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#### Abstract

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Project Traffic Analysis Report (PTAR) was prepared in support of the Tampa Interstate Study (TIS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) performed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the study is to determine the preferred alternative and resulting traffic impacts for improving the interstate system within the Tampa Bay region, including Interstate - 275 (l-275) and Interstate - 4 (I-4). The study summarizes the transportation planning effort for the improvement and modernization of the region's interstate system and how it integrates with multimodal choices across the region.

I-275 is a principal interstate interconnecting the Tampa Bay region. I-275 is a major thoroughfare that extends from Manatee County into Pasco County crossing through Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. I-275 connects interstates and other major arterials in the area, specifically, I-75, l-4 and SR 60. Additionally, two expressways indirectly connect to I-275 within the project vicinity: SR 618 Lee Roy Selmon Expressway connecting through I-4 and SR 589 Veterans Expressway connecting through SR60. The I-275 system also provides access to Tampa International Airport, Port of Tampa, and Downtown Tampa - three major hubs of economic development in the area.

I-275 currently experiences recurring congestion during the AM and PM peak hours. Peak hour demands exceed the available capacity of the I-275 system causing longer travel times, poor travel reliability, and underperforming traffic operations. As growth in the region continues, travel times and congestion within the study area will continue to increase.

The main objective of the TIS SEIS for Sections 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B (Sections $4 / 5$ and 6 of the Tampa Bay Next (TBNext) program) is to compare the No Further Action (NFA) alternative with the five Build express lane design options and identify a preferred alternative. The proposed improvements aim to mitigate operational and safety deficiencies along the study corridor. Improvements are needed in the future to provide enhanced safety and mobility for all users of the l-275 system and accommodate the region's projected growth. During the TIS SEIS alternatives refinement process, FDOT determined that the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative (Non-Tolled) should be eliminated from further study in the TIS SEIS because it does not meet the purpose and need. The remaining alternatives are the NFA and Tolled Express Lane Alternative. For that reason, this PTAR does not evaluate the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative (Non-Tolled) further.

Per guidance provided in the FDOT's Project Development and Environment (PD\&E) Manual and FHWA's Traffic Analysis Toolbox Volume III, the study area that was adopted for microsimulation modeling is comprised of 17 interchanges and 69 signalized intersections. The study limits were extended to incorporate the adjacent signalized intersections along the arterials on each side of the interchange ramp terminals.

The existing conditions simulation models show congestion along the mainline at the following locations:

- Travelers experience heavier congestion during the PM peak hour compared to the AM peak hour. l-275 northbound experiences higher delays compared to l-275 southbound during both AM and PM peak hours from Howard Frankland Bridge to Downtown. Whereas, I-275 southbound experiences higher delays compared to I-275 northbound during both AM and PM peak hours from Downtown to Osborne.
- l-275 northbound, south of SR 60, was observed to be a critical bottleneck segment for both AM and PM peak hours, leading to higher delays due to high exiting traffic volumes on the SR 60 off-ramp and due to vehicle slowdowns on the SR 60 westbound off-ramp curve. In addition, heavy congestion is experienced during the PM peak hour along I-275 northbound, north of SR 60, primarily due to the downstream congestion. The traffic queues from the 1275 and l-4 merge extend beyond the Westshore Boulevard interchange.
- Overall, traffic delays for the I-4 westbound segment were higher than the I-4 eastbound segment during both the AM and PM peak hours. In the I-4 westbound segment, average traffic flow speeds were slower during the AM peak hour than during the PM peak hour.
- A critical bottleneck leading to congestion was observed on the l-4 westbound segment from the Selmon Connector to the l-4 off-ramp to l-275 southbound. This bottleneck is caused by high exiting traffic volumes and vehicle slowdowns on the off-ramp curve.

The NFA Alternative is defined as the existing transportation system plus improvements approved in the 1997 and 1999 RODs. This geometry will be unable to handle the future growth in traffic. This study examined the need for additional mainline improvements in each direction to improve reliability, increase the capacity, and improve the operations and safety of I-275 and I-4 within the study area. A description of each of the alternative options is provided below:

- Options A and B - Reconstructed Interchange - The proposed improvements under Options A and B would include:
- Reconstruction of the l-4/l-275 interchange to enhance the design speed along the current substandard ramps.
- Reconstruction of I-275 mainline to eliminate the horizontal/vertical curves that cause vehicles to slow down through the l-4 interchange.
- Construction of express lanes along I-275, terminating in the vicinity of SR 574, with direct connection to l-4 and to Tampa Heights.
- Direct express lane connection to/from the Downtown area with ramp connections at Tampa Street and Morgan Street.
- Addition of overpasses at several locations to open cross-connections of local streets through the interstate footprint, and additional ROW acquisition involving vacant or undeveloped portions of land at pinch-points.
- Reconstruction of the Orange/Jefferson interchange to improve safety by further discouraging wrong-way driving crashes.
- This section is adjacent to several historic districts and primarily residential areas. Both Options A and B improve access to/from Ybor City and Tampa Heights through reconfiguration of the $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street interchange and addition of a ramp connection at $\mathrm{N} 13^{\text {th }} / 14^{\text {th }}$ Street.

The differences between Options $A$ and $B$ are as follows:

- Option A - Reconstructed Interchange with Express Lanes to the North: Option A includes express lanes along the north leg of I-275 with direct connections to I-275 and I-4. Direct express lane connection from I-275 north to/from l-4 east alleviates the weave condition along l-4 between I-275 and Selmon Connector in both travel directions.
- Option B-Reconstructed Interchange without Express Lanes to the North: Option B does not include express lanes along the north leg of l-275 and does not include direct connections from the express lanes to the north leg of I-275. Access to and from l-275 north would be provided through slip ramps. This option does not address the weave condition along l-4 between I-275 and Selmon Connector.
- Options C and D - Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes (viaduct) Proposed improvements under Options C and D would include retaining the existing l-275 and $1-4$ interchange while adding express lanes on elevated structure from west of the Hillsborough River to l-4. Access would be provided to the downtown street grid from the elevated express lanes. However, like the 1996 Long-Term Preferred Alternative, there would be no access to Floribraska Avenue since the ramps would be eliminated. Other improvements include providing two-lane ramps for connections to l-4 and the north leg of $1-275$ and direct express lane connections froml-275 north to/from l-4 east which alleviates the weave condition along l-4 between l-275 and the Selmon Connector in the eastbound direction only. This would be accomplished by removing the ramp along eastbound I-4, currently serving only $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street and providing separate exits from northbound I 275 and southbound I-275.

The exit from northbound l-275 would be located between Palm Avenue and Nebraska Avenue while the exit from southbound l-275 would be located off the two-lane flyover to eastbound l-4. Those two separate ramps would then combine along the south side of the eastbound l-4 mainline east of Nebraska Avenue and would tie into N $14^{\mathrm{th}} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street, providing a new access point that would serve both the $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street and $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ Street interchanges. The ramp would align with the eastbound frontage road that currently
connects $\mathrm{N} 14^{\mathrm{th}} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street and $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street. The frontage road would be widened to two lanes to facilitate traffic to $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st } / 22^{\text {nd }}}$ Street. The differences between Options C and $D$ are as follows:

- Option C - Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes - South Side of I-275: Under Option C, the elevated express lanes would fly out from the median of l-275 west of the Hillsborough River over the northbound I-275 lanes to the outside of the existing interstate and run adjacent to the existing northbound I-275 lanes from the Hillsborough River to I-4, on the south side of I-275. The elevated express lanes would turn east along l-4 by crossing over to the north side of I-4, adjacent to the westbound I-4 lanes from l-275 to east of N 15 th Street. The elevated express lanes would then fly over the westbound l-4 lanes back into the median of l-4 just west of $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }}$ Street.
- Option D - Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes - North Side of I-275: Under Option D, the elevated express lanes would fly out from the median of I-275 west of the Hillsborough River over the southbound I-275 lanes to the outside of the existing interstate and run adjacent to the existing southbound I-275 lanes from the Hillsborough River to I-4, on the north side of I-275. The elevated express lanes would turn east along I-4, adjacent to the westbound I-4 lanes from $1-275$ to east of $15^{\text {th }}$ Street. The elevated express lanes would then fly over the westbound l-4 lanes back into the median of l-4 just west of $21^{\text {st }}$ Street.
- Option E - Capacity and Safety Improvements for Southbound to Eastbound, Westbound to Northbound, and Westbound to Southbound: The proposed improvement under Option E would include:
- I-275 northbound and southbound express lanes end prior to the Tampa Street/Ashley Drive on/off ramp. Access to and from Tampa Street/Ashley Drive ramps will be provided through direct connections from the express lanes.
- Southbound I-275 to Eastbound I-4 - The southbound I-275 to eastbound I-4 improvements include widening the existing flyover ramp to two lanes. New signage located near Hillsborough Avenue would inform drivers that they can remain in the outermost lane to access the dual lane flyover ramp to l-4. The existing auxiliary lane that begins at the entrance ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard still would also provide drivers access to the I-4 flyover ramp without changing lanes. The existing exit ramp to Floribraska Avenue would remain.

The improvements would include relocating the exit ramp to Ybor City and East Tampa from the existing location at $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street to $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street. The relocated exit ramp would provide enhanced access to businesses, educational institutions, and residential areas. Drivers would still access N $21^{\text {st } / 22^{\text {nd }} \text { Street via }}$
widening the existing single-lane frontage road, East $13^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, to two lanes.

- Westbound I-4 to Northbound I-275-The westbound I-4 to northbound I-275 improvement would include widening the existing exit to northbound I-275. Westbound I-4 would be widened beginning at the westbound on-ramp from $21^{\text {st }}$ Street and continuing to northbound I-275, providing for a widened two-lane exit to north l-275.

The additional widened lane would continue north along l-275 to provide five lanes from l-4 to the Floribraska Avenue on-ramp. Between the Floribraska Avenue onramp and the Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard exit ramp, a sixth auxiliary lane would be added connecting the existing Floribraska Avenue on-ramp to the Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard exit ramp. The existing single-lane exit ramp to Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard will be widened to two lanes. From the exit ramp to Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard north, the five lanes would continue and then reduce to four lanes prior to the on-ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard and continuing to Hillsborough Avenue. The on-ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard would merge prior to Osborne Avenue. Drivers in the innermost lane from the ramp to l-275 northbound would be able to continue in this lane to Hillsborough Avenue.

Westbound I-4 to Southbound I-275 - The westbound I-4 to southbound I-275 improvements would include widening the southbound I-275 ramp from two lanes to three lanes. The three lanes would join the two lanes from southbound I-275 to provide five lanes. The five lanes would then merge to four lanes near Jefferson Street. The exit ramps to Downtown Tampa would be adjusted to improve spacing so drivers can safely exit to downtown. The exit ramps would still serve Orange Avenue, Jefferson Street, Ashley Drive, and Doyle Carlton Drive. The improvements would remove the existing ramp bridge structure over I-275 as part of the ramp relocations. The existing shoulders would be widened on I-275 from Palm Avenue to Jefferson Street.

The following freeway measures of effectiveness (MOEs) were compared for the Build Alternative and NFA Alternative at the end of peak hours for the 2025 Opening Year:

- Average Speed (mph)
- Total Travel Delay (in vehicle-hours)
- Delay per Vehicle Mile (min/veh/mile)

For the NFA alternative, apart from the volume to capacity constraints on a systemwide basis, several segments experience significant delay during the AM and PM peak hours. The following segments experience heavy congestion:

- I-275 northbound between Howard Frankland Bridge and Ashley Drive off-ramp (AM/PM Peak - NFA): This segment experiences moderate to heavy congestion due to closely spaced ramps and heavy on/off-ramp demand traffic. Heavy congestion is observed south of the Ashley Drive off-ramp during the AM peak hour and along the whole segment during the PM peak hour. Significant mainline and interchange improvements are necessary along this segment to address the deficiencies.
- I-275 southbound between Downtown off-ramp and Howard Avenue off-ramp (PM Peak NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy on/off-ramp demand traffic.
- I-275 southbound between Hillsborough Ave on-ramp and I-4 off-ramp (AM Peak - NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy off-ramp demand traffic to l-4.
- $\mathrm{I}-4$ westbound between $\mathrm{I}-275$ interchange and $50^{\text {th }}$ Street off-ramp (AM/PM Peak - NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy on-ramp demand traffic from Selmon Connector and off-ramp demand traffic to l-275.

The results of the CORSIM simulation analysis showed significant improvements to the overall system MOEs during AM and PM peak hours due to the Build options compared to the NFA.

Based on the analysis, Build Options addresses most of the NFA congestion locations. However, as seen below there are segments within the Build Options that experience congestion.

