving lane along westbound Gray St, which is consistent with the SEIS. Adjacent to Cypress Point Park, reconstruction is now proposed along Reo St, which was assumed as widening in the SEIS but doesn’t change the footprint. The proposed **trail** along the west side of Reo St was extended slightly to the north approximately 60 feet, where newly proposed **sidewalk** was added along the east side of Reo St from Cypress Center Dr to Cypress St but remains within the existing right of way.

The western limits of proposed widening along **Cypress St** was extended to the west approximately 40 feet. Proposed **sidewalk** was added along the north side of Cypress St at the intersection with Reo St.

Drainage: There are no proposed ponds within the project limits.

Protected Species: The construction provisions and measures for protected species will be incorporated during construction and have also been included as proposed protective measures in the permit applications for the project. Grates for culverts larger than eight inches and less than eight feet in diameter potentially accessible by manatees are shown on the design plans.

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Consultation with the NMFS was re-initiated on June 30, 2021 to provide additional design-level details required for evaluation of potential hydroacoustic impacts and request concurrence for species under their purview. The NMFS provided concurrence in a letter dated September 24, 2021 (SERO-2021-01564). The following additional commitments were included for NMFS-jurisdictional species as part of this consultation:

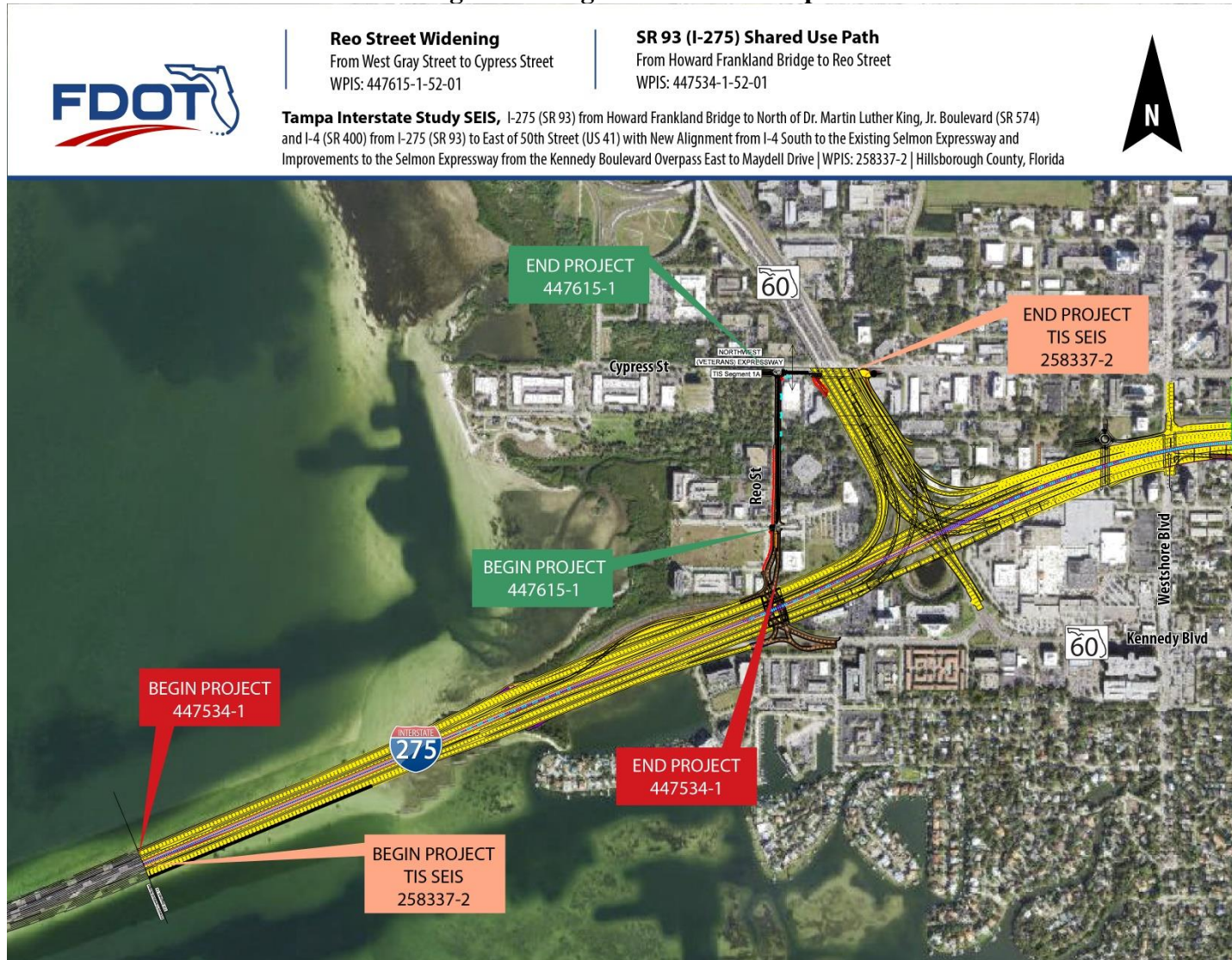
- g. The FDOT commits to restricting the Contractor from conducting sheet pile driving (or any other pile driving activities) between 30 minutes prior to the official sunset and 30 minutes after the official sunrise. All other non-sheet pile driving construction activities taking place in water may occur during this period.
- h. Sheet pile driving and pipe pile installation will be performed with a vibratory hammer (with pipe pile proofing done with use of an impact hammer utilizing a ramp up procedure). If any other method other than a vibratory hammer is proposed to install sheet pile or pipe piles, the ESA Section 7 consultation will be re-initiated with the NMFS by the FDOT, and a noise abatement and noise monitoring program will be developed. Use of another method is not permitted until ESA Section 7 consultation is complete.
- i. The FDOT will incorporate the *NMFS Southeast Region Protected Species Construction Conditions* for the giant manta ray, sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish.
- j. Blasting during construction or demolition is not anticipated. If explosives are proposed for any portion of the project in a NMFS resource area, a project-specific Blast and Watch Plan will be developed, and the FDOT will re-initiate ESA Section 7 consultation with the NMFS and USFW. The FDOT will coordinate with the FWC regarding potential effects of the proposed blasting on listed species. Blasting is not allowed until that consultation is complete.
- k. All siltation barriers will be checked at least twice daily, in the morning and in the evening, for wildlife that may have become entangled or entrapped in the site.
- l. Barge or other marine vessels movement will be restricted to areas permitted for permanent impact, areas outside of seagrass boundaries, or within areas where the vessel can maintain a minimum one-foot clearance over the seagrass bed. Barge or other vessel anchorage is not allowed in seagrass beds unless those areas are permitted for seagrass impact by the USACE permit. The contractor will be required to demarcate the permitted limit of construction in seagrass areas to prevent encroachment into those areas.

ROW: Proposed right of way is consistent with the approved SEIS.

Structures: Existing Bridge No. 105908 (concrete box culvert) is located along Reo Street just south of Cypress Point Park and is shown to remain. There are no proposed structures shown on the Phase II Plans.