- l-275 northbound between Westshore Boulevard on-ramp and Himes Avenue on-ramp (AM/PM Peak - All Build Options): This congestion occurs due to closely spaced ramps within this segment. There is approximately 1,000 -foot spacing between the Westshore Boulevard on-ramp and Dale Mabry Highway off-ramp. Also, Dale Mabry Highway onramp and Himes Avenue on-ramp are approximately 650 feet apart. In addition, the traffic demand from these ramps is also significantly higher compared to the existing traffic counts. Interchange improvements are necessary along this segment specially to address the insufficient weaving distance between Westshore Boulevard on-ramp and Dale Mabry Highway off-ramp.
- I-275 northbound between Himes Avenue on-ramp and Ashley Drive off-ramp (PM Peak - Options C \& D): This congestion occurs only in Options C and D due to a significant increase in traffic demand in the future and insufficient capacity through the downtown interchange.
- I-275 southbound north of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/SR 574 (Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard) off-ramp (PM Peak - All Build Options: This segment experiences congestion due to the significantly higher traffic demand for Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard off-ramp than the capacity of a single-lane off-ramp. Interchange improvements are necessary to address the increase in traffic demand.
- I-4 eastbound between I-275 and Selmon Connector (PM Peak - Option B): This segment experiences congestion due to lack of direct express lane connection from I-275 north of $\mathrm{I}-4$ to $\mathrm{I}-4$ eastbound. This leads to additional traffic merging into the general purpose (GP)
lanes along this segment of I-4. In Options A, C and D, a direct connect ramp/slip ramp flyover connection is provided from I-275 southbound to l-4 eastbound GP ramp to the l-4 express lanes. This reduces the traffic along this segment.

Table E-1 provides a summary of the MOE's comparing the five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E) to the NFA option for the 2025 Opening Year and 2045 Design Year using the project traffic assumptions given in Figure E-1.

## Option A:

## 1. Speed

a. 2025 Opening Year: 51\% increase in speed for the AM peak hour and 80\% increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $86 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $59 \%$ increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
2. Total Travel Delay
a. 2025 Opening Year: $71 \%$ reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $67 \%$ reduction in total delay for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 61\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and 38\% reduction in total delay for the PM peak hour.
3. Delay per Vehicle-Mile
a. 2025 Opening Year: $77 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $77 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 74 \% reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $63 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.

## Option B:

## 1. Speed

a. 2025 Opening Year: 51\% increase in speed for the AM peak hour and 84\% increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $82 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $54 \%$ increase in speed for PM peak hour.

## 2. Total Travel Delay

a. 2025 Opening Year: 70\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $70 \%$ reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 58\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and 33\% reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.

## 3. Delay per Vehicle-Mile

a. 2025 Opening Year: $76 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $80 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 72\% reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $59 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.

## Option C:

## 1. Speed

a. 2025 Opening Year: 53\% increase in speed for the AM peak hour and 58\% increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $72 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $40 \%$ increase in speed for the PM peak hour.

## 2. Total Travel Delay

a. 2025 Opening Year: $76 \%$ reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $49 \%$ reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 53\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $16 \%$ reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.

## 3. Delay per Vehicle-Mile

a. 2025 Opening Year: $80 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $65 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $68 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $48 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.

## Option D:

1. Speed
a. 2025 Opening Year: $54 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $55 \%$ increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $72 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $40 \%$ increase in speed for the PM peak hour.
2. Total Travel Delay
a. 2025 Opening Year: $77 \%$ reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $47 \%$ reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 52\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $18 \%$ reduction in delay for the PM peak hour.
3. Delay per Vehicle-Mile
a. 2025 Opening Year: $81 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $62 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $67 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $49 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.

## Option E:

## 1. Speed

a. 2025 Opening Year: 29\% increase in the speed for the AM peak hour and 69\% increase in the speed for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $48 \%$ increase in speed for the AM peak hour and $46 \%$ increase in the speed for the PM peak hour.

## 2. Total Travel Delay

a. 2025 Opening Year: $41 \%$ reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and $59 \%$ reduction in total delay for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: 30\% reduction in total delay for the AM peak hour and 25\% reduction in total delay for the PM peak hour.

## 3. Delay per Vehicle-Mile

a. 2025 Opening Year: $53 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $72 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.
b. 2045 Design Year: $53 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the AM peak hour and $54 \%$ reduction in delay per vehicle-mile for the PM peak hour.

## Peak Period Benefits Comparison (Value of Time)

In addition to the benefits seen during the AM and PM peak hours, each of the options provide significant delay reduction during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 4 -hour PM peak period by the 2045 design year.

- Option A provides a delay reduction of 16,293 vehicle-hours during the 4-hour AM peak period and 7,924 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 157.4$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option B provides a delay reduction of 15,397 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 6,785 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 144.2$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option C provides a delay reduction of 13,689 vehicle-hours during the 4-hour AM peak period and 2,547 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 105.5$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option D provides a delay reduction of 13,648 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 3,163 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 109.3$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option E provides a delay reduction of 6,564 vehicle-hours during the 4-hour AM peak period and 5,430 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 76.8$ million compared to the NFA.

Table E-1 MOE Comparison Build Options (A, B, C, D and E) vs No Further Action (NFA)

| Measures of <br> Effectiveness (MOEs) | Time Period | Build Option A vs NFA |  | Build Option B vs NFA |  | Build Option C vs NFA |  | Build Option D vs NFA |  | Build Option E vs NFA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2025 Opening Year | 2045 Design Year | 2025 Opening Year | 2045 Design Year | 2025 Opening Year | 2045 Design Year | 2025 Opening Year | 2045 Design Year | 2025 Opening Year | 2045 Design Year |
| Average Speed (MPH) | AM Peak Hour | 51\% | 86\% | 51\% | 82\% | 53\% | 72\% | 54\% | 72\% | 29\% | 48\% |
|  | PM Peak Hour | 80\% | 59\% | 84\% | 54\% | 58\% | 40\% | 55\% | 40\% | 69\% | 46\% |
| Total Travel Delay (Hours) | AM Peak Hour | -71\% | -61\% | -70\% | -58\% | -76\% | -53\% | -77\% | -52\% | -41\% | -30\% |
|  | PM Peak Hour | -67\% | -38\% | -70\% | -33\% | -49\% | -16\% | -47\% | -18\% | -59\% | -25\% |
| Delay per Vehicle-Mile (min/veh/mi) | AM Peak Hour | -77\% | -74\% | -76\% | -72\% | -80\% | -68\% | -81\% | -67\% | -53\% | -53\% |
|  | PM Peak Hour | -77\% | -63\% | -80\% | -59\% | -65\% | -48\% | -62\% | -49\% | -72\% | -54\% |

Figure E-1 Project Traffic Assumption Summary
Traffic forecast for the project was developed using:

| Travel Demand Model | $\square$ Growth Rates |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Section 3.3 provides discussion on the use of the growth rates to develop future year design hour volumes |
| Is the travel demand model based on the latest adopted LRTP? |  |
| マ YES | $\square \mathrm{NO}$ |
| 2014 Date when MPO adopted the latestLRTP | Explain why? |
| 2010 Base Year of Travel Demand Model |  |
| 2040 Horizon Year of Travel Demand Model |  |
| LRTP documentation is available at (provide web address): <br> http://www.planhillsborough.org/2040-lrtp/ |  |
| Traffic Data and Factors |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard K }=0.09 \\ & \text { D Factor }=0.57 \text { for } \mathrm{I}-275 \text { and SR } 60 \\ & \text { D Factor }=0.535 \text { for } \mathrm{I}-4 \\ & \text { TDaily }=\underline{4.5} \end{aligned}$ | Data Collection Year = 2018 <br> Opening Year $=\underline{2025}$ <br> Design Year $=\underline{2045}$ |
| 2040 CF model socio-economic data was extrapolated to 2 and Build models and was adjusted to include developmen not accounted for in the socio-economic data. The Build m with the Tampa Bay Next program for all the sections. | 2045 design year to develop the 2045 NFA $t$ that is currently under construction and odel includes all the projects proposed |

## Traffic Analysis Assumptions

- The proposed improvements would involve the reconstruction/widening of I-275 from east of Howard Frankland Bridge (HFB) to North of State Road (SR) 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King [MLK] Jr. Boulevard), and l-4 from I-275 to east of 50th Street. As part of the Build alternatives, five (5) alternatives are being evaluated along with the NFA alternative
- As seen in Section 2.4.3, the calibration/validation parameters include raw balanced counts, travel time and speed.
- The analysis tools used for the study include CORSIM for operational analysis, and ISATe predictive analysis tool based on the Highway Safety Analysis for safety analysis.
- The analysis period includes AM peak period from 6:30 am -9:30 am and for the PM peak period from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm.
- The MOE's used for the operational analysis include speed, density for individual links, and VMT, Delay, Move-Time and Travel Time as part of the systemwide MOE's. As part of the safety MOE's, the KABCO scale was used to compare the NFA and build analysis.


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## Acronyms

| AADT | Average Annual Daily Traffic |
| :--- | :--- |
| ADR | Automatic Data Recorder |
| CBD | Central Business District |
| CARS | Crash Analysis Reporting System |
| CDMS | Crash Data Management System |
| DDHV | Design Hour Demand Volume |
| DHT | Design Hour Truck |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| ELToD | Express Lanes Time of Day model |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration |
| FEIS | Final Environmental Impact Statement |
| FDOT | Florida Department of Transportation |
| FTI | Florida Traffic Information |
| GP | General Purpose |
| HOV | High Occupancy Vehicle |
| HSM | Highway Safety Manual |
| HFB | Howard Frankland Bridge |
| IOAR | Interchange Operational Analysis Report |
| I | Interstate |
| LRTP | Long Range Transportation Plan |
| MLK | Martin Luther King |
| MLOU | Methodology Letter of Understanding |
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NFA | No Further Action |
| ODME | Origin-Destination Matrix Estimation |
| PSWADT | Peak Season Weekly Average Daily Traffic |
| PD\&E | Project Development and Environment |
| PTAR | Project Traffic Analysis Report |
| ROD | Record of Decision |
| ROW | Right-of-way |
| S4 | Signals Four |
| SR | State Road |
| SEIS | Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement |
| TBX | Tampa Bay Express |
| TBN | Tampa Bay Next |
| TBRPM | Tampa Bay Regional Planning model |
| TIS | Tampa Interstate Study |
| TMC | Turning Movement Counts |
|  |  |

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have 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). FHWA issued the Records of Decision (ROD) in 1997 and 1999. FDOT and FHWA are conducting this study based on a proposed design change that includes new alternatives not previously considered, as well as modified alternatives presented in the 1996 TIS FEIS to accommodate tolled or non-tolled express lanes and other capacity and mobility improvement alternatives, some of which are being considered by FDOT in separate studies. FDOT, in coordination with FHWA, will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements.

### 1.1 Background of the TIS SEIS Project

The TIS Project has been under consideration for many years. The Tampa Interstate system is the cornerstone of the Tampa Bay Region's surface transportation system and improvements to the system have been a priority to the state since the 1980's. The proposed improvements to the interstate system are found in the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for Hillsborough County (LRTP) (2018).

In 1983, FDOT began to identify potential improvements to the Tampa Interstate system, which was constructed in the early 1960's. These improvements included potential short-term safety solutions and design changes, and long-term high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) related improvements to accommodate growing traffic volumes and congestion. The 1983 study considered all transportation needs within the study area, including concurrent highway, rail, and/or transit improvements.

Using the 1983 study as a documented base, FDOT began Phase I of the TIS in 1987. The purpose of the Phase I study was to produce a Master Plan to identify alternatives and make recommendations regarding the preferred type and location of multi-lane improvements, potential HOV facilities, transit facilities, traffic management techniques, and traffic surveillance and control systems. Based on the work performed, FDOT published the TIS Master Plan Report in 1989. The Hillsborough County MPO adopted the Tampa Interstate Master Plan Concept into the 2010 LRTP in November 1989. Several segments identified in the original TIS have since been constructed.

Following completion of the TIS Master Plan Report, FHWA, in cooperation with FDOT, began the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the supporting documentation necessary for state and federal approvals and subsequent fund ing of the TIS Master Plan Report concepts. The EIS evaluated impacts associated with a Selected Alternative, a Long-Term Preferred Alternative, and a No-Action Alternative, addressed agency and citizen concerns, and identified ways to minimize impacts.

FHWA approved the EIS in November 1996, issued the ROD for the 1996 TIS FEIS in 1997, and an amended ROD in June 1999. The 1997 and 1999 RODs are the documents that have governed the development of all improvements to I-275 and I-4 providing a roadway system that includes general purpose (GP) lanes and separated express lanes in each direction, as well as a future transit corridor. The intent of the FHWA and the FDOT is to ultimately construct the Long-Term Preferred Alternative as funding becomes available through the Hillsborough County MPO. Since issuance of the 1997 and 1999 RODs, FDOT has taken several major steps to advance the Project to full implementation. The TIS Project has been re-evaluated several times to advance various elements of the project, many of which FDOT has already constructed including portions of Segment 1A, Segment 2A, Segment 2B, Segment 3A, Segment 3B, and Segment 3C. The following describes the projects that FDOT has constructed.