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Figure 3: Original PD&E Concept



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4 COMMITMENT STATUS

Project Commitments from the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation approved on November 22, 1996, and Records of Decision (RODs) approved on January 31, 1997, and June 14, 1999, as updated by the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), ROD, and Section 4(f) Use Determination approved on September 15, 2020:

1. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: The planned interstate improvements include provisions for the future development of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations on cross streets beneath the interstate. FDOT is committed to developing new interstate overpasses, which ensure that all cross streets have sufficient room to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians during future local road improvement projects.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: To date, provisions at all cross streets have been made where bridge structures have been added or replaced. In TIS Segment 1A and 2A, the Preferred Alternative will reconstruct and add new bridges that accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In TIS Segments 2B and 3A, where many of the structures will be widened, sloped embankment at underpasses with constrained right-of-way (ROW) will be cut back, and vertical walls constructed to provide a wider and better connection to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In TIS Segments 1A and 2A, a new HFB Shared Use Path will link to Reo Street/Cypress Point Park and FDOT will fill trail gaps within the West Tampa Greenway where existing FDOT right-of-way (ROW) allow. In TIS Segments 2B and 3A, the trail located within the Tampa Heights Greenway will be extended within existing FDOT ROW, if feasible, south to Perry Harvey Sr. Park and north to Robles Park. Parallel trails, adjacent to I-4 and within existing FDOT ROW, connecting Tampa Heights Greenway to Ybor, East Tampa and the City of Tampa's Green Spine will be evaluated in final design. FDOT will continue to work closely with the City of Tampa on the interstate connections to local roadways; potential bicycle, pedestrian, and trail connections; interstate underpasses; and local streetscape and traffic calming.

Status: Phase II plans (447615-1 Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street) (November 2021) identify the proposed trail along the west side of Reo Street and its extension slightly to the north, approximately 60 feet, where newly proposed sidewalk was added along the east side of Reo Street from Cypress Center Drive to Cypress Street within the existing right of way. There is no change in status.

Status: Phase II plans (447534-1 I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge to Reo Street) (November 2021) identify a 12 feet wide trail/shared use path (except 10 feet wide along Ramp N) with the same alignment shown in the SEIS. There is no change in status.

2. Construction

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: Construction activities will result in temporary air, noise, water quality, traffic flow, and visual impacts for those residents, businesses, and travelers within the immediate vicinity of the project. The impacts will be effectively controlled in accordance with FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. In addition to the following accepted standards, the FDOT is committed to implementing the following specific construction impact mitigation measures:

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- a. The Contractor will use static rollers for compaction of embankment, subgrade, base, asphalt, etc.
- b. Pile driving operations will be restricted to the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. to avoid interfering with any adjacent noise sensitive land uses or a different foundation design will be considered, i.e., drilled shaft.
- c. Preformed pile holes will be required where they are in proximity to vibration sensitive land uses to minimize vibration transfers.
- d. Back-up alarm noise from heavy equipment and trucks will be minimized by requiring the Contractor to operate in forward passes or a figure-eight pattern when dumping, spreading, or compacting materials.
- e. Restriction of operating hours for lighting the construction areas will be determined and required of the Contractor prior to beginning construction activities requiring lighting.
- f. Coordination with the local law enforcement agencies will be undertaken prior to commencing construction activities to ensure that construction-related impacts are minimized or adequately mitigated when work during non-daylight hours is required.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: Since 1996, many of the above construction commitments have been incorporated as a standard part of FDOT's *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*. Consequently, the 1996 commitment language was replaced with language that goes beyond the standard specifications.

FDOT will continue to implement the following the measures outlined in FDOT's *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*.

1. To avoid interfering with any adjacent noise sensitive land uses, pile driving operations will be restricted to the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. or a different foundation design will be considered, i.e. drilled shaft.
2. Back-up alarm noise from heavy equipment and trucks will be minimized in areas with noise sensitive land uses by requiring the Contractor to operate in forward passes or a figure-eight pattern when dumping, spreading or compacting materials.

Status: FDOT will continue to implement measures outlined in FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Activities within the immediate vicinity of the project that are not outlined in FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction have been added to the General Notes in the Phase II plans (447615-1 Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street) (November 2021) and the Phase II plans (447534-1 I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge to Reo Street) (November 2021).

3. Noise Barriers

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: Due to the high number of noise sensitive sites identified and evaluated and in response to public comments received throughout the study, FDOT and the FHWA are committed to providing noise barriers as part of the project. FDOT is committed to providing noise barriers that meet both the acoustic and aesthetic goals of the project as identified in the *TIS Master Plan Report* and the *TIS Urban Design Guidelines* and the *Noise Study Report*. Specific noise abatement measures will be reevaluated during final design.

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2020 TIS SEIS Status: FDOT continues to be committed to provide noise barriers that meet both acoustic and aesthetic goals for the project and to reevaluate noise abatement measures during final design.

FDOT will reconstruct noise barriers that would be altered in length or location as a result of the Preferred Alternative in locations similar to where they currently exist. FDOT will construct a visual barrier on the south side of I-275 between Westshore Boulevard and Lois Avenue and at the southern end of Church Street along the entrance ramp from Dale Mabry Highway. In addition, ROW barriers (not shoulder barriers) will be evaluated for feasibility of early construction phasing to buffer residential areas from construction activities.

Status: Noise has been reconfirmed. This project is not predicted to experience noise levels that approach, meet, or exceed the FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC). Therefore, noise barriers were not recommended as part of this project. There is no change in status.

4. Historic Resources

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: A Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been prepared to address mitigation measures for direct and indirect impacts to historic resources. The MOA includes FDOT commitments for the mitigation of impacts to historic structures within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) including the proposed moving and rehabilitation of certain historic structures and numerous design amenities defined in the *TIS Urban Design Guidelines*.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: A Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) Update (FDOT, 2018, j), CRAS Update Addendum (FDOT, 2020, e) and Section 106 Effects Analysis Report (FDOT, 2020, f) have been prepared for the TIS SEIS and both SHPO and FHWA have concurred with their findings. Although the Preferred Alternative directly impacts five contributing resources within the Ybor City NHL District (TIS Segment 2B), these five contributing resources were impacted by the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative. In addition, the number of resources impacted has been significantly reduced with the Preferred Alternative. There are no new adverse effects that fall outside of the original 1996 analysis and that were not already being mitigated in the TIS FEIS Section 106 MOA. The Stipulations in the MOA continue to be implemented.

Status: The two project segments being advanced with this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation are not located within any historic districts and are not within the area that was mitigated with the TIS MOA. There is no change in status to the TIS MOA.

5. Urban Design Guidelines

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: FDOT developed the TIS Urban Design Guidelines, approved by FHWA in December 1994, to minimize indirect adverse visual and auditory impacts to land uses adjacent to the system and to users of the freeway. The TIS Urban Design Guidelines will serve as guidelines and mitigation measures for the Section 106 process by providing design standards for unique areas within the corridor including West Tampa, Ybor City, Seminole Heights, Tampa Heights, Downtown Tampa, and the Westshore area. In addition, the TIS Urban Design Guidelines specify mitigation measures for indirect adverse effects to historic properties and communities in the vicinity of the project. The TIS Urban Design

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Guidelines provide guidance on specific aesthetic design requirements for bridge structures; retaining walls and embankments; noise barriers; lighting, fencing, and sign supports; stormwater and surface water management areas; landscaping; public art; utilities; mounds and grading; and recreation facilities.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: FDOT has implemented the TIS Urban Design Guidelines on all reconstruction projects to date and continues to be committed to implementing the TIS Urban Design Guidelines. In TIS Segment 1A and 2A, the Preferred Alternative will reconstruct and add new bridges that can accommodate all provisions within the TIS Urban Design Guidelines. FDOT will clear span over Westshore Boulevard, retain Lemon Street extension between Westshore Boulevard and Occident Street, provide openings under I-275 for Occident and Trask Streets, and provide a two-way extension of Reo Street to Kennedy Boulevard. In TIS Segments 2B and 3A where many of the structures will be widened instead of reconstructed as part of the Preferred Alternative, sloped embankment at underpasses with constrained ROW will be cut back, and vertical walls constructed to provide a wider more open underpass area and better connection to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In addition, during design, a feasibility analysis will be undertaken for additional east-west connection within FDOT ROW (remainder parcels) evaluating connections between Tampa Heights Greenway to Ybor, East Tampa, and the City of Tampa's Green Spine.