- I-275 Widening Southbound and Remainder of Northbound from east of SR 60 to Downtown Tampa - Corridor length: 4.2 miles, Construction Cost: \$217.3 million, Start: July 2012 Completion: Fall 2016. Reconstruction and roadway widening. Improvements included: providing five through lanes in each direction, flattening the profile of the roadway at bridges over the crossroads, aesthetic treatments, improved interchanges, and increased median width for future improvements.
- I-275 Northbound from Himes Avenue to the Hillsborough River - Corridor Length: 2 miles, Construction Cost: \$109 million, Start: August 2007 - Completion: Spring 2010. Reconstruction of a 3-lane roadway into a 4-lane roadway primarily south of the existing alignment. Improvements also included: providing an increased median width reserved for future transportation needs, new bridges with improved height clearances, shoulder-mounted 8 -foot noise walls near densely developed residential areas, aesthetic treatments, and improved lighting and drainage.
- I-4/I-275 Interchange Ope rational Improvements (Downtown Tampa Interchange) - Corridor Length: 2.7 miles, Construction Cost: $\$ 81$ million, Start: October 2002 - Completion: December 2006. Capacity and safety improvements to the Downtown Tampa Interchange, which widened both interstates to five lanes in each direction. Improvements also included: extending the Ashley Street entrance ramp, providing a local auxiliary exit ramp system, improving weaving movements related to the l-275 southbound to l-4 eastbound flyover ramp, shoulder-mounted 8-foot noise walls near densely developed residential areas, landscaping within infield area and aesthetic treatments.
- I-4 from West of $\mathbf{1 4}^{\text {th }}$ Street to East of $\mathbf{5 0}^{\text {th }}$ Street - Corridor Length: 3.2 miles, Construction Cost: $\$ 185$ million, Start: February 2004 - Completion: Fall 2007. Reconstruction of a 4-lane roadway into a 6-lane roadway (three lanes in each direction with auxiliary lanes) to tie into the Downtown Tampa Interchange improvement project completed in December 2006. Improvements also included: providing an increased median width reserved for future transportation needs, new bridges with improved height clearances, shoulder-mounted 8 -foot noise walls near densely developed residential areas, aesthetic treatments, and improved lighting and drainage .
- I-4/Se Imon Connector - Corridor Length: 1 mile, Construction Cost: $\$ 425$ million, Start: March 2010 - Completion: Spring 2014. Construction of a newnorth-south toll interchange, which connects I-4 with the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway (SR 618). The elevated roadway with an all-electronic toll collection system links these two major east-west corridors and provides "truck-only"lanes for direct access to the Port Tampa Bay to reduce heavy truck traffic from local roads in Ybor City. Aesthetic treatments were also included in this project.

In 2011, FDOT released the Florida Transportation Vision for the 21st Century. The vision focused on innovative financing alternatives, advancing projects, and accommodating economic growth. While the 1996 TIS FEIS always included managed lanes along the region's interstates, tolling was not a consideration at the time. As a result of the 2011 Vision, FDOT initiated a master plan study in 2012 to determine the feasibility of dynamically tolling the proposed express lanes on the interstate. FDOT's 2015 Tampa Bay Express (TBX) Master Plan, which included the TIS project limits, established a system-wide framework for implementation of dynamically-tolled express lanes within the Tampa Bay Region. As part of the development of the TBX Master Plan, FDOT conducted extensive outreach, beginning with focus groups, to better understand public perceptions of the express lanes concept. The extensive outreach has been on-going since resetting as Tampa Bay Next.

### 1.2 Location of the TIS SEIS Project

The proposed TIS SEIS Project is located in the City of Tampa in Hillsborough County, Florida. The study area comprises approximately 11 miles of I-275 and I-4, an approximate 4.4 -mile segment of the Selmon Expressway, and an approximate 0.8 -mile segment of the l-4/Selmon Connector (previously known as the Crosstown Connector). The proposed improvements involve the reconstruction/widening of I-275 from north of the Howard Frankland Bridge (HFB) to north of State Road (SR) 574 (Dr. Martin Luther King [MLK], Jr. Boulevard), and l-4 froml-275 to east of 50 th Street. The proposed improvements are located in the 1996 TIS FEIS Segments 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B. TIS FEIS Segment 3C, Selmon Expressway, is not being considered in the TIS SEIS because it has been constructed. Figure 1-1 shows the entire Tampa Bay Next Interstate Modernization projects within the Tampa Bay region. Figure $\mathbf{1 - 2}$ shows the limits of the SEIS study area and Figure 1-3 shows the SEIS study intersections.

Figure 1-1 Tampa Bay Next Interstate Modernization Projects


Figure 1-2 Tampa Interstate Study SEIS Project Study Area


Figure 1-3 Tampa Interstate Study SEIS Project Study Intersections


### 1.3 Purpose of the TIS SEIS Project

In the 1996 TIS FEIS, the purpose for the proposed action was: "...to upgrade the safety and efficiency of the existing I-275 and I-4 corridors that service the Tampa urban area while maintaining access to the surrounding community."

The current SEIS Purpose is consistent with the 1996 TIS FEIS Purpose and expands upon the originally identified purpose and need to include congestion relief that improves accessibility, mobility, travel times, system linkages, and multimodal connections, while supporting regional economic development goals and enhancing quality of life for Tampa Bay residents and visitors.

## 2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Study Intersections and Existing Lane Configuration

The SEIS study area encompasses TIS Segments 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B as shown in Figure 1-2 and is located in Hillsborough County and consists of three major facilities (l-275, I-4, and SR 60). The study limits were extended to incorporate the adjacent signalized intersections along the arterial on each side of the interchange ramp terminals. Figures 2-1 and 2-2 illustrate the lane schematics of Existing Year (2018) of I-275 and l-4 respectively. In addition, functional classification and posted speed limit for major roadways within the study limits are presented in Table 2-1. The section below specifies the limits of the study separately by freeway, in addition to the number of interchanges and signalized intersections captured under each facility.

- I-275 - from south of SR 60 to Hillsborough Avenue
- 12 interchanges

1. SR 60
2. Westshore Boulevard
3. Lois Avenue
4. Dale Mabry Highway
5. Himes Avenue
6. Howard-Armenia Avenue
7. Ashley Boulevard
8. Orange Avenue
9. I-4
10. Floribraska Avenue
11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
12. Hillsborough Avenue

- 46 signalized intersections
- I-4 - from I-275 Interchange to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street
- 3 interchanges

1. $21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street
2. Selmon Expressway
3. $50^{\text {th }}$ Street

- 18 signalized intersections
- SR 60 - from Independence Parkway to Kennedy Boulevard
- 2 interchanges

1. Spruce Street/Airport
2. Veterans Expressway

- 5 signalized intersections

Figure 2-1 Existing Year (2018) Lane Schematics for I-275 Corridor


Figure 2-2 Existing Year (2018) Lane schematics for I-4 Corridor


| Table 2-1 | Functional Classification | and Posted Speed Limit of M | r Roadways |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Roadways | Functional Classification | Posted Speed (mph) |
| 1. | 1-275 | Urban Principal Arterial - Interstate | 50-65 ${ }^{1}$ |
| 2. | SR 60 | Urban Principal Arterial | 50 |
| 3. | I-4 | Urban Principal Arterial - Interstate | 55 |
| 4. | SR 589 Veterans Expressway | Urban Principal Arterial - Expressway | 50 |
| 5. | Kennedy Boulevard | Urban Principal Arterial | 45 |
| 6. | Westshore Boulevard | Urban Minor Arterial | 45 |
| 7. | Lois Avenue | Urban Minor Arterial | 35 |
| 8. | Dale Mabry Highway | Urban Principal Arterial | 40 |
| 9. | Himes Avenue | Urban Major Collector | 40 |
| 10. | Howard/Armenia Avenue | Urban Minor Arterial | 40 |
| 11. | North Street | Urban Major Collector | 35 |
| 12. | N Tampa Street/N Ashley Drive | Urban Minor Arterial | 30 |
| 13. | N Florida Avenue | Urban Minor Arterial | 30 |
| 14. | N Orange Avenue | Urban Major Collector | 30 |
| 15. | E Floribraska Avenue | Urban Minor Collector | 30 |
| 16. | Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard | Urban Principal Arterial | 35 |
| 17. | E Hillsborough Avenue | Urban Principal Arterial | 40 |
| 18. | Nuccio Parkway $/$ N $14^{\text {th }} \& 15^{\text {th }}$ Street | Urban Major Collector | 35 |
| 19. | N $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ Street/N $22^{\text {nd }}$ Street | Urban Minor Arterial | 30 |
| 20. | E Columbus Drive | Urban Major Collector | 40 |
| 21. | N 50 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street | Urban Principal Arterial | 45 |
| 22. | Cypress Street | Urban Major/Minor Collector ${ }^{2}$ | 40 |
| 23. | Spruce Street | Urban Minor Arterial | 50 |
| 24. | Independence Parkway | Urban Minor Arterial | 40 |

1. South of SR 60: $65 \mathrm{mph}, \mathrm{SR} 60$ to N Orange Avenue: $55 \mathrm{mph}, \mathrm{N}$ Orange Ave to south of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard: 50 mph , Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard to Hillsborough Ave: 55 mph
2. Between Westshore Boulevard and Lois Avenue - classified asMinor Collector, and east of LoisAvenue - classified asMajor Collector

### 2.2 Traffic Factors

The K-Factor, D-Factor, T-Factor, Design Hour Truck (DHT) Factors, and Model Output Conversion Factors were developed using the most recent five years of historic data from the Flo rida Traffic Information (FTI) online tool and by coordinating with adjacent on-going studies. Supporting information to estimate these factors is presented in Appendix A. Below are the recommended values for used in this study:

K -factor $=9 \%$

Justification - Statewide standard K per Project Traffic Forecasting Handbook 2.6.2.1.

## D-factor $=\mathbf{5 7 \%}$ for I-275 and SR 60, 53.5\% for I-4

Justification - Based on count data available on FTI Online website.

## T24-factor $=4.5 \%$

Justification - The existing count and 5-year average T24-factor average resulted a value of 4.4\%, rounded to $4.5 \%$ to maintain consistency with TB Next Section 7 PTAR.

## Design Hour Truck (DHT) factor = 3.0\%

Justification - Based on Section 2.6.4 of the Project Traffic Forecasting Handbook, DHT = T24/2, which yields a value of $2.25 \%$. However, based on comments from the Central Office on the l-275/SR 60 Interchange Operational Analysis Report (IOAR) methodology letter of understanding (MLOU), DHT is rounded to $3.0 \%$ for operational evaluation.

## Peak Hour Factor (PHF) = 0.95

Justification - The Peak Hour Factor (PHF) of 0.95 is the recommended default value for urban areas, per guidance from the FDOT Traffic Analysis Handbook, March 2014.

Model Output Conversion Factor (MOCF) = Table below shows the recommended values

| Location | MOCF |
| :--- | :---: |
| I-275 | 0.97 |
| SR 60 | 0.97 |
| I-4 | 0.95 |

Justification - The MOCF values are developed from the peak season factor category reports available on FTI for the roadway facilities.

In addition, raw traffic counts are provided in Appendix B.

### 2.3 Existing Year (2018) Volume Development

The Existing Year 2018 volumes were developed using the following method:

- Obtained traffic volumes that were collected as part of the I-275/SR 60 IOAR. The automated data recorder (ADR) and turning movement counts (TMCs) were collected in the months of October 2017 and November 2017.
- Expanded the project study from Himes Avenue with the above project to cover the entire SEIS study area limits as presented in Figure 1-2 and obtained new traffic counts. The ADR and TMCs were collected in the months of June, July and September 2018.
- Applied the seasonal and axle factors to the recent counts and developed peak hour and daily volumes.
- Developed AM and PM peak hour and daily AADT volumes for Existing Year 2018 conditions and balanced across the study area.
- Developed traffic volume diagrams and utilized the volumes for existing conditions calibration.


### 2.4 Existing Year (2018) Design Hour (Demand) Volume Development

The Existing Year 2018 design hour volumes were developed using the following data and process:

- Based on the balanced Existing Year AADT count information, the standard K-factor of 0.09 and respective D-factors for each corridor were applied to the ramp volumes to estimate the peak hour demand traffic during 2018.
- Existing peak direction information was utilized based on the counts to estimate the AM and PM peak hour ramp volumes following the procedure outlined above.
- AM and PM peak hour volumes for Existing Year 2018 Demand conditions were balanced across the study area.