Status: To minimize indirect adverse visual and auditory impacts to land uses adjacent to the interstate system and to users of the system, the Phase II plans (447615-1 Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street) (November 2021) and the Phase II plans (447534-1 I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge to Reo Street) (November 2021) identify visual buffer areas, design amenities such as a shared use path, and aesthetic details consistent with the aesthetic of adjacent communities and the TIS Urban Design Guidelines. There is no change in status for the segments being advanced with this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation.

6. HART Northern Transit Terminal and Maintenance Facility on 21st Street

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: In the 1996 TIS FEIS, FDOT committed to providing a new facility as part of the Selected Alternative.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: This commitment has been completed and fulfilled. The North Transit Terminal has been relocated.

Status: This commitment has been completed and fulfilled. The North Transit Terminal has been relocated and is not within the limits of the segments being advanced with this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation. There is no change in status.

7. Parks and Recreational Facilities

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: The Long-Term Preferred Alternative for this project involves the "use" of land from one City of Tampa park requiring a Section 4(f) Evaluation. In an effort to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts, several avoidance alternatives were evaluated. The FHWA has determined that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of a limited amount of land from Perry Harvey Park for public transportation purposes. The FDOT is committed to mitigating the potential impacts to Perry

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Harvey Park. Conceptual mitigation plans have been prepared for the park, coordinated with the City of Tampa and presented to the community for input. Mitigation includes berms, landscape materials, a noise barrier, realignment of walkways and paths, replacement of the skateboard facility at a location to be designated by the City, and relocation of the Kid Mason Fendall Center into the Perry Harvey Park.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: The Preferred Alternative will not impact the Perry Harvey, Sr. Park.

The SEIS Preferred Alternative will require a temporary occupancy of the northeastern corner of the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park for the construction of a bridge that spans a 0.017-acre portion of the northeastern corner of the park. FDOT will comply with 23 CFR 774.13(d) to ensure that the temporary occupancy does not constitute a “use” of the resource as outlined in the City of Tampa letter dated May 12, 2020. FDOT is committed to:

1. FDOT’s use of the area is only necessary to construct the express lane exit at Ashley Drive. There will be no change in ownership of the park property.
2. The scope and nature of the temporary work is minor and aerial in nature; it includes placing a bridge superstructure over 0.017 acre of the northeastern corner of the 25-acre park. Temporary occupancy will occur during less than 50 percent of the project construction duration.
3. The temporary occupancy for construction activities will not interfere with any temporary or permanent activities, features, or attributes of the park.
4. The area will be returned to its existing or better condition. Any impacted landscape will be replanted/relocated within the vicinity per direction of the City of Tampa’s Parks and Recreation Department. The bat house adjacent, adjacent to the construction area, will remain in place and be properly protected per coordination with City of Tampa’s Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Specific to the City’s concern related to the living shoreline expressed in the February 27, 2019 letter, the westernmost pier located on the Hillsborough River will be constructed north of the City of Tampa/Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) conservation easement and appropriate construction best management practices will be implemented to ensure any short term or long-term impacts are avoided.

Status: Perry Harvey, Sr. Park is not located within the segments being advanced with this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation. There is no change in status.

8. Tampa Heights Greenway

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: The incorporation of existing open space into the proposed project will provide visual linkages to isolated pockets of open space along the corridor. Opportunities to link open space areas will be evaluated in the design phase of the project. The FDOT is committed to pursuing the proposed development program for the Tampa Heights Greenway, located directly north of I-275 from the I-275 southbound Ashley Street exit ramp to Columbus Drive. The proposed greenway includes both passive and active recreation facilities, bike paths and pedestrian walkways that provide links to the central business district (CBD), and other recreation facilities that complement the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.

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2020 TIS SEIS Status: The ultimate greenway plan, developed as a commitment for the 1996 TIS SEIS will not be implemented because the Preferred Alternative will not impact the NRHP-listed Tampa Heights Historic District. The interim buffer space, referred to as the interim Tampa Heights Greenway will remain in place and the trail located within the greenway will be extended within existing ROW, if feasible, south to Perry Harvey, Sr. Park and north to Robles Park.

Status: The Tampa Heights Greenway is not within the segments being advanced with this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation. There is no change in status.

9. Multi-Modal Terminal/Parking Garage

1996 TIS FEIS Commitment: The 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative provides for the construction of a large downtown multi-modal terminal/HOV parking garage, transit connected, to accommodate buses and cars and provide commuters with convenient access to existing and future mass transit options. The structure will accommodate the future development of high-speed rail, electric streetcars, and people mover connections.

2020 TIS SEIS Status: The 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative full reconstruction of the I-275/ I-4 interchange is not being built and the TIS SEIS Preferred Alternative does not require additional ROW acquisition in the vicinity of the previously proposed multi-modal terminal/parking garage and does not identify nor provide for a transit corridor within the interstate footprint in Segment 2B, the I-275/I-4 Interchange. Therefore, this commitment is no longer applicable. However, the SEIS Preferred Alternative will not preclude future transit projects or a future downtown multi-modal terminal/parking garage in this location. Environmental impacts associated with the proposed multi-modal terminal/parking garage were evaluated by separate projects through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) approved Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Tampa Bay Intermodal Centers and the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA's) High-Speed Rail FEIS and approved ROD. FDOT will continue to partner with our local transit partners to site a multi-modal center in the downtown area through an ongoing FDOT-sponsored study, the Intermodal Center South Study: Downtown, Westshore and Pinellas Gateway. Additionally, throughout the design process, FDOT will continue to evaluate the best ways to accommodate transit in the TIS SEIS study area, including allowing buses to operate on the highway shoulders through hard shoulder running.

Status: While the commitment for the Multi-Modal Terminal/Parking Garage, as originally envisioned, is no longer applicable, FDOT will continue to evaluate the best ways to accommodate transit in the TIS SEIS study area, including allowing buses to operate on the highway shoulders through hard shoulder running. There is no change in status.

10. High Speed Rail

2020 TIS SEIS Commitment: On April 16, 2020 FRA acknowledged that currently there is no conflict between the SEIS Preferred Alternative and the approved High-Speed Rail FEIS. FDOT is committed to coordinating with the FRA on a future Re-evaluation of the FRA Florida High-Speed Rail FEIS to ensure both projects are viable.

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Status: There is no conflict between the SEIS Preferred Alternative and the approved High-Speed Rail FEIS. FDOT is committed to coordinating with the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) on a future Re-evaluation of the FRA Florida High-Speed Rail FEIS to ensure both projects are viable. There is no change in status.

11. Planning Consistency

Construction funding has been identified, a TIP and STIP will be processed with the Hillsborough County TPO within three months of approval of the Re-evaluation. Planning Consistency will be met before this project is awarded/let for Construction.

Status: This commitment was made to the segments within the Downtown Interchange (WPIS Nos. 445056-1, 445056-2, 445057-1). This commitment has been fulfilled for these projects. This commitment is not applicable to the segments being advanced with this Re-evaluation. There is no change in status.

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5. STATUS OF PERMITS

The following list provides the status of environmental permits required by each regulatory agency for the segments being re-evaluated:

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Agency	Type	Status
Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)	Environmental Resource Permit Individual Level Application #837166	Applied for 11/19/2021
United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Section 404 Permit - Standard Level Permit Application SAJ-2021-00656	Applied for 2/19/2021
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	Issued 48 hours prior to construction

447615-1

Agency	Type	Status
SWFWMD	Environmental Resource Permit Application #839803	Applied for 1/10/2022
FDEP	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	Issued 48 hours prior to construction

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6. ATTACHMENTS

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ATTACHMENT A

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Federal Highway Administration
Region 4

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
AND
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Work Program Number: 7140004
State Project Number: 99007-1402
Federal Aid Project Number: IR-9999(43)
Hillsborough County, Florida

The project consists of approximately 24.1 km (15 miles) of multi-lane improvements to I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge / Kennedy Boulevard ramps and just north of Cypress Street on Memorial Highway (S.R. 60) north to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and I-4 from I-275 (including interchange) to east of 50th Street (U.S. 41); a multi-lane controlled access facility (Crosstown Connector) on new alignment from I-4 south to the existing Tampa South Crosstown Expressway; and improvements to approximately 7.08 km (4.4 miles) of the Tampa South Crosstown Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard overpass east to Maydell Drive, Hillsborough County.

SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2)(e) AND 49 U.S.C. 303

11/22/96
Date


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Memorandum

Subject: Record of Decision
FHWA-FL-EIS-95-03-F
Tampa Interstate Study (TIS)

Date: January 31, 1997


From: Director, Office of Planning
and Program Development
Atlanta, Georgia

Reply to
Attn. of: HPP-04

To: Mr. J. R. Skinner
Division Administrator (HDA-FL)
Tallahassee, Florida

This documents the Record of Decision (ROD) as required by 40 CFR 1505.2) for the subject project. This record incorporates the Federal and State project files and the draft unsigned memorandum (attached) of January 9, 1997, from Mr. J. R. Skinner, Division Administrator, which served as preliminary ROD. Based upon the Environmental Impact Statement and public input, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have chosen the alternative called the "Selected Alternative." FHWA has determined that because of the urbanized nature of the project area, the Selected Alternative is the environmentally preferable alternative. The preliminary ROD contains a description of the alternatives considered, the 4 (f) evaluation measures to minimize harm, and all necessary monitoring requirements.

The FHWA and the FDOT received one comment by the due date for comments (January 21, 1997). The United States Environmental Protection Agency recommended that the communities/housing developments that will be affected by noise impacts and mitigation be involved in the design and placement of noise barriers to the maximum extent feasible. The FHWA and the FDOT have been coordinating barrier design and locations with the affected noise sensitive areas as part of the TIS project to date and will continue to do so as the various components of the project are implemented in the future. Therefore, the FEIS and the attached ROD remain valid.


John Humeston

1/31/97
Date

Attachment

Date: January 31, 1997

Subject: Florida - FAP No. IR-9999(43)
Final Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA-FL-EIS-95-03-F
Tampa Interstate Study (TIS)
Hillsborough County, Florida

From: Mr. J.R. Skinner
Division Administrator
Tallahassee, Florida

To: Mr. Leon N. Larson (HPP-04)
Regional Federal Highway Administrator
Atlanta, Georgia

The following is a Record of Decision (ROD) for that portion of the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) project as identified in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2015 Long Range Transportation Plan (2015 LRTP), adopted December 5, 1995.

Decision

The TIS project consists of approximately 24.1 km (15 miles) of multi-lane improvements to I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge/Kennedy Boulevard ramps and just north of Cypress Street on Memorial Highway (S.R.60) north to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and I-4 from I-275 (including the interchange) to east of 50th Street (U.S.41); a multi-lane controlled access facility (Crosstown Connector) on new alignment from I-4 south to the existing Tampa South Crosstown Expressway; and improvements to approximately 7.08 km (4.4 miles) of the Tampa South Crosstown Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard overpass east to Maydell Drive, in Hillsborough County.

The TIS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) area or footprint was originally established during the Master Plan phase (Phase I) of the study, conducted from 1987 to 1989. The TIS Master Plan Concept was approved by FHWA in November 1989, and adopted by the Hillsborough County MPO as part of their 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan (2010 LRTP), then current. Following completion of the Master Plan phase, and based on the 2010 LRTP, additional detailed studies and analyses were conducted as part of the EIS phase (Phase II) of the project in order to refine alternatives, address agency and citizen concerns, and further reduce impacts. A preferred alternative was identified, the Draft EIS was published in December 1995, and a Public Hearing was held January 16, 1996. No particular areas of controversy were identified as a result of the hearing.

When the new 2015 LRTP was adopted by the MPO in December 1995, some portions of the TIS EIS project (specifically Design Segment 2A, stages of Design Segment 1A, and a small portion

of Design Segment 2B), were omitted from the plan because of competing transportation priorities and funding constraints.

According to the 1990 amendment to the Clean Air Act, if a proposed improvement is within a designated “non-attainment” or “maintenance” area, the project must be in conformance with the local Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Based on the current 2015 LRTP, there are only certain components of the TIS Preferred Alternative which may currently be advanced. They include ramp improvements in the Westshore area; the outside lanes of the four-roadway system in the Ybor City area; and the Crosstown Connector with auxiliary lanes on the Crosstown Expressway transitioning back to the existing alignment. The safety and operational improvement project for the downtown I-275/I-4 interchange is not a component of the TIS Preferred Alternative but is part of the Selected Alternative.

This Final EIS identifies and evaluates the overall impacts associated with the Preferred Alternative, hereafter referred to as the Long-Term Preferred Alternative, and also separately addresses the impacts specific to those portions of the project contained in the current 2015 LRTP, hereafter referred to as the Selected Alternative. The intent of the FHWA and the FDOT is to ultimately construct the Long-Term Preferred Alternative, but this will have to be completed in phases, as they are included in future updates of the MPO’s LRTP. The intent of the Selected Alternative is to meet the purpose and need of the Long-Term Preferred Alternative but to a lesser degree.

This ROD discusses the alternatives considered for the entire TIS EIS but only addresses the impacts of the Selected Alternative. It is anticipated that future RODs will cover the remaining portions of the TIS ultimate footprint, as described in the FEIS. It remains the goal of the FHWA and the FDOT to construct the ultimate TIS footprint once the outstanding portions meeting FHWA’s logical termini criteria are included in future LRTPs and funding becomes available.

Alternatives Considered

A comparative analysis technique called “Tier Analysis” was used during Phase I to identify viable alternatives for the TIS. This screening process, or tiering, provided for a thorough evaluation and comparison of a large array of competing design components.

- *Tier 1 Analysis* - The first tier examined two-, four-, and six-roadway system alternatives; double decking; high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) access and alignments; interchange types and locations; and multiple shifts in the roadway centerline. Impacts to land use, the environment, and the community as well as accessibility, permitability, constructability, and cost were all evaluated during Tier 1. Through the analysis process, the two-roadway system and double-decking were eliminated from future consideration because of anticipated traffic volumes, complications with interchange movements, and cost-effectiveness. In an effort to avoid or minimize Section 4(f) involvement at hundreds of historic properties and several public parks located in the vicinity of the existing interstate corridor, a number of alternatives and alignment shifts were developed and evaluated. Several concepts of the six-roadway and four-roadway systems, with HOV provisions in the median, were carried throughout for further analysis. In addition, several interchange and HOV alignment concepts were carried through for further evaluation.

Tier 2 Analysis - The second tier analysis continued to define the positive design components, collect public input throughout public meetings and speakers bureaus, and refine the design alternatives. In an effort to build consensus, particular attention was given to comments from the local community, City of Tampa, and interested agencies with respect to land use impacts, access, interchanges, ramps, and frontage roads. The Tier 2 alternative concepts were presented to the public for review and comment at the first Alternatives Public Meeting. The comments received as a result of that meeting are summarized in the Public Meeting No. 2 Comments Summary Working Paper (September 1988).

Tier 3 Analysis - After a review and evaluation of the comments received during the comment period, the remaining alternatives were refined using more stringent standards and detailed information. The Tier 3 alternatives were presented at the second Alternatives Public Workshop. The comments received as a result of that meeting are summarized in the Public Meeting No. 2 Comments Summary Working Paper (January 1989). Comments received as a result of the second public workshop were more specific about local and commercial access issues, the aesthetics of the roadway, and potential mitigation measures to reduce noise levels. In an effort to respond to the public's concerns about right-of-way acquisition and related issues, impacts to property adjacent to the proposed improvements were further evaluated. It was determined that right-of-way impacts could be further reduced by reducing both the number of roadway lanes proposed and the right-of-way required. Through this evaluation, alternatives were developed which would provide an acceptable level of service (LOS) commensurate with the associated social, economic, and environmental impacts. After review of these comments, the selected concepts were carried forward to the Draft Master Plan.