Figure 2-3 shows the 2018 Existing Demand DDHV's for the study area.

















### 2.5 Field Observations During Peak Hours

Field visits were conducted during the AM and PM peak periods on Tuesday August 21, 2018 through Thursday August 23, 2018. The purpose of field observations is to visually assess the traffic conditions of the study area, to collect traffic signal timing information at study intersections, and to conduct travel time runs within the study limits of the l-275 and l-4 corridors. The study limits for travel time extended from $4^{\text {th }}$ Street to Hillsborough Avenue on I-275 and from the I-275 Interchange to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street on I-4.

Existing roadway characteristics such as the number of lanes, length of turn bays, lane width, and sight distances were also observed during the field visits. Figure 2-4 and Figure 2-5 illustrates the traffic conditions of the study area during AM and PM peak hours, respectively. The 15-minute traffic flows of AM and PM peak hour are presented in Appendix C. Key observations along major study corridors (I-275 and I-4) from the field visits are summarized below. The summary of field travel speeds collected is presented in Appendix D.

### 2.5.1 I- 275 Segment - From South of SR 60 to Hillsborough Avenue

- Overall, the traffic delays for PM peak hour are higher compared to AM peak hour. Congestion resulting in higher delays was observed along l-275 northbound compared to l-275 southbound during both AM and PM peak hours.
- Average speeds of 51 mph and 20 mph were observed along l-275 northbound segment (From south of SR 60 to Hillsborough Avenue - 10-mile segment) during AM and PM peak hours, respectively.
- l-275 northbound, south of SR 60, was observed to be a critical bottleneck segment for both AM and PM peak hours, leading to higher delays due to high existing traffic volumes to SR 60 offramp and due to vehicle slowdowns on the SR 60 westbound off-ramp curve. In addition, heavy congestion is experienced during the PM peak hour along l-275 northbound, north of SR 60, primarily due to the downstream congestion. The traffic queues from the l-275 and l-4 interchange extend beyond Westshore Boulevard interchange.
- Average speeds of 49 mph and 34 mph were observed along the l-275 southbound segment (From Hillsborough Avenue to south of SR 60 - 10 miles segment) during AM and PM peak hours, respectively.
- Minor delays were observed during the AM peak hour along I-275 southbound, whereas the segment between l-4 and SR 60 off-ramp experiences severe traffic delays (average speeds of 30 mph ) during PM peak hour. This is a critical segment for this facility due to high volumes of traffic from westbound I-4, southbound I-275 and the downtown Tampa area all merge together and exit to SR 60 via the off-ramp.


### 2.5.2 I-4 Segment - From I-275 to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street

- Overall, traffic delays for the I-4 westbound segment were higher than the I-4 eastbound segment during both the AM and PM peak hours. In the I-4 westbound segment, average traffic flow speeds were slower during the AM peak hour than during the PM peak hour.
- The observed average speeds along the I-4 westbound were 21 mph and 34 mph (from l-275 to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street -6 -mile segment) during the AM and PM peak hours, respectively.
- Critical bottleneck leading to congestion was experienced on the l-4 westbound segment from the Selmon Connector to the I-4 off-ramp to I-275 southbound caused by high exiting traffic volumes and vehicle slowdown on the off-ramp curve.
- Average speeds of 60 mph and 42 mph were observed along the l-4 eastbound segment (From I-275 to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street -6 -mile segment) during AM and PM peak hours, respectively.

Figure 2-4 Existing Year (2018) AM Peak Hour Congestion


Figure 2-5 Existing Year (2018) PM Peak Hour Congestion


### 2.6 Balanced Peak Hour Volumes

The ADR counts and TMCs were collected in the months of September 2018 and October 2018. Additionally, the traffic counts available from FTI Online that contained synopsis reports and counts from other recent studies that were performed within the study area were also consulted for volume development purpose.

The raw tube counts and TMCs were utilized to develop balanced peak hour design hourly volumes for the study area. Figure 2-6 illustrates the balanced peak hour volumes for freeway segments and ramps for the I-275 corridor within the study limits. Appendix E provides the Existing Year (2018) AADT for the study area.

### 2.7 CORSIM ModeI Development and Calibration Methodology

Microsimulation analysis was conducted using CORSIM (TSIS) 6.3 software. The existing (2018) traffic operational characteristics were assessed utilizing existing data such as traffic counts, truck percentages, speeds, geometry, capacity, and signal timings. Input data for the existing conditions analysis included Google Maps for roadway geometry that is field verified, traffic signal inventories from FDOT to recreate field signal timings in the CORSIM model, and synthesis of observed demand into 15-minute flows.

The peak hour (AM - 7:30-8:30, PM - 4:30-5:30) was determined based on raw traffic counts and the existing conditions were modeled for three hours of both AM and PM peak periods, which includes prepeak hour, peak hour, and post-peak hour. Additionally, a 1-hour loading period was utilized for both AM and PM peak hour models to load the CORSIM network with vehicular traffic to reach equilibr ium. Appendix F comprised of CORSIM model files and calibration results. In addition, the signal timing plans used in the CORSIM models are presented in Appendix G. Figure 2-7 illustrates the study area limits for the microsimulation modeling. The signal timing and phasing data for these intersections for the AM and PM peak periods were obtained from the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County. For the signalized intersections, Google Maps and field visits were used to determine and verify signal phasing information, protected/permitted left-turn operations, phase overlaps, etc.

Model calibration is the process used to achieve adequate validity of the model by establishing suitable parameter values so that the model replicates local traffic con ditions as closely as possible. Calibration is achieved by iteratively adjusting model parameters to replicate the traffic patterns, congestion, bottlenecks, and driver behavior observed within the study area. The CORSIM models were calibrated to replicate existing traffic operating conditions, including vehicle counts and speeds on mainline and ramp sections. Google Maps were obtained for the study area to assist in creating link-node diagram and lane schematics, which served as a blueprint for constructing CORSIM models. Developed linknode diagram is shown in Appendix H .

A step-by-step procedure that was defined in the FHWA Traffic Analysis ToolboxVolume IV: Guidelines for Applying CORSIM Microsimulation Modeling Software was followed to develop CORSIM models for the existing conditions. The methodology used in the CORSIM simulation is illustrated in Figure 2-8. It is necessary to run COSRIM models' multiple times with different random seeds to account for the stochastic nature of the analysis tool. A total of 10 runs were executed with varying randomseed values for both AM and PM peak-hour models to validate the results.

### 2.7.1 Simulation Study Area

Per guidance provided in the FDOT's PD\&E Manual, and FHWA's Traffic Analysis Toolbox Volume III, the study area that was adopted for microsimulation modeling is comprised of 17 interchanges and 69 signalized intersections. The simulation study area includes the study area in the TIS, plus Hillsborough Avenue north of the study limits on I-275 and the section of SR 60 west of I-275 to CR 576/Memorial Highway. This is to incorporatethe impacts fromthe demand from Veterans Expressway and the Tampa International Airport. Note that SR 60 west of Cypress Street is outside of the SEIS limits; however, SR 60 was included in the CORSIM model due to impacts on traffic operations.

### 2.7.2 Calibration Targets

The model calibration process and calibration targets used for this study are discussed in this section. The calibration criteria listed in the FHWA Traffic Analysis Toolbox Volume III: Guidelines for Applying Traffic Microsimulation Modeling Software (Dowling et al. 2004) and FDOT Traffic Analysis Ha ndbook (2014) for interstates and arterials was used to determine calibration targets. Table 2-2 provides the CORSIM model calibration criteria.

## Table 2-2 Model Calibration Criteria

## Criteria and Measures <br> Calibration Acceptable Targets

## Hourly Flows, Model Versus Observed

 Individual Link Flows, Model Versus Demand> Within $15 \%$, for 700 veh $/ \mathrm{h}<$ Flow<2,700 veh/h $85 \%$ of cases
$>$ Within $100 \mathrm{veh} / \mathrm{h}$, for Flow<700 veh/h $85 \%$ of cases
$>$ Within 400 veh/h, for Flow>2,700 veh/h
$85 \%$ of cases

Sum of All Link Flow
GEH Statistic < 5 for individual Link
GEH Statistic for Sum of All Link Flows

Travel Times, Speed, Model Versus Observed
$>$ Travel Time, Within $15 \%$ (or 1 min, if higher) $85 \%$ of cases
> *Travel Speed, Within 10 mph

Visual Audits
> Bottlenecks, Visually Acceptable Queuing

To analyst's satisfaction
*The GEH statistic is computed as follows:
$G E H=\sqrt{\frac{(E-V)^{2}}{(E+V) / 2}}$
where: $\mathrm{E}=$ model estimated volume; $\mathrm{V}=$ field count.

### 2.7.3 Measures of Effectiveness

The measures of effectiveness used for the calibration included traffic volumes, speed, and queue lengths. The calibrated model results were summarized and compared to observed data and are provided in this document. The results are provided for both AM and PM peak periods and include a summary of and comparison between observed and model results when appropriate for the following elements:

- Demand volumes and simulated volumes on freeway segments. Existing Year (2018) Balanced DDHVs are used as the calibration target
- Travel speed on freeway segments

















Figure 2-7 Study Area Limits for Microsimulation Modelling


Figure 2-8 Methodology Used in the CORSIM Simulation


Source: FHWA Traffic Analysis Toolbox

### 2.7.4 Global and Local Parameters

Per guidance provided in the FDOT's Traffic Analysis Handbook, the CORSIM global parameters as well as local parameters for the Existing Year (2018) models (both AM and PM peak hours) were adjusted to replicate the field conditions. The following global and local adjustments were made to the existing models.

## Global Parameters

The global calibration parameter "Vehicle Entry Headway" was changed to Erlang distribution with parameter $\mathrm{a}=1$ as per Traffic Analysis Handbook Table 7-3 and kept consistent for both AM and PM models.

## Adjustment of Local Calibration Parameters

Some of the local parameters such as Car Following Sensitivity Multiplier and Off-Ramp Reaction Distance were adjusted to create the desired bottlenecks thatreplicatethe field conditions. The adjusted local parameters were shown in Table 2-3, Table 2-4, and Table 2-5.

## Table 2-3 Local Parameter Changes - Car Following Multiplier (AM Peak Hour)

| Link <br> From | Node To | Roadway | Travel Direction | Car Following Sensitivity Multiplier | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1013 | 1014 | I-275 | Northbound | 180 | Replicate AM congestion along I275 NB |
| 1014 | 1015 | I-275 | Northbound | 170 |  |
| 1015 | 1016 | I-275 | Northbound | 140 |  |
| 1016 | 1017 | I-275 | Northbound | 180 |  |
| 1017 | 1018 | I-275 | Northbound | 180 |  |
| 1018 | 1019 | I-275 | Northbound | 170 |  |
| 1020 | 1021 | 1-275 | Northbound | 130 |  |
| 1021 | 1022 | I-275 | Northbound | 218 |  |
| 1024 | 1025 | I-275 | Northbound | 125 |  |
| 1025 | 1026 | I-275 | Northbound | 125 |  |
| 1026 | 1027 | I-275 | Northbound | 122 |  |
| 4028 | 4029 | I-275 | Northbound | 120 |  |
| 5003 | 5004 | $\mathrm{I}-275$ to SR60 | Northbound | 130 | Replicate AM congestion along Howard Frankland Bridge NB due to capacity constraint along I-275 Off-Ramp to Airport and SR 60 |
| 5005 | 5006 | $\mathrm{I}-275$ to SR60 | Northbound | 189 |  |
| 2027 | 2028 | I-275 | Southbound | 155 | Replicate AM congestion along I275 SB |
| 2028 | 2029 | I-275 | Southbound | 175 |  |
| 2030 | 2031 | I-275 | Southbound | 135 |  |
| 2031 | 2032 | I-275 | Southbound | 140 |  |
| 2034 | 2035 | I-275 | Southbound | 158 |  |
| 3031 | 3032 | I-275 | Southbound | 115 |  |
| 3034 | 3035 | I-275 | Southbound | 150 |  |
| 3035 | 3036 | I-275 | Southbound | 160 |  |
| 3036 | 3037 | I-275 | Southbound | 170 |  |
| 3037 | 3038 | I-275 | Southbound | 120 |  |
| 3042 | 3043 | I-275 | Southbound | 150 |  |
| 3043 | 2023 | I-275 | Southbound | 150 |  |
| 2013 | 2014 | I-4 | Westbound | 125 |  |
| 2014 | 2015 | I-4 | Westbound | 125 |  |
| 2017 | 2018 | I-4 | Westbound | 130 |  |
| 2018 | 2019 | I-4 | Westbound | 154 |  |