The TIS Draft Master Plan concept was presented to the public for review and comment at the third Alternatives Public Workshop. The TIS Master Plan Concept was approved by FHWA in November 1989 and adopted by the Hillsborough County MPO as part of the previous 2010 LRTP. The TIS Master Plan Report (August 1989) is published separately.

A no-action alternative was evaluated for the year 2010 to identify the traffic operations impact of not implementing the preferred alternative in the study area. It was determined that the no-action alternative does not provide an adequate transportation facility for future traffic demand. However, the no-action alternative was carried through the public hearing for this project.

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Due to the TIS project being located in a highly urbanized area, impacts to the biological and physical environment would be minimal and consequently, they had a minor role in the development of an "Environmentally Preferred Alternative." However, potential impacts to the human environment were major factors in the alternatives development, evaluation and selection process. Additionally, the alignment and composition of the Preferred and Selected Alternatives were influenced by adjacent properties which are protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act of 1966. The proposed rights of way and alignment for the Preferred and Selected Alternatives were shifted to avoid or minimize encroachments into these adjacent properties.

Description of the Selected Alternative

The I-275/I-4 downtown interchange safety and operational improvements are currently the top priority of the 2015 LRTP. Over the course of the TIS project, the issue of safety within the I-275/I-4 downtown interchange has become a great concern to the Tampa Bay community. The proposed I-275/I-4 downtown interchange operational/safety improvements are intended to improve conflicting merge/diverge areas that currently contribute to congestion in the downtown interchange area; to improve sight distance in order to reduce accidents; and to provide a pull-off area for disabled vehicles by providing shoulders where economically and physically possible. The concepts developed involve lengthening ramps, providing lane additions, transferring critical weaving movements to other facilities, and providing full shoulders (where possible). The operational improvements are not intended to be a reconstruction of the interstate to improve capacity but rather a safety improvement that has been identified as needed prior to the reconstruction process. The operational improvements would not be salvageable once the ultimate TIS improvements (Long-Term Preferred Alternative) are constructed. The operational improvements limit right-of-way acquisition, thereby avoiding or minimizing impacts to adjacent historic structures associated with the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District and the Tampa Heights National Register Historic District, as well as other important community resources such as Perry Harvey Park.

The second highest priority for implementation in the 2015 LRTP is I-4 and the Crosstown Connector. This portion extends along I-4 from the I-275/I-4 operational improvements at 13th Street, east to 50th Street and includes the proposed I-4/Crosstown Connector in the vicinity of 31st Street, a new expressway extension south to the Crosstown Expressway, and operational improvements and ramp connections to the existing Crosstown Expressway, from the Kennedy Boulevard overpass east to Maydell Drive. The eastern terminus of the I-4 improvement is the currently under-construction segment of I-4 from 50th Street east to the Polk County Line. The Crosstown Connector will be utilized as a bypass connection between I-4 and the downtown CBD area during construction of the Long-Term Preferred Alternative, as well as during other periods of traffic interruption on the downtown interstate.

Next on the 2015 LRTP priority list is the Memorial Highway (S.R.60) connection. This portion includes operational improvements and ramp connections from Memorial Highway to I-275, connecting to the Veterans Expressway. The Veterans Expressway connects to I-275 via Memorial Highway.

Impacts associated with the Selected Alternative include potential impacts to the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District, Perry Harvey Park, and relocations of residences, businesses, and community features.

Ybor City National Historic Landmark District - Construction of the Selected Alternative will impact 36 contributing structures in the Landmark District (only one contributing structure due to the I-275/I-4 operational improvements) and one individually eligible structure, the Arguelles Lopez & Brothers cigar factory. There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land from the Landmark District. The Selected Alternative includes all possible planning to minimize harm resulting from such use. The proposed improvements minimize, to the greatest extent possible, the number of relocations and the number of historic structures within the proposed right-of-way while preserving important community features and their unique identity. The FHWA has determined that this use will not substantially impair the integrity or significance of the Ybor City National Historic Landmark District. Elements of the TIS Urban Design Guidelines (under separate cover-December 1994) and the Memorandum of Agreement (TIS FEIS Appendix E) serve as mitigation for impacts to the Ybor City neighborhood.

Perry Harvey Park - Construction of the Selected Alternative will result in an extremely minor impact (less than 0.1 acre) to a small undeveloped and disconnected portion of Perry Harvey Park. There is no feasible or prudent alternative to the use of land from the Park. The Selected Alternative includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the Park resulting from such use. The proposed improvements minimize harm to the greatest extent possible.

The Selected Alternative addresses the urgent interchange and capacity needs within the limits of the Long-Term Preferred Alternative. These needs include ramp, geometric and operational deficiencies in the Westshore area (Design Segment 1A); merge, diverge, weave, sight distance and shoulder deficiencies in the I-275/I-4 downtown interchange; a four-lane bottleneck on I-4 between the I-275/I-4 interchange and 50th Street and vertical profile deficiencies in the same area.

Throughout its limits, the Selected Alternative will provide greatly improved ramp geometrics in the most critical areas, improve merge, diverge and weaving operations, and add two through lanes to the only segment of I-4 in Hillsborough County that is currently four lanes. The majority of these improvements will be constructed in their ultimate locations and are completely compatible with future plans of the Long-Term Preferred Alternative. The Selected Alternative will not incorporate HOV lanes or Park-n-Ride lots. Those design features have been planned as part of the TIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative.

Through coordination with FDOT District VII, FDOT Central Office, and FHWA, the Selected Alternative has been determined to be consistent with the FDOT's "Interstate Highway System Policy" adopted November 14, 1991.

The FEIS contains an adequate, detailed statement of the following: proposal description and purpose; probable impact of the proposal; alternatives; unavoidable adverse environmental effects; short-term impacts versus long-term benefits; irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources; and measures to minimize harm. The proposal is in conformance with the State

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properties either listed or eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The MOA includes FDOT commitments for the mitigation of impacts to historic structures within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) including the proposed moving and rehabilitation of certain historic structures, and numerous design amenities defined in the TIS Urban Design Guidelines.

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Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) Northern Transit Terminal - Based on the anticipated involvement with HART's existing Northern Transit Terminal, the FDOT is committed to not adversely affecting service operations during implementation of the Selected Alternative. In coordination with HART, the FDOT will implement the best option available to ensure fulfillment of this commitment. Separate Mobility MIS, High Speed Rail and Electric Street Car studies are being conducted by other agencies. The FDOT will work with the agencies to ensure that the Northern Transit Terminal's involvement with the studies and the TIS project is adequately coordinated. The status of this commitment will be addressed in future reevaluations of the FEIS.

In addition, closure of the existing I-4/40th Street interchange will result in more circuitous travel for buses accessing the HART Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility on 21st Street. The FDOT will continue the ongoing coordination with HART to explore options which reduce the excess travel distance.

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Personnel of the FDOT have developed extensive operating procedures to ensure compliance with the various environmental commitments. The FDOT's Environmental Commitment Compliance Program is outlined in a January 15, 1982-memorandum from Mr. Paul N. Pappas, former Secretary of the FDOT. In addition, appropriate personnel from the FHWA Division Office participate in the development of individual projects to ensure that environmental commitments are incorporated into the project design and construction plans. FHWA Transportation and Supervisory Transportation Engineers also review the plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for all interstate Federal-Aid highway projects to ensure that all environmental commitments have been implemented.

Comments on Final EIS

As of January 21, 1997 (the FEIS comments due date), the FHWA and the FDOT had received one comment. The attached letter from the U.S. E.P.A. recommended that the affected noise sensitive areas be involved in the design and placement of noise barriers to the maximum extent feasible. The FHWA and the FDOT have been coordinating barrier design and locations with the affected noise sensitive areas as part of the TIS project to date and will continue to do so as the various components of the project are implemented in the future.

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Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Subject: - FAP No. IR-9999(43)
Record of Decision
FHWA-FL-EIS-95-03-F
Tampa Interstate Study (TIS)
Hillsborough County, Florida

This is a Record of Decision (ROD) for that portion of the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) project identified in the Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan (2020 LRTP), as adopted.

Decision

The TIS project consists of approximately 24.1 km (15 miles) of multi-lane improvements to I-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge/Kennedy Boulevard ramps and just north of Cypress Street on Memorial Highway (S.R.60) north to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and I-4 from I-275 (including the interchange) to east of 50th Street (U.S.41); a multi-lane controlled access facility (Crosstown Connector) on new alignment from I-4 south to the existing Tampa South Crosstown Expressway; and improvements to approximately 7.08 km (4.4 miles) of the Tampa South Crosstown Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard overpass east to Maydell Drive, in Hillsborough County.

The TIS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) area or footprint was originally established during the Master Plan phase (Phase I) of the study, conducted from 1987 to 1989. The TIS Master Plan Concept was approved by FHWA in November 1989,

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and adopted by the Hillsborough County MPO as part of their 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan (2010 LRTP). Following completion of the Master Plan phase, and based on the 2010 LRTP, additional detailed studies and analyses were conducted as part of the EIS phase (Phase II) of the project in order to refine alternatives, address agency and citizen concerns, and further reduce impacts. A preferred alternative was identified, the Draft EIS was published in December 1995, and a Public Hearing was held January 16, 1996. No particular areas of controversy were identified as a result of the Hearing.

Since the new 2020 LRTP has been adopted by the MPO, some portions of the TIS EIS project (specifically Design Segment 2A, stages of Design Segment 1A, and a portion of Design Segment 2B), have been omitted from the Plan because of competing transportation priorities and funding constraints.

According to the 1990 amendment to the Clean Air Act, if a proposed improvement is within a designated "non-attainment" or "maintenance" area, the project must be in conformance with the local Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Based on the recently adopted 2020 LRTP, there are only certain components of the TIS Long Term Preferred Alternative which may be advanced since approval of the first TIS FEIS ROD dated January 31, 1997. The design components (see attached Location Map) include the outside lanes of the four-roadway system in the Westshore area (Design Segment 1A); the outside lanes of the four-roadway system in the Ybor City area (Design Segments 3A and 3B); and the Crosstown Connector with auxiliary lanes on the Crosstown Expressway transitioning back to the existing alignment (Design Segment 3C). The safety and operational improvement project for the downtown I-275/I-4 interchange is not a component of the TIS Long Term Preferred Alternative but is part of the Selected Alternative identified in the FEIS and subsequent ROD. Design Segment 2A is the latest component of the Long Term Preferred Alternative to be included in the MPO's current approved conforming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

As part of advancing Design Segment 2A, on March 15, 1999, the MPO, FHWA and FTA have determined that the LRTP and TIP conform to the state's State Implementation Plan (SIP). This Design Segment project is in the conforming plan and TIP with the same design concept and scope as stated in this ROD.

This ROD identifies and establishes FHWA and FDOT decisions for advancing Design Segment 2A. It also addresses the impacts specific to this project which is now contained in the current LRTP. The intent of the FHWA and the FDOT is to ultimately construct the Long Term Preferred Alternative (the ultimate TIS footprint) as identified in the FEIS and subsequent RODs. However, this will be completed in stages, as the remaining components meet FHWA's logical termini criteria, as funding becomes

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available and as they are included in future updates of the MPO's LRTP.

This ROD discusses the alternatives considered for the entire TIS FEIS but only addresses the impacts of Design Segment 2A. It is anticipated that future RODs will cover the remaining portions of the TIS ultimate footprint, as described in the FEIS.

Alternatives Considered

A comparative analysis technique called "Tier Analysis" was used during Phase I to identify viable alternatives for the TIS. This screening process, or tiering, provided for a thorough evaluation and comparison of a large array of competing design components.

Tier 1 Analysis - The first tier examined two-, four-, and six-lane roadway system alternatives; double decking; high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) access and alignments; interchange types and locations; and multiple shifts in the roadway centerline. Impacts to land use, the environment, and the community as well as accessibility, permitability, constructability, and cost were all evaluated during Tier 1. Through the analysis process, the two-roadway system and double-decking were eliminated from future consideration because of anticipated traffic volumes, complications with interchange movements, and cost-effectiveness. In an effort to avoid or minimize Section 4(f) involvement at hundreds of historic properties and several public parks located in the vicinity of the existing interstate corridor, a number of alternatives and alignment shifts were developed and evaluated. Several concepts of the six-roadway and four-roadway systems, with HOV provisions in the median, were carried throughout for further analysis. In addition, several interchange and HOV alignment concepts were carried through for further evaluation.

Tier 2 Analysis - The second tier analysis continued to define the positive design components, collect public input throughout public meetings and speakers bureaus, and refine the design alternatives. In an effort to build consensus, particular attention was given to comments from the local community, City of Tampa, and interested agencies with respect to land use impacts, access, interchanges, ramps, and frontage roads. The Tier 2 alternative concepts were presented to the public for review and comment at the first Alternatives Public Meeting. The comments received as a result of that meeting are summarized in the Public Meeting No. 2 Comments Summary Working Paper (September 1988).

Tier 3 Analysis - After a review and evaluation of the comments received during the comment period, the remaining alternatives were refined using more stringent standards and detailed information. The Tier 3 alternatives were presented at the second Alternatives Public Workshop. The comments received as a result of that meeting are summarized in the Public Meeting No. 2 Comments Summary Working

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Paper (January 1989). Comments received as a result of the second public workshop were more specific about local and commercial access issues, the aesthetics of the roadway, and potential mitigation measures to reduce noise levels. In an effort to respond to the public's concerns about right-of-way acquisition and related issues, impacts to property adjacent to the proposed improvements were further evaluated. It was determined that right-of-way impacts could be further reduced by reducing both the number of roadway lanes proposed and the right-of-way required. Through this evaluation, alternatives were developed which would provide an acceptable level of service (LOS) commensurate with the associated social, economic, and environmental impacts. After review of these comments, the selected concepts were carried forward to the Draft Master Plan.

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Description of the Selected Alternative for Design Segment 2A

Design Segment 2A extends from the vicinity of the Himes Ave. half-interchange to the vicinity of the Hillsborough River. It involves constructing the outside lanes of the four-roadway system (see attached typical section). This is to be part of the Design Segment's stage construction of the Long Term Preferred Alternative as contained in the TIS FEIS.

Impacts associated with this Segment being advanced include potential impacts to the West Tampa National Register Historic District, one individually listed National Register Site, the Fernandez y Rey House, increased noise levels at approximately 461 noise sensitive sites, relocations of residences, businesses and community features.

West Tampa National Register Historic District - Construction of the Selected Alternative will impact 6 contributing structures in the District and one individually listed structure, the Fernandez y Rey House. There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land from the District. The Selected Alternative includes all possible planning to minimize harm resulting from such use. The proposed improvements minimize, to the greatest extent possible, the number of relocations and the number of historic structures within the proposed right-of-way while preserving important community features and their unique identity. The FHWA has determined that this use will not substantially impair the integrity or significance of the District. Elements of the TIS Urban Design Guidelines (under separate cover-December 1994) and the Memorandum of Agreement (TIS FEIS Appendix E) serve as mitigation for impacts to the West Tampa neighborhood.