Table 2-4 Local Parameter Changes - Car Following Multiplier (PM Peak Hour)

| Link <br> From | Node To | Roadway | Travel Direction | Car Following Sensitivity Multiplier | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1018 | 1019 | I-275 | Northbound | 155 | Replicate PM congestion along I275 NB |
| 1021 | 1022 | I-275 | Northbound | 295 |  |
| 1024 | 1025 | I-275 | Northbound | 125 |  |
| 1025 | 1026 | I-275 | Northbound | 200 |  |
| 1026 | 1027 | I-275 | Northbound | 215 |  |
| 1027 | 1028 | I-275 | Northbound | 170 |  |
| 1028 | 1029 | I-275 | Northbound | 150 |  |
| 1029 | 1030 | I-275 | Northbound | 190 |  |
| 1030 | 1031 | I-275 | Northbound | 200 |  |
| 1031 | 1032 | I-275 | Northbound | 235 |  |
| 1034 | 1035 | I-275 | Northbound | 203 |  |
| 1036 | 1037 | I-275 | Northbound | 150 |  |
| 1037 | 1038 | I-275 | Northbound | 160 |  |
| 1038 | 1039 | I-275 | Northbound | 195 |  |
| 1039 | 1040 | I-275 | Northbound | 215 |  |
| 1045 | 1046 | I-275 | Northbound | 140 |  |
| 1046 | 1047 | I-275 | Northbound | 190 |  |
| 4025 | 4026 | I-275 | Northbound | 150 |  |
| 4026 | 4027 | I-275 | Northbound | 250 |  |
| 4027 | 4028 | I-275 | Northbound | 285 |  |
| 4029 | 4030 | I-275 | Northbound | 130 |  |
| 4031 | 4032 | I-275 | Northbound | 175 |  |
| 4032 | 4033 | I-275 | Northbound | 130 |  |
| 4035 | 4036 | I-275 | Northbound | 152 |  |
| 4037 | 4038 | I-275 | Northbound | 130 |  |
| 5005 | 5006 | l-275 to SR 60 | Northbound | 210 | Replicate PM congestion along Howard Frankland Bridge due to capacity constraint along I-275 Off-Ramp to Airport and SR 60 |
| 3034 | 3035 | I-275 | Southbound | 135 | Replicate PM congestion along I275 SB |
| 3035 | 3036 | I-275 | Southbound | 125 |  |
| 3036 | 3037 | I-275 | Southbound | 140 |  |
| 3037 | 3038 | I-275 | Southbound | 140 |  |
| 3038 | 3039 | l-275 | Southbound | 145 |  |
| 3041 | 3042 | I-275 | Southbound | 120 |  |
| 3043 | 2023 | I-275 | Southbound | 180 |  |
| 2023 | 2024 | I-275 | Southbound | 180 |  |
| 2026 | 2027 | I-275 | Southbound | 180 |  |
| 2027 | 2028 | I-275 | Southbound | 245 |  |
| 2028 | 2029 | I-275 | Southbound | 246 |  |
| 2031 | 2032 | I-275 | Southbound | 205 |  |
| 2032 | 2033 | I-275 | Southbound | 210 |  |
| 2033 | 2034 | I-275 | Southbound | 150 |  |

Table 2-5 Local Parameter Changes - Off-Ramp Reaction Distance


### 2.7.5 Calibration Results

The calibration process required a combination of visual examination and evaluation of statistical model outputs. The existing conditions model calibration primarily focused on replicating the traffic volume data, travel speed data, and existing bottleneck/congestion locations alongl-275 and I-4 based on field observations. The AM and PM peak-hour traffic volumes and travel speeds from the model were compared to the existing conditions data collected to verify the corresponding criteria outlined by the FHWA and FDOT reference documents and detailed below. The existing demand intersection and approach LOS are provided in Appendix I. The existing balanced intersection and approach LOS are provided in Appendix J.

### 2.7.6 Individual Link Flows

Table 2-6 provides a summary of the total number of I-275 and I-4 mainline links that comply with the FHWA/FDOT criteria during the AM and PM peak hours. Calibration results indicate that 124 of 124 links in the AM model and 122 of 124 links in the PM model are compliant with these criteria.

Table 2-6 Individual Link Flows along I-275 Mainline

| Peak Hour | Network Links |  | \% Criteria Met |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. of Links | Criteria Met |  |
|  | Link Flow < 700 vph (within 100 vehicles) |  |  |
| AM | 0 | 0 | NA |
| PM | 0 | 0 | NA |
|  | 700 vph < Link Flow $<2,700$ vph (within 15\%) |  |  |
| AM | 0 | 0 | NA |
| PM | 7 | 7 | $100 \%$ |
| AM | Link Flow $>2,700$ vph (within 400 vehicles) |  |  |
| PM | 124 | 124 | $100 \%$ |

### 2.7.7 Sum of All Link Flows

Table 2-7 provides a summary of the sum of link flows for the AM and PM peak hours. This table shows that the percentage of difference between the observedand simulated flows in the study area falls within FHWA/FDOT acceptable limits.

Table 2-7 Sum of All Link Flows along I-275 Mainline

| Peak Hour | Sum of all Link <br> Flows <br> (Observed) | Sum of all Link <br> Flows (Model) | Difference | Difference <br> Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AM | 759,410 | 751,960 | 7,451 | $0.98 \%$ |
| PM | 677,430 | 670,338 | 7,092 | $1.05 \%$ |

### 2.7.8 GEH Statistic

Table 2-8 summarizes the GEH statistic evaluations conducted for AM and PM models. This table shows that the FHWA/FDOT criteria for the GEH statistic are met.

Table 2-8 GEH Statistic along I-275 Mainline

| Peak Hour | Total Number of <br> Links | Links with <br> GEH < | Percentage | Within 85\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AM | 124 | 124 | $100 \%$ | Yes |
| PM | 124 | 122 | $98 \%$ | Yes |

### 2.7.9 Travel Speeds Comparison - Field Vs Model

In addition to traffic volume calibration, field travel speeds along I-275 and I-4 were replicated in the AM and PM peak hour models. Figure 2-9 through Figure 2-16 shows the comparison of field travel speeds and model travel speeds for the AM and PM peak hour along l-275 and I-4, respectively.

Figure 2-9 Travel Speed Summary (I-275 NB - AM Peak Hour) - Model vs Field Speeds


Figure 2-10 Travel Speed Summary (I-275 SB - AM Peak Hour) - Model vs Field Speeds


Figure 2-11 Travel Speed Summary (1-275 NB - PM Peak Hour) - Model vs Field Speeds



Figure 2-13 Travel Speed Summary (I-4 EB - AM Peak Hour) - Modelvs Field Speeds


Figure 2-14 Travel Speed Summary (I-4 WB - AM Peak Hour) - Model vs Field Speeds


Figure 2-15 Travel Speed Summary (I-4 EB - PM Peak Hour) - Modelvs Field Speeds


Figure 2-16 Travel Speed Summary (I-4 WB - PM Peak Hour) - Model vs Field Speeds


### 2.8 Summary

A summary of the existing conditions model calibration is provided below:

- Travelers experience heavier congestion during the PM peak hour compared to the AM peak hour. I-275 northbound experiences higher delays compared to l-275 southbound during both AM and PM peak hours.
- I-275 northbound, south of SR 60, was observed to be a critical bottleneck segment for both AM and PM peak hours, leading to higher delays due to high exiting traffic volumes to SR 60 off-ramp and due to vehicle slowdowns on SR 60 westbound off-ramp curve. In addition, heavy congestion is experienced during the PM peak hour along $1-275$ northbound, north of SR 60 , primarily due to the downstream congestion. The traffic queues from l-275 and l-4 merge extend beyond Westshore Boulevard interchange.
- On average, commuters experience average travel speeds of 51 mph and 20 mph to traverse $\mathrm{I}-275$ northbound segment (From south of SR 60 to Hillsborough Avenue - 10-mile segment) during AM and PM peak hours, respectively.
- On average, commuters experience average travel speeds of 49 mph and 34 mph to traverse $\mathrm{I}-275$ southbound segment (From Hillsborough Avenue to south of SR 60-10 miles segment) during AM and PM peak hours, respectively.
- The summary of calibration results indicates that the individual link flows, sum of all link flows, and GEH statistic comply with the FHWA/FDOT criteria during the AM and PM peak hours.
- Additionally, the model animation replicates the AM and PM peak hour congestion and bottlenecks that were observed during field visits within the study area. The calibrated CORSIM models reflect the existing traffic operations during AM and PM peak hours within the SEIS study limits.
- As a next step, global and local model parameters that were modified to replicate field conditions will be applied to model NFA and build conditions. It is anticipated that changes to the calibration parameters that were utilized in the existing conditions CORSIM models might be required for future build conditions if geometric improvements are proposed to improve capacity near the bottleneck locations identified in the existing conditions.


### 2.9 Safety Analysis

A safety analysis was conducted for the I-275, SR 60, and I-4 corridors within TIS SEIS Segments $1 \mathrm{~A} / 2 \mathrm{~A}$ and $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$ located in Hillsborough County. This safety analysis includes a historic crash data analysis and a predictive crash analysis that was used to compare the predicted number of crashes under the NFA and the Preferred Build Alternatives. The historic crash data was obtained from the Crash Data Management System(CDMS), Crash Analysis Reporting System (CARS), and Signals Four (S4) databases. The historic crash data was reviewed to examine crash patterns and assess the existing safety performance of the corridors within the study area. The Enhanced Interchange Safety Analysis Tool (ISATe) was utilized to apply the predictive method included in Part C of the Highway Safety Manual (HSM).

### 2.9.1 Historic Crash Data

Crash data was collected and analyzed for the l-275, SR60, and I-4 corridors within TIS SEIS Segments $1 A, 2 A, 2 B, 3 A$ and $3 B$ limits. The crash data was used to determine areas of potential safety concerns and identify crash patterns and possible mitigation strategies.

Crash data between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2016 was obtained using CDMS, CARS, and S4 databases. The data obtained from these three databases were compared against each other and the duplicates were removed. The data was combined and then filtered to remove alcohol and drug related crashes, as well as distracted driver crashes and crashes involving animals. These filtered crashes can be seen in Appendix K.

Figure 2-17 and Figure 2-18 show heat maps indicating concentration of crashes for the northbound/eastbound and southbound/westbound directions, respectively. In the northbound/eastbound directions, areas of high crash concentration occur around interchange areas, specifically at SR 60, Westshore Boulevard, Dale Mabry Highway, Downtown, and I-4. This high number of crashes is most likely due to the effects of on and off ramps that result in lane changes, high speed differentials between the ramp and the freeway, and potential queuing requiring sudden, unexpected breaking. In the southbound/westbound directions, high crash locations occur as vehicles enter the I$275 / l-4$ interchange area. This area experiences high congestion, excessive queuing, and sudden stops, which all contribute to the high number of rear end crashes in Segments 2B/3A/3B.

Over the five-year period a total of 7440 crashes were reported within the SEIS limits of TIS Segments $1 A / 2 A$ and $2 B / 3 A / 3 B$. Of these, the majority were rear-end crashes, which comprised $64 \%$ of the total crashes, followed by sideswipes at 18\%. Additional crash types include hitting a fixed object (6\%) and run off the road (5\%). Table 2-9 shows the total crashes by year and type throughout the SEIS project limits. These crashes are also presented in Table 2-10 and are divided by TIS Segments 1A, 2A, 2B, $3 A$ and $3 B$ and roadway within each section. Segments $2 B / 3 A / 3 B$, which includes the downtown
interchange area, experienced the most crashes of the two Segments, but also covers over twice the distance as Segment 1A/2A.

In total, there were 9 crashes involving a fatality and 2145 crashes resulting in an injury. Table 2-11 shows the total crashes by year and severity throughout the SEIS project limits. These crashes are presented in Table 2-12, divided into TIS Segments and roadway within each section. Six of the nine fatality crashes occurred within Segments 2B/3A/3B; all six occurred on l-275.