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Personnel of the FDOT have developed extensive operating procedures to ensure compliance with the various environmental commitments. The FDOT's Environmental Commitment Compliance Program is outlined in a January 15, 1982-memorandum from Mr. Paul N. Pappas, former Secretary of the FDOT. In addition, appropriate personnel from the FHWA Division Office participate in the development of individual projects to ensure that environmental commitments are incorporated into the project design and construction plans. FHWA Transportation and Supervisory Transportation Engineers also review the plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for all interstate Federal-Aid highway projects to ensure that all environmental commitments have been implemented.

Comments on Final EIS

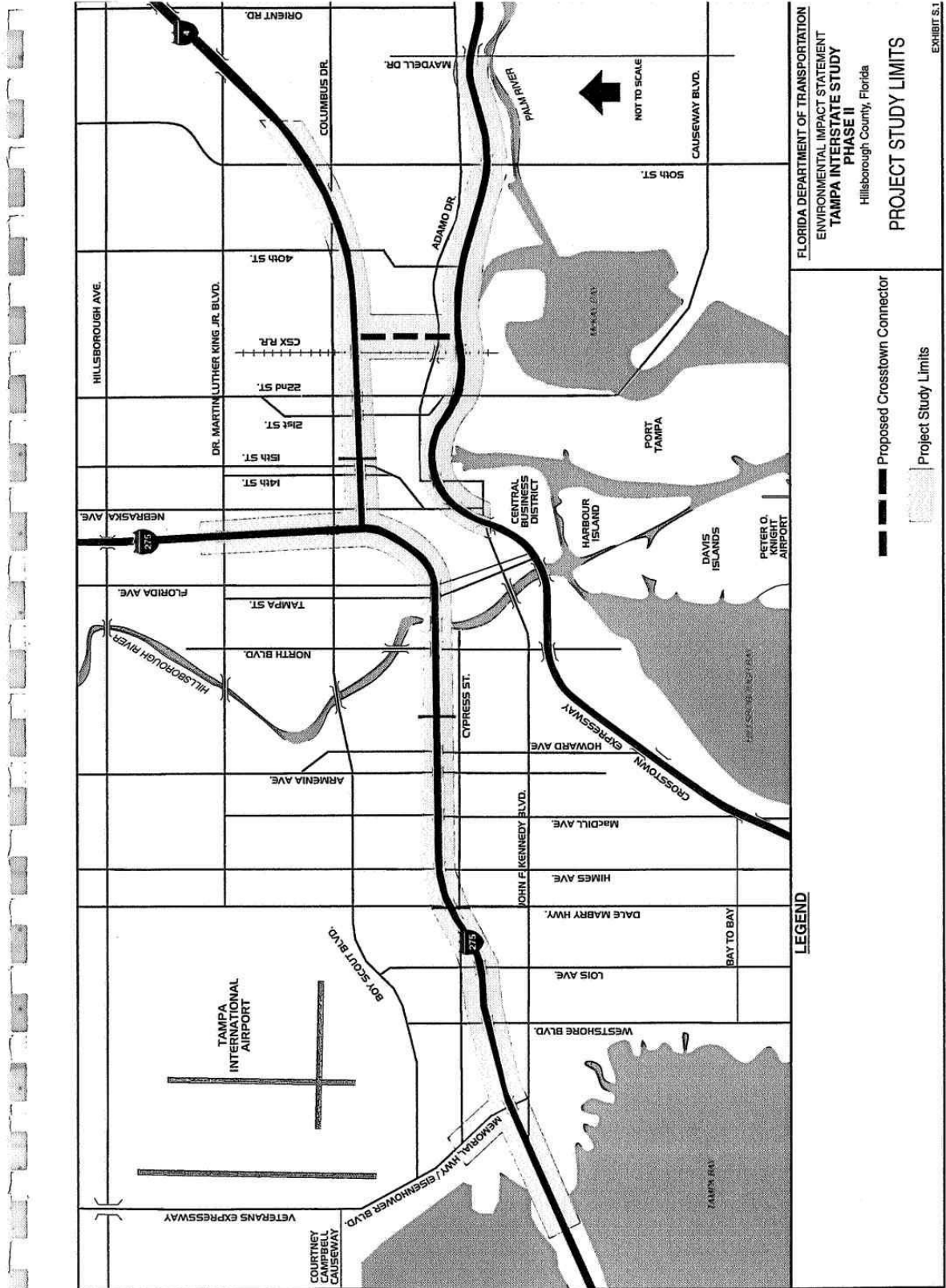
As of January 21, 1997 (the FEIS comments due date), the FHWA and the FDOT had received one comment. The U.S. E.P.A. recommended that the affected noise sensitive areas be involved in the design and placement of noise barriers to the maximum extent feasible. The FHWA and the FDOT have been coordinating barrier design and locations with the affected noise sensitive areas as part of the TIS project to date and will continue to do so as the various components of the project are implemented in the future.

A Legal Sufficiency review has been obtained from the FHWA's Legal Counsel for this Amended ROD. Prior concurrence of the Washington Office is not required for this project.

Sincerely yours,



For: James E. St. John
Division Administrator



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/RECORD OF DECISION/ SECTION 4(F) USE DETERMINATION

United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
and
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
In Cooperation with United States Coast Guard
Financial Management Number: 258337-2-21-01

I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge to North of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and I-4 from I-275 to East of 50th Street with New Alignment from I-4 South to the Existing Selmon Expressway and Improvements to the Selmon Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard Overpass East to Maydell Drive, Hillsborough County, Florida

The FHWA and FDOT initiated the environmental review process for the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) Project in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. The study is a supplement to the 1996 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Section 4(f) Evaluation. FHWA issued the Records of Decision (ROD) in 1997 and 1999. FHWA and FDOT conducted this study based on a proposed design change that includes a new alternative not previously considered, as well as modified alternatives presented in the 1996 TIS FEIS to accommodate tolled express lanes and other capacity improvements. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Section 4(f) Evaluation evaluates the environmental, transportation, social, and economic impacts associated with the TIS. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FHWA and FDOT pursuant to 23 USC § 139. This document serves as the ROD for the Preferred Alternative.

Submitted pursuant to 42 USC § 4332(2)(c) and 49 USC §303.

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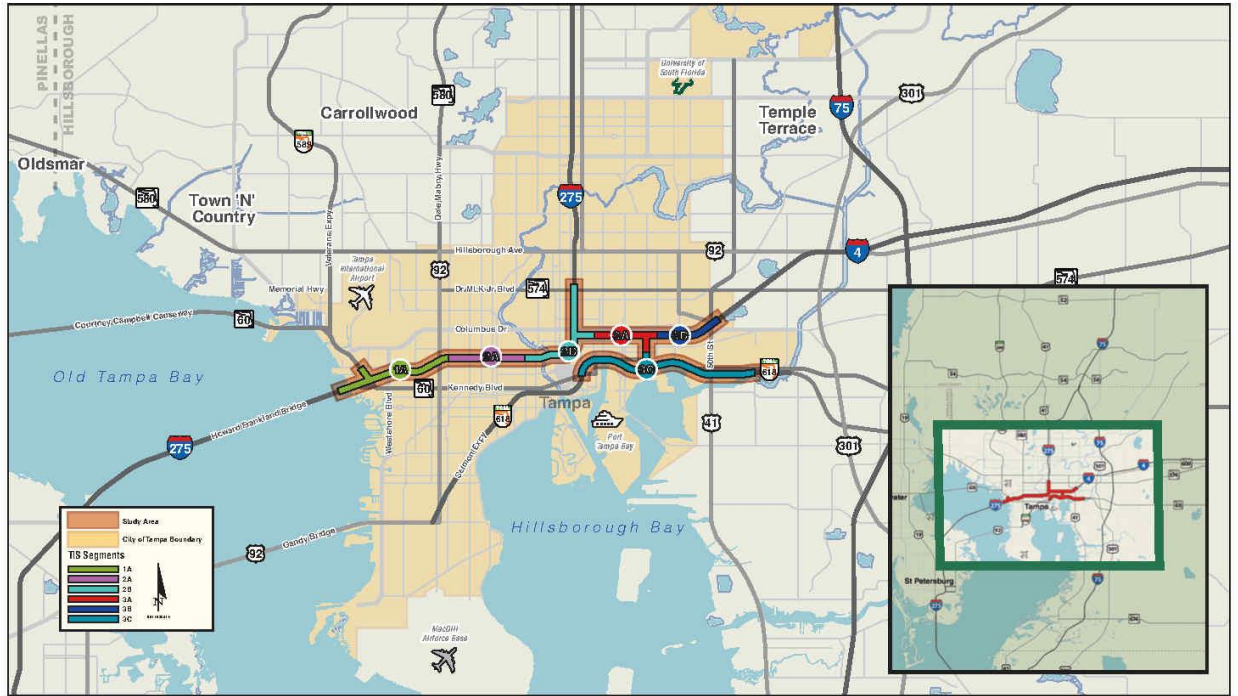
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A Federal agency may publish a notice in the Federal Register, pursuant to 23 USC §139(i), indicating that one or more Federal agencies have taken final action on permits, licenses, or approvals for a transportation project. If such notice is published, claims seeking judicial review of those Federal agency actions will be barred unless such claims are filed within 150 days after the date of publication of the notice, or within such shorter time period as is specified in the Federal laws pursuant to which judicial review of the Federal agency action is allowed. If no notice is published, then the periods of time that otherwise are provided by the Federal laws governing such claims will apply.

Figure ES-1 Tampa Interstate Study SEIS Project Study Area



SOURCE: FDOT, 1996.

Note: TIS Segment 3C has been constructed and is not included in this SEIS.

I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Frankland Bridge to south of SR 60
(WPIS: 447534-1)
Status: This segment is the subject of this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation.

I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street
(WPIS: 447107-4)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway

I-4 (SR 400) WB to I-275 (SR 93) NB from West of 14th Street to Floribaska Avenue
(WPIS: 445056-1)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved.

Reo Street from Gray Street to Cypress Street
(WPIS: 447615-1)
Status: This Segment is the Subject of this Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation. ROW Acquisition begun.

I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue and SR 60 from south of I-275 to north of Spruce Street
(WPIS: 447107-2)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway

I-275/SR 93 from north of Lois Avenue to north of Howard Avenue
(WPIS: 434045-2)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway

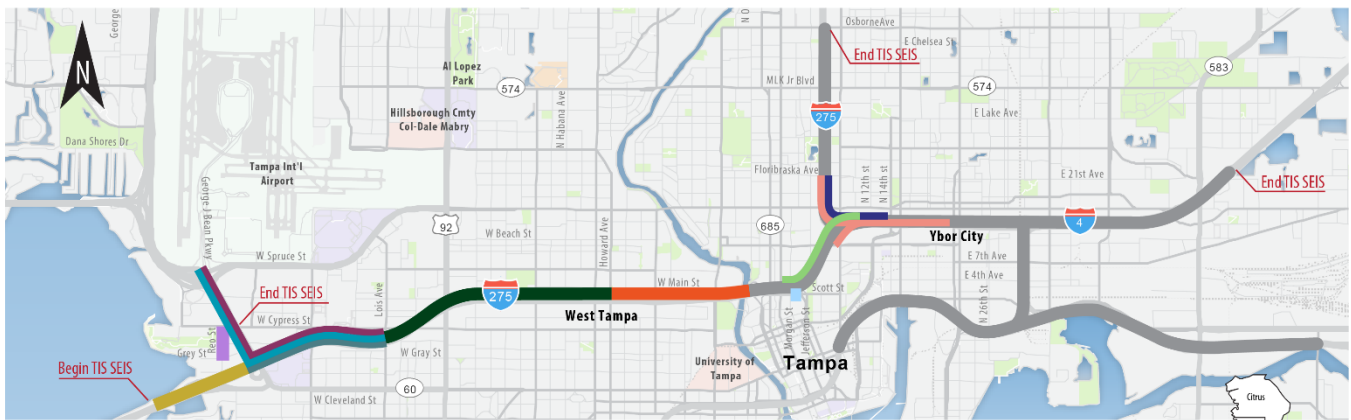
I-275 (SR 93) SB/I-4/SR 400 WB from North of Morgan Street to West of North 12th Street
(WPIS: 445056-2)
Status: Construction Advertisement Reevaluation Approved

Scott Street from North Morgan Street to North Jefferson Street
(WPIS: 447616-1)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway

I-275/SR 93 from south of SR 60 to south of Lois Avenue
(WPIS: 447107-3)
Status: ROW Acquisition begun. Pre-Construction Underway

I-275/SR 93 from north of Howard Avenue to north of Hillsborough River
(WPIS: 434045-3)
Status: Pre-Construction Underway

I-275 (SR 93) SB Off Ramp to I-4 from North of Floribaska Avenue to West of 21st Street
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I-275(SR93)
Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation
from North of Howard Frankland Bridge to South of SR 60
Hillsborough County, Florida
WPIS: 447534-1

Reo Street
Construction Advertisement Re-evaluation
from Gray Street to Cypress Street
Hillsborough County, Florida
WPIS: 447615-1



**Florida Department of Transportation
RE-EVALUATION FORM**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION (originally approved Environmental Document)

- a. Project Phase: Design Change and Right of Way (ROW) Re-evaluation
- b. Document Type and Date of Approval: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation approved on November 22, 1996, and Records of Decision (RODs) approved on January 31, 1997, and June 14, 1999, as updated by the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), ROD, and Section 4(f) Use Determination approved on September 15, 2020. See attached FEIS cover page and RODs (Pages A-1 to A-20) and attached SEIS cover page (Page A-22).
- c. Project Numbers
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| <u>IR-9999 (43)</u> | <u>258337-1</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Federal Aid | WPIS | ETDM |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>258337-2</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Federal Aid | WPIS | ETDM |
- d. Project Local Name, Location, and Limits: Interstate 275 (I-275) from Howard Frankland Bridge to North of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Interstate 4 (I-4) from I-275 to East of 50th Street with New Alignment from I-4 South to the Existing Selmon Expressway and Improvements to the Selmon Expressway from the Kennedy Boulevard Overpass East to Maydell Drive, Hillsborough County, Florida (see attached Project Location Maps from the approved 258337-1 FEIS and 258337-2 SEIS) (Pages A-21 and A-23).
- e. Segments of Highway Being Advanced: There are two roadway segments being advanced, as shown on the Project Location Map on Page A-24.
- I-4 (State Road [SR] 400) Westbound (WB) to I-275 (SR 93) Northbound (NB) from West of 14th Street to Floribraska Avenue (WPIS: 445056-1)
 - I-275 (SR 93) Southbound (SB)/I-4/SR 400 WB from North of Morgan Street to West of North 12th Street (WPIS: 445056-2)
- f. Prior Re-evaluations:
- No Prior TIS SEIS Re-evaluations.
- g. Project Segment Planning Consistency.

ROW for the 445056-2 project is programmed under the 445056-1 project.

WPIS 445056-1

**Florida Department of Transportation
RE-EVALUATION FORM**

6. CONCLUSION

If no changes affecting the original environmental determination have occurred, check the following:

The above Environmental Document has been re-evaluated as required by 23 CFR Part 771. It has been determined that there have been no changes to the project that affect the original environmental determination. Therefore, the Administrative Action remains valid.

It is recommended that the project identified herein be advanced to the next phase.

7. REVIEWER SIGNATURE BLOCK

Robin Rhinesmith
Print Name



District approving authority or designee

6/29/2021

Date

8. FHWA CONCURRENCE

FHWA signature required? Yes No (date of consultation) _____

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9. ATTACHMENTS

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RE-EVALUATION FORM**

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**Florida Department of Transportation
RE-EVALUATION FORM**

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