Figure 2-17 Northbound and Eastbound Heat Map


Figure 2-18 Southbound and Westbound Heat Map


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Table 2-9 Crashes by Year and Type

| Crash Type | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total Crashes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Angle | 7 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 27 | 97 |
| Bike | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Head On | 1 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 50 |
| Hit Fixed Object | 82 | 73 | 91 | 91 | 107 | 444 |
| Hit Non-Fixed Object | 8 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 43 |
| Left Turn | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 26 |
| Off Road | 81 | 69 | 70 | 58 | 67 | 345 |
| Other | 36 | 42 | 55 | 42 | 30 | 205 |
| Pedestrian | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 14 |
| Rear End | 671 | 914 | 948 | 1033 | 1188 | 4754 |
| Right Turn | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Rollover | 2 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 29 |
| Sideswipe | 182 | 217 | 293 | 263 | 358 | 1313 |
| Single Vehicle | 17 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 17 | 79 |
| Unknown | 5 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 34 |
| Total Crashes | 1103 | 1386 | 1561 | 1544 | 1846 |  |

Table 2-10 Crashes by TIS SEIS Segments/Roadway and Type

| Crash Type | 1A/2A |  | $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$ |  | Total Crashes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | I-275 | SR | I-275 | I-4 |  |
| Angle | 40 | 5 | 24 | 28 | 97 |
| Bike | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Head On | 20 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 50 |
| Hit Fixed Object | 158 | 24 | 164 | 98 | 444 |
| Hit Non-Fixed Object | 17 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 43 |
| Left Turn | 13 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 26 |
| Off Road | 159 | 15 | 89 | 82 | 345 |
| Other | 95 | 12 | 44 | 54 | 205 |
| Pedestrian | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Rear End | 2364 | 147 | 1500 | 743 | 4754 |
| Right Turn | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Rollover | 13 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Sideswipe | 565 | 30 | 400 | 318 | 29 |
| Single Vehicle | 30 | 6 | 26 | 17 | 1313 |
| Unknown | 16 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 79 |
| Total Crashes | 3497 | 250 | 2307 | 1386 |  |

Table 2-11 Crashes by Year and Severity

| Crash Severity | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total Crashes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fatal | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Incapacitating Injury | 39 | 45 | 39 | 20 | 29 | 172 |
| Non-Incapacitating Injury | 88 | 92 | 111 | 112 | 130 | 533 |
| Possible Injury | 220 | 262 | 273 | 292 | 393 | 1440 |
| Property Damage Only | 753 | 986 | 1138 | 1119 | 1290 | 5286 |
| Total Crashes | 1103 | 1386 | 1561 | 1544 | 1846 | 7440 |

Table 2-12 Crash by Severity and TIS SEIS Segments/Roadway and Type

| Section | Roadway | Fatality | Injury Type |  |  | PDO | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Incapacitating Injury | NonIncapacitating Injury | Possible Injury |  |  |
| 1A/2A | I-275 | 3 | 77 | 232 | 652 | 2533 | 3497 |
|  | SR 60 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 41 | 179 | 250 |
| 2B/3A/3B | I-275 | 6 | 50 | 161 | 475 | 1616 | 2308 |
|  | I-4 | 0 | 40 | 115 | 272 | 958 | 1385 |
| Total Crashes |  | 9 | 172 | 533 | 1440 | 5286 | 7440 |

### 2.9.2 Fatal Crashes

Figure 2-19 shows the locations of the nine fatal crashes within the study area between 2012 and 2016. No fatal crashes were recorded in 2014. The majority of fatal crashes are concentrated in the downtown interchange area, three of which were caused by vehicles hitting a concrete barrier. The curvature of the roadway in this area, along with speeding, may be contributing factors to the fatalities in this area. Other fatal crashes throughout the study area involved pedestrians being struck at night. Additional fatal crashes involved rear end collisions and one head on collision that resulted from a wrong way driver on an off ramp. Fatal crashes are further discussed in the following sections.

Figure 2-19 Fatal Crash Locations


### 2.9.3 Section Review

The study area is comprised of two sections of the TIS SEIS network.

- Segment 1A/2A covers l-275 from the Howard Frankland Bridge to Rome Avenue, as well as SR 60 from Kennedy Boulevard to Cypress Street.
- Segment 2B/3A/3B covers I-275 from Rome Avenue to Osborne Avenue, as well as I-4 from the $1-275$ interchange to east of the $50^{\text {th }}$ Street interchange.

A historic crash analysis was conducted for the two segments within the study area where the crash type and severity were analyzed within each segment over the years.

## 1. Segments 1A2A

There were a total of 3747 crashes throughout the 6.10 -mile segment of Section $1 \mathrm{~A} / 2 \mathrm{~A}$. Of these crashes, 3497 occurred on I-275 and 250 occurred on SR 60 . The primary crash type experienced on both roadways was rear-end crashes, followed by sideswipes. Run off the road and hitting a fixed object also account for a higher percentage of crashes. The speed limit traveling northbound on I-275 decreases from 65 mph to 55 mph as drivers encounter the SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard off ramp (Ramp

Number 10270129). This ramp experiences queuing onto northbound $\mathrm{I}-275$ and may be a contributing factor to the high number of rear end crashes in this section. In the southbound direction, there is a short weaving distance between the Lois Avenue on ramp and the SR 60 off ramp that may account for the sideswipe type crashes in this section. Vehicles coming from Lois Avenue that are destined for southbound l-275 need to perform a lane change maneuver in approximately 2000 ft . That lane then merges approximately 1500 ft south of the SR 60 off ramp, causing another lane change maneuver. Portions of this section were also under construction during the years defined by the historic crash analysis, which may have caused detours and new traffic patterns to emerge. This construction may have led to an increase in crashes within this section in order for traffic to navigate new traffic patterns or comply with roadwork signage and avoid construction vehicles. The original geometry of I-275 included several short weaving segments that may contribute to the high number of rear end and sideswipe crashes. Table 2-13 shows the crashes that occurred in Section 1A/2A by year and type.

Three fatal crashes occurred within Section 1A/2A, one of which was the result of a vehicle running off the road during the day under dry roadway conditions; there were no reported contributing causes. Another fatal crash involved a pedestrian that occurred between 4:30 and 5:00 AM under dry roadway conditions. The final fatal crash involved a motorcycle that changed lanes and was rear ended by a motor vehicle. This crash occurred during the day in clear weather with no reported contributing causes. Table 2-14 shows the crash severity by year for the portions of I-275 and SR 60 within Section 1A/2A.

Table 2-15 shows crashes by year and condition of the roadway. Approximately $84 \%$ of the crashes within Section 1A/2A occurred while the roadway was dry, while $16 \%$ of crashes occurred under wet roadway conditions. Table 2-16 shows crashes by year and lighting conditions. Crashes occurring at night account for $19 \%$ of all crashes in Segment 1A/2A; 18\% of total crashes occurred at night under lighted conditions.

Table 2-17 is a statistical crash analysis for the portions of l-275 and SR 60 within Segment 1A/2A, which are urban interstate segments, which has an average statistical crash rate of 0.924 crashes per million vehicle miles. The historic AADT was obtained from FTI traffic counts; the count station used for I-275 is 102018 , while the count station used for SR 60 is 105143 . Both segments of $1-275$ and SR 60 experience more crashes than the statistical average for similar roadway facilities in the state of Florida. The economic loss was also calculated for these two segments based on crash costs per severity type. The total crash cost of both roadway segments over the five-year period is approximately $\$ 295,306,700$.

Table 2-13 Segment 1A2A Crashes by Year and Type


Table 2-14 Segment 1A2A Crashes by Year and Severity

| Roadway | Crash Severity | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-275 | Fatality | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Incapacitating Injury | 23 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 77 |
|  | Non-Incapacitating Injury | 42 | 43 | 58 | 51 | 38 | 232 |
|  | Possible Injury | 108 | 112 | 134 | 147 | 151 | 652 |
|  | Property Damage Only | 365 | 477 | 580 | 584 | 527 | 2533 |
|  | Total | 540 | 649 | 786 | 792 | 730 | 3497 |
| SR 60 | Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Incapacitating Injury | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
|  | Non-Incapacitating Injury | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 25 |
|  | Possible Injury | 5 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 41 |
|  | Property Damage Only | 19 | 35 | 57 | 39 | 29 | 179 |
|  | Total | 28 | 45 | 80 | 54 | 43 | 250 |
| Total Cras | hes | 568 | 694 | 866 | 846 | 773 | 3747 |

Table 2-15 Segment 1A2A Crashes by Roadway Condition and Year

| Years | Dry | Wet | Unknown | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | 474 | 94 | 0 | 568 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | 593 | 100 | 1 | 694 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | 688 | 178 | 0 | 866 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | 720 | 126 | 0 | 846 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | 688 | 84 | 1 | 773 |
| Total Crashes | 3163 | 582 | 2 | 3747 |

Table 2-16 Segment 1A2A Crashes by Lighting Condition and Year

| Years | Night <br> Lighted |  |  |  | Dark-Not <br> Lighted | Dark- <br> Unknown <br> Lighting | Dawn | Daylight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Dusk $\left.$| Unknown |
| :---: | | Total |
| :---: |
| Crashes | \right\rvert\,

Table 2-17 Statistical Crash Analysis for Section 1A2A

| Statistic | I-275 | SR 60 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| AADT | 183200 | 131000 |
| Length of Segment (Miles) | 5.54 | 0.56 |
| Number of Reported Crashes | 3497 | 250 |
| FDOT Statistical Crash Rate Per Million Vehicle Miles* | 0.924 | 0.924 |
| Actual Crash Rate Per Million Vehicle Miles | 1.888 | 1.867 |
| Total Economic Loss (in Thousand Dollars) | $\$ 276,207.40$ | $\$ 19,099.30$ |

*5 Year Crash Rate Average for Interstatesin Urban Segments from the Statewide Average Crash Rates Between 2012 and 2016

## 2. Segments 2B/3A3B

There were a total of 3693 crashes throughout the 7.55 -mile segment of Section 6. Of these crashes, 2308 occurred on I-275 and 1385 occurred on I-4. The primary crash type experienced on both roadways was rear-end crashes, followed by sideswipes. Hitting a fixed object and run off the road crash types also account for a higher percentage of crashes. The speed limit traveling on I-275 decreases from 55 mph prior to the downtown area to 50 mph within the downtown area and then increases back to 55 mph north of the l-4 interchange. The speed limit on I-4 also increases to 55 mph in the eastbound direction after the 21 st Street ramps. The geometry of I-275 within the downtown area
experiences several on-/off-ramps in close succession while also navigating sharp curvature. There is a C/D road in the southbound direction that exhibits a short weaving segment. Drivers unfamiliar with the area may also experience some confusion with signage as they attempt to navigate between I-275 and l-4. All of these factors can cause an increasedrisk of crashes, especially rearends and sideswipes, as drivers navigate through reduced speeds, road curvature, queuing, and lane changing throughout the downtown interchange area. Table 2-18 shows the crashes that occurred in Section 2B/3A/3B by year and type.

Six fatal crashes occurred within Segments $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$; all six crashes occurred on l-275. One of these crashes involved a pedestrian, three involved running off the road and hitting a concrete barrier, another the result of a rear-end collision, and lastly a wrong way driver that resulted in a head on collision. Four of these crashes occurred at night; five of them occurred under clear weather conditions. Table 2-19 shows the crash severity by year for the portions of l-275 and l-4 within Segment 2B/3A/3B.

Table 2-20 shows crashes by year and condition of the roadway. Approximately $82 \%$ of the crashes within Segment 2B/3A/3B occurred while the roadway was dry, while $17 \%$ of crashes occurred under wet roadway conditions. Table 2-21 shows crashes by year and lighting conditions. Crashes occurring at night account for $18 \%$ of all crashes in Segment $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$; $18 \%$ of all crashes occurred at night under lighted conditions.

Table 2-22 is a statistical crash analysis for the portions of $\mathrm{I}-275$ and $\mathrm{I}-4$ within Segments $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$, which are urban interstate segments, which has an average statistical crash rate of 0.924 crashes per million vehicle miles. The historic AADT was obtained from FTI traffic counts; the count station used for $\mathrm{I}-275$ is 102016 , while the count station used for I-4 is 102028 . Both segments of I-275 and I-4 experience more crashes than the statistical average for similar roadway facilities in the state of Florida. The economic loss was also calculated for these two segments based on crash costs per severity type. The total crash cost of both roadway segments over the five-year period is approximately $\$ 349,909,400$.

Table 2-18 Segments 2B/3A3B Crashes by Year and Type

| Roadway | Crash Type | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Angle | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 24 |
|  | Bike | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Head On | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 16 |
|  | Hit Fixed Object | 21 | 32 | 23 | 37 | 51 | 164 |
|  | Hit Non-Fixed Object | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 13 |
|  | Left Turn | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
|  | Off Road | 19 | 16 | 25 | 10 | 20 | 90 |
| I-275 | Other | 8 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 44 |
|  | Pedestrian | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Rear End | 200 | 264 | 269 | 321 | 446 | 1500 |
|  | Rollover | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
|  | Sideswipe | 49 | 59 | 95 | 78 | 119 | 400 |
|  | Single Vehicle | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 26 |
|  | Unknown | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
|  | Roadway Total | 312 | 393 | 451 | 476 | 676 | 2308 |
|  | Angle | 1 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 28 |
|  | Bike | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Head On | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
|  | Hit Fixed Object | 20 | 14 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 98 |
|  | Hit Non-Fixed Object | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
|  | Left Turn | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Off Road | 18 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 81 |
| I-4 | Other | 12 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 6 | 54 |
|  | Pedestrian | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Rear End | 104 | 183 | 117 | 113 | 226 | 743 |
|  | Rollover | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
|  | Sideswipe | 55 | 55 | 57 | 53 | 98 | 318 |
|  | Single Vehicle | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 17 |
|  | Unknown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Roadway Total | 223 | 299 | 244 | 222 | 397 | 1385 |
| Iotal Crashes |  | 535 | 692 | 695 | 698 | 1073 | 3693 |

Table 2-19 Segments 2B/3A3B Crashes by Year and Severity

| Roadway | Crash Severity | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-275 | Fatality | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
|  | Incapacitating Injury | 8 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 50 |
|  | Non-Incapacitating Injury | 26 | 23 | 26 | 35 | 51 | 161 |
|  | Possible Injury | 65 | 80 | 79 | 102 | 149 | 475 |
|  | Property Damage Only | 212 | 274 | 335 | 333 | 462 | 1616 |
| 1-4 | Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Incapacitating Injury | 7 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 40 |
|  | Non-Incapacitating Injury | 17 | 24 | 21 | 19 | 34 | 115 |
|  | Possible Injury | 42 | 63 | 45 | 36 | 86 | 272 |
|  | Property Damage Only | 157 | 200 | 166 | 163 | 272 | 958 |
| Total Crashes |  | 535 | 692 | 695 | 698 | 1073 | 3693 |

Table 2-20 Segments 2B/3A3B Crashes by Roadway Conditions and Year

| Years | Dry | Wet | Unknown | Total Crashes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | 448 | 87 | 0 | 535 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | 581 | 111 | 0 | 692 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | 549 | 146 | 0 | 695 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | 572 | 125 | 1 | 698 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | 894 | 177 | 2 | 1073 |
| Total Crashes | 3044 | 646 | 3 | 3693 |

Table 2-21 Segments 2B/3A3B Crashes by Lighting Condition and Year

| Years | Night <br> Lighted |  |  |  |  | Dark-Not <br> Lighted | Dark- <br> Unknown <br> Lighting | Dawn | Daylight | Dusk | Unknown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Total |
| :---: |
| Crashes |

Table 2-22 Statistical Crash Analysis for Section 2B/3A3B

| Statistic | I-275 | I-4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| AADT | 158800 | 172800 |
| Length of Segment (Miles) | 3.968 | 3.554 |
| Number of Reported Crashes | 2308 | 1385 |
| FDOT Statistical Crash Rate Per Million Vehicle Miles | 0.924 | 0.924 |
| Actual Crash Rate Per Million Vehicle Miles | 2.007 | 1.236 |
| Total Economic Loss (Thousand Dollars) | $\$ 244,508.00$ | $\$ 105,401.40$ |

*5 Year Crash Rate Average for Interstatesin Urban Segments from the Statewide Average Crash Rates Between 2012 and 2016

## 3. ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

I-275, I-4 and SR 60 provide important connections to the regional and statewide transportation network linking the Tampa Bay region to the remainder of the state and nation. From the NFA Alternative analysis it is seen that the current geometry will be unable to handle the future growth in traffic. This study examined the need for additional mainline improvements in each directionto increase the capacity and improve the reliability, operations and safety of l-275, I-4 and SR 60 within the study area.

The alternatives that will be evaluated in the TIS SEIS are described in the following sections.

### 3.1 No Further Action (NFA) Alternative

The NFA Alternative provides a baseline against which the Build alternatives can be compared. Portions of the selected alternative in the 1996 TIS FEIS have been constructed, so the NFA Alternative that was evaluated in previous studies is no longer applicable. Therefore, a newNFA Alternative is evaluated for comparison to the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative and a 2018 Express Lane Alternative. The NFA Alternative is defined as the existing transportation system plus improvements approved in the 1997 and 1999 RODs.

In Segment 1A, the NFA Alternative includes construction of the general use lanes (outer roadways) and associated ramps within the I-275/SR 60 Interchange, which was approved under the 1997 ROD. Within the TIS SEIS study area, the remainder of the improvements identified in the RODs has already been built. The NFA Alternative also includes operational improvements to address existing operational and safety needs. They include the following:

## I-275 from South SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard to South of Lois Avenue in TIS SEIS Segment 1A:

- Add an additional northbound deceleration lane to the SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard off-ramp creating a third exit lane to SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard.
- Add a second exit lane to eastbound SR 60/Tampa International Airport (TIA) that merges to a single lane just west of the flyover bridge over I-275 mainline.
- Add a third northbound I-275 lane from eastbound SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard off-ramp to SR 60 on-ramp creating a 3-lane section.
- Extend the two-lane eastbound SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard on-ramp to l-275 northbound creating a 5-lane section to the Westshore Boulevard on-ramp.
- Maintain the existing northbound auxiliary lane between the Westshore Boulevard on-ramp and Lois Avenue off-ramp creating a 6-lane section. Terminate the additional lane at the Lois Avenue off-ramp.
- Add a third southbound I-275 lane from SR 60/Airport off-ramp to westbound SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard on-ramp creating a 3-lane section.
- Merge the outside two lanes from westbound SR 60/Kennedy Boulevard on-ramp southbound $\mathrm{I}-275$ prior to the HFB Bridge matching the existing 4 -lane section prior to the bridge.


## I-275/SR 93 from North of the Downtown Interchange to North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard in TIS SEIS Segment 2B:

- Provide an auxiliary lane in the northbound direction from Floribraska Avenue on-ramp to SR 600 eastbound off-ramp creating a 4 -lane section.
- Create an auxiliary lane by extending the northbound deceleration lane from the eastbound SR 600 off-ramp to the westbound off-ramp.
- Add an auxiliary lane in the southbound l-275 lane of travel from north of the SR 600 on-ramp to south of the l-4 exit ramp creating a 4 -lane section.
- Add a second exit lane to the l-4 eastbound off-ramp that merges to a single lane approximately 700 feet prior to the flyover bridge.
- Merge the fourth southbound I-275 choice lane prior to the Downtown Tampa exit.


### 3.2 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative (Non-Tolled)

Proposed improvements of the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative consist of a fourroadway system (general use lanes that provide local access and non-tolled express lanes in each direction of travel) on l-275 throughout the study limits and the preservation of a HOV/Transitway corridor within the interstate alignment. The non-tolled alternative is described in the Technical Memorandum included in the Appendix L.

Proposed interchange improvements include:

- a fully directional interchange for the I-275 connection to the SR 60/Veterans Expressway;
- modifications to the existing Westshore Boulevard, Lois Avenue, and Dale Mabry Highway interchanges;
- split interchange ramps remaining at Howard and Armenia Avenues;
- a new west bank Central Business District (CBD) interchange with ramps to and from the west on I-275 at North Boulevard;
- a fully directional interchange for the I-4/I-275 connection;
- removal of the existing ramps to and from the north at Floribraska Avenue;
- a full interchange at Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard;
- reconfiguration of the split interchange at Columbus Drive and $50^{\text {th }}$ Street;
- removal of the interchange ramps at $40^{\text {th }}$ Street;
- a new directional freeway-to-freeway interchange with the proposed I-4/Selmon Connector on I-4 near $31^{\text {st }}$ Street; and
- a new Ybor City/east side CBD split interchange on I-4 at $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }}$ Street and $\mathrm{N} 15^{\text {th }}$ Street (with extension of the ramps at $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }}$ Streets and $\mathrm{N} 15^{\text {th }}$ Streets as parallel frontage roads to $21^{\text {st }}$ and $22^{\text {nd }}$ Streets to replace the existing access from l-4 to these streets).

Other new non-interstate improvements include the following:

- the removal of the $19^{\text {th }}$ Street overpass and the maintenance of the 26th Street overpass;
- the extension of Sherrill Street from Memorial Highway (SR 60) and Kennedy Boulevard under I-275 to Cypress Street;
- the extension of Trask Street under l-275;
- a Lemon Street Connector to Westshore Boulevard from Occident Street;
- park-n-ride lots to provide access to HOV lanes located at the Florida State Fairgrounds, Yukon Street, Sinclair Hills Road, and SR 56;
- overpass width to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities on cross street; and
- a multi-modal terminal/parking garage at the northern end of the Marion Street.

The TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative has been reevaluated numerous times throughout the past 20 years as the various segments of interstate have been constructed. Therefore, this alternative consists of the original impacts, as updated by the approved re-evaluations.

### 3.3 2018 Express Lane Alternative

Improvements identified for the segments that will be evaluated in the TIS SEIS include major components of the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative. There are areas where the design has changed in alignment and configuration. The TIS segments that will be evaluated in the SEIS and the design differences from the 1996 TIS FEIS Long-Term Preferred Alternative are described in the following sections.

1A - I-275 from Howard Frankland Bridge/Kennedy Boulevard ramps and just north of Cypress Street on Memorial Highway (SR 60) to East of Himes Avenue: The general use lanes (outer roadways) in this section were included in the 1996 TIS FEIS and approved by the 1999 ROD. The design changes would involve the use of express lanes and access changes between general use and express lanes, expansion of I-275 from HFB to south of SR 60 to accommodate express lanes along l275 , and local street changes, including relocation of Lemon Street, the extension of Occident Street, modified Trask Street ramp connections, replacement of Executive Drive to the southbound l-275 ramp connection, and extension of Sherrill Street with a new I-275 Reo Street interchange that would provide a connection between Kennedy Boulevard, Reo Street, and I-275. Additional ROW would be needed to accommodate express lanes near the SR 60 interchange to and from I-275, a new toll ramp into TIA, the addition of general use lanes west of Westshore Boulevard, and expansion of the corridor for future transit use west of SR 60.

2A - I-275 from East of Himes Ave nue to East of Rome Av enue: The general use and express lanes in this section were included in the 1996 TIS FEIS and approved in the 1997 and 1999 ROD. The outer
roadway (general use lanes) has already been constructed with l-275 improvements. The work in this section includes adding express lanes in the median. Himes Avenue would include direct connect express lane ramps constructed within the l-275 median area, tying into Himes Avenue between the northbound and southbound l-275 bridges. Left turns from northbound and southbound Himes Avenue to the express lane ramps would be prohibited. Construction would include the widening of the I-275 bridges over Himes Avenue, toward the median, with pavement widening, median modifications and sidewalk construction along Himes Avenue. These interchange modifications would not require additional ROW and the existing northbound I-275 general use on-ramp and the existing southbound $1-$ 275 general use off-ramp would remain in place.

2B - I-275 from East of Rome Avenue to North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard and I-4 from I-275 to East of 15 th Street: Operational improvements at the I-275/l-4 interchange were included in the 1996 TIS FEIS. The design changes include express lanes, changes in access to express lanes, which include adding a direct connection to the downtown local street network and slip ramp access north and east of downtown, adding overpasses at several locations to open cross-connections of local streets through the interstate footprint, and additional ROW acquisition involving vacant or undeveloped portions of land at a few pinch-points. This section is adjacent to several historic districts and primarily residential areas.

3A - I-4 from East of 15th Street to East of $34^{\text {th }}$ Street: The general use and express lanes in this section were included in the 1996 TIS FEIS. The outer roadway (general use lanes) has already been constructed from $21^{\text {st }}$ Street to $34^{\text {th }}$ Street. The design changes involve express lanes, changes in access to express lanes, which include slip ramp access east of downtown, and ramp access change with I-4 interchanges at N $14^{\text {th }}$ Street/ N $15^{\text {th }}$ Street and N21 $1^{\text {st }}$ Street/ N $22^{\text {nd }}$ Street. Land uses adjacent to this section include historic districts and a mix of residential and commercial areas such as Ybor City and East Tampa.

3B - I-4 from East of 34 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street to East of $50^{\text {th }}$ Street: The general use lanes in this section were included in the 1996 TIS FEIS. The outer roadway (general use lanes) has already been constructed from $34^{\text {th }}$ Street to $50^{\text {th }}$ Street. Work in this section would include adding express lanes in the median and adjustments in access between express and general lanes. This would require the mainline and eastbound entrance ramp to shift south of the existing ROW within the limits of the ramp.

3C - I-4/Lee Roy Se Imon Expressway Interchange: These improvements were fully constructed in 2014 and are not a part of the SEIS.

### 3.4 Design Options for the 2018 Express Lane Alternative

Four express lane interchange design options are being considered for the Downtown Interchange in Segment 2B.

- Options A and B-Reconstructed Interchange - The proposed improvements under Options $A$ and $B$ would include:
- Reconstruction of the l-4/l-275 interchange to enhance the design speed along the current substandard ramps.
- Reconstruction of I-275 mainline to eliminate the horizontal/vertical curves that cause vehicles to slow down through the l-4 interchange.
- Construction of express lanes along I-275, terminating in the vicinity of SR 574, with direct connection to l-4 and to Tampa Heights.
- Addition of direct express lane connection to/from the Downtown area with ramp connections at Tampa Street and Morgan Street.
- Addition of overpasses at several locations to open cross-connections of local streets through the interstate footprint, and additional ROW acquisition involving vacant or undeveloped portions of land at pinch-points.
- Reconstruction of the Orange/Jefferson interchange to improve safety by further discouraging wrong-way driving crashes.
- This section is adjacent to several historic districts and primarily residential areas. Both Options A and B improve access to/from Ybor City and Tampa Heights through reconfiguration of the $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street interchange and addition of a ramp connection at $\mathrm{N} 13^{\text {th }} / 14^{\text {th }}$ Street.

The differences between Options $A$ and $B$ are as follows:

- Option A-Reconstructed Interchange with Express Lanes to the North: Option A includes express lanes along the north leg of I-275 with direct connections to l-275 and l-4. Direct express lane connection from l-275 north to/from l-4 east alleviates the weave condition along l-4 between l-275 and Selmon Connector in both travel directions.
- Option B - Reconstructed Interchange without Express Lanes to the North: Option B does not include express lanes along the north leg of I-275 and does not include direct connections from the express lanes to the north leg of I-275. Access to and from I-275 north would be provided through slip ramps. This option does not address the weave condition along l-4 between l-275 and Selmon Connector.
- Options C and D - Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes (viaduct) - Proposed improvements under Options C and D would include retaining the existing I-275 and I-4
interchange while adding express lanes on elevated structure from west of the Hillsborough River to l-4. Access would be provided to the downtown street grid from the elevated exp ress lanes. However, like the 1996 Long-Term Preferred Alternative, there would be no access to Floribraska Avenue since the ramps would be eliminated. Other improvements include providing two-lane ramps for connections to I-4 and the north leg of I-275 and direct express lane connections from l-275 north to/from l-4 east which alleviates the weave condition along l-4 between $1-275$ and the Selmon Connector in the eastbound direction only. This would be accomplished by removing the ramp along eastbound l-4, currently serving only $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st } / 22^{\text {nd }}}$ Street and providing separate exits from northbound I-275 and southbound I-275.

The exit from northbound l-275 would be located between Palm Avenue and Nebraska Avenue while the exit from southbound I-275 would be located off the two-lane flyover to eastbound I4. Those two separate ramps would then combine along the south side of the eastbound I-4 mainline east of Nebraska Avenue and would tie into $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street, providing a new access point that would serve both the $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street and $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street interchanges. The ramp would align with the eastbound frontage road that currently connects $N 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street and $N$ $21^{s t} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street. The frontage road would be widened to two lanes to facilitate traffic to N


- Option C - Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes - South Side of I275: Under Option C, the elevated express lanes would fly out from the median of I-275 west of the Hillsborough River over the northbound I-275 lanes to the outside of the existing interstate and run adjacent to the existing northbound I-275 lanes from the Hillsborough River to I-4, on the south side of I-275. The elevated express lanes would turn east along l-4 by crossing over to the north side of I-4, adjacent to the westbound $I-$ 4 lanes from $\mathrm{l}-275$ to east of $\mathrm{N} 15^{\text {th }}$ Street. The elevated express lanes would then fly over the westbound l-4 lanes back into the median of l-4 just west of $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }}$ Street.
- Option D-Existing Interchange with Elevated Express Lanes - North Side of I-275: Under Option D, the elevated express lanes would fly out from the median of I-275 west of the Hillsborough River over the southbound I-275 lanes to the outside of the existing interstate and run adjacent to the existing southbound I-275 lanes from the Hillsborough River to $1-4$, on the north side of I-275. The elevated express lanes would turn east along $\mathrm{I}-4$, adjacent to the westbound I-4 lanes from I-275 to east of $15^{\text {th }}$ Street. The elevated express lanes would then fly over the westbound l-4 lanes back into the median of l-4 just west of $21^{\text {st }}$ Street.
- Option E - Capacity and Safety Improvements for Southbound to Eastbound, Westbound to Northbound, and Westbound to Southbound: The proposed improvement under Option E would include:
- I-275 northbound and southbound express lanes end prior to the Tampa Street/Ashley Drive on/off ramp. Access to and from I-275 north would be provided through slip ramps.
- Southbound I-275 to Eastbound I-4 - The southbound I-275 to eastbound I-4 improvements include widening the existing flyover ramp to two lanes. New signage located near Hillsborough Avenue would inform drivers that they can remain in the outermost lane to access the dual lane flyover ramp to l-4. The existing auxiliary lane that begins at the entrance ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard still would also provide drivers access to the l-4 flyover ramp without changing lanes. The existing exit ramp to Floribraska Avenue would remain.

The improvements would include relocating the exit ramp to Yb or City and East Tampa from the existing location at $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st/}} / 22^{\text {nd }}$ Street to $\mathrm{N} 14^{\text {th }} / 15^{\text {th }}$ Street. The relocated exit ramp would provide enhanced access to businesses, educational institutions, and residential areas. Drivers would still access $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st } / 22^{\text {nd }}}$ Street via widening the existing single-lane frontage road, East $13^{\text {th }}$ Avenue, to two lanes.

- Westbound I-4 to Northbound I-275 - The westbound I-4 to northbound I-275 operational improvement would include widening the existing exit to northbound I-275. Westbound $\mathrm{l}-4$ would be widened beginning at the westbound on-ramp from $21^{\text {st }}$ Street and continuing to northbound $\mathrm{I}-275$, providing for a widened two-lane exit to north I-275.

The additional widened lane would continue north along I-275 to provide five lanes from I-4 to the Floribraska Avenue on-ramp. Between the Floribraska Avenue on-ramp and the Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard exit ramp, a sixth auxiliary lane would be added connecting the existing Floribraska Avenue on-ramp to the Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard exit ramp. The existing single-lane exit ramp to Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard will be widened to two lanes. From the exit ramp to Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard north, the five lanes would continue and then reduce to four lanes prior to the on-ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard and continuing to Hillsborough Avenue. The on-ramp from Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard would merge prior to Osborne Avenue. Drivers in the innermost lane from the ramp to l- 275 northbound would be able to continue in this lane to Hillsborough Avenue.

- Westbound I-4 to Southbound I-275 - The westbound I-4 to southbound I-275 operational improvements would include widening the southbound l-275 ramp from two lanes to three lanes. The three lanes would join the two lanes from southbound l-275 to provide five lanes. The five lanes would then merge to four lanes near Jefferson Street. The exit ramps to Downtown Tampa would be adjusted to improve spacing so drivers can safely exit to downtown. The exit ramps would still serve Orange Avenue, Jefferson Street, Ashley Drive, and Doyle Carlton Drive. The improvements would remove the existing ramp bridge structure over l-275 as part of the ramp relocations. The existing shoulders would be widened on I-275 from Palm Avenue to Jefferson Street.

Figure 3-1 through Figure 3-9 shows the No Further Action (NFA) and Build geometry within the study area.





OPTION A: RECONSTRUCTED INTERCHANGE WITH EXPRESS LANE RAMPS TO THE NORTH
Figure 3-4







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### 3.5 Future Year Volume Forecasting- NFA Demand Volumes

The Base Year (2010) model was validated at a regional level to ensure that the model is replicating the counts within the study area. A subarea model network was extracted from the validated regional model to further calibrate the traffic volumes and subareatrip tables. Figure 3-10 provides the extracted network from the 2010 Base Year regional network. The subarea network and trip tables, along with the traffic counts provided input for the Origin-Destination Matrix Estimation (ODME) process. Necessary adjustments have been made to the model input including hourly capacity and free flow speed adjustments. Table 3-1 represents a summary of the adjustments made to the sub-area input network. The details of the adjustment process are documented in 2.2.1.2 and Section 3.3 of the TBRPM v8.1 2010 Base Year Sub-Area Model Calibration for TBNEXT Projects, May 2018. The documentation is provided in Appendix M.

Figure 3-10 Subarea Model Coverage Area


The ODME process helped to refine the subarea and corridor level travel demand. The 2010 Base Year volumes correspond well to observed data and the majority of the mainline volumes are within the targeted ranges. It provided a good base year model for future year travel demand forecasts.

Table 3-1 Sub-Area Model Adjustments
$\begin{array}{|l|l|l|c|c|}\hline \text { Corridor } & \text { Segment } & \text { Model Inputs } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Original } \\ \text { Model }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Adjusted in } \\ \text { Sub-Area } \\ \text { Model }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { I-275 } & \text { From US 92 to l-4 } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Hourly Capacity } \\ \text { (vehicle per hour per lane) }\end{array} & 2,300-2,400 & 2,000-2,100 \\ \hline \text { I-4 } & \text { From I-275 to N 54 }\end{array}$ th St $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Hourly Capacity } \\ \text { (vehicle per hour per lane) }\end{array}\right) 2,300-2,400 ~ 2,000-2,100$

Table 3-2 provides a summary of the Percent Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) for all the 2010 traffic count locations within the sub area, from the model outputs before and after the ODME process. The percent RMSE is a measure of the average deviation between the actual counts and model assigned volumes. It is one of the indicators to illustrate how closely the model volumes match the observed traffic counts. Details on the subarea ODME process has been documented in Section 3.4 of the TBRPM v8.1 2010 Base Year Sub-Area Model Calibration for TBNEXT Projects, May 2018, including the following additional measures:

- 2010 Base Year Sub Area Model Volume to Count Comparison by Volume Groups
- 2010 Base Year Sub Area Model Volume to Count Comparison for Freeway Segments
- 2010 Base Year Sub Area Model Volume to Count Comparison for Ramps
- 2010 Base Year Sub Area Model Volume to Count Comparison for All Traffic Count Locations

Table 3-2 2010 Base Year Sub-Area Model Volume Group Percent RMSE

| Volume Group | Number of Count <br> Locations | \% RMSE (Pre <br> ODME) | \% RMSE (Post <br> ODME) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{< 5 , 0 0 0}$ | 193 | $115 \%$ | $105 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0 - 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 260 | $64 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0 - 2 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 275 | $40 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 , 0 0 0 - 3 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 118 | $28 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 , 0 0 0 - 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 105 | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4 0 , 0 0 0 - 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 68 | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{> 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 147 | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 1 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ |

The base year calibration efforts were carried over to 2025 and 2045 NFA TBPRM and subarea ODME models. The models provide Peak Season Weekly Average Daily Traffic (PSWADT) volumes for the next steps. MOCFs are applied to convert PSWADT to AADTs for Base Year 2010, Future Year 2025 and 2045. The NCHRP report 765 recommended "Factoring Procedure-Difference Method" approach was utilized to correct the error associated with regional model projected volumes. Following this procedure, the existing year 2018 AADTs were interpolated from base year and future year TBRPM models. These values were compared to existing traffic count (year 2018 count data) and the difference (delta) was calculated. This delta was applied to the future year 2025 and 2045 TBRPM model AADT values to correct the error in the model and to make sure growth rates are reasonable. The delta adjusted year 2025 and 2045 AADTs were balanced along the mainline by matching the AADT near Section 7 overlap and using the TBRPM model ramps AADTs within SEIS limits.

After the AADTs were established, the K- and D-factors recommended for the project were applied to the ramps to calculate the demand on each ramp in the AM and PM peak according to the existing peak direction. Using the Section 7 match line as a refence point, AM and PM mainline demands were matched to Section 7 mainline demands for year 2025 and 2045 and were balanced with the ramp demands developed above.

At boundary locations along l-4 and l-275 south of SR 60, DDHV targets were estimated based on the AADT, $K$ and $D$ factors for each PM. The ramp volumes were revised to achieve the DDHV targets at the above boundary locations. The ramp terminal intersections were balanced using the on-/off-ramp demand values and existing turn percentages.

### 3.6 Future Year Volume Forecasting- Build Demand Volumes

The build volumes were developed using the Express Lanes Time of Day (ELToD) v2.3 model for this project. The 2045 ODME subarea models, including input network, refined trip tables, and associated parameters developed in the previous steps, were used as a base to develop the ELToD models. A corridor level input network was extracted from the ODME subarea model as shown in Figure 3-11.

ELToD model analysis was performed under the guidance and review of Florida's Turnpike and its consultant. The model was enhanced during the calibration to include 1) additional directional parameters to support the hourly distributions for each corridor/section, and 2) directional parameters for toll segments were identified using the maximum distance.

The original ELToDv2.3 model includes a directional link file for the model to assign the hourly percent traffic distribution. The directional link file includes link identifications (link A and B nodes) and four link directions (i.e. north, south, east, or west). This file is used as indicators for the model to assign hourly distribution percentages to each express lane link. For example, if a bi-directional corridor runs from east to west, all the links along the westbound are assigned to a link direction value (i.e. 1) and all eastbound links are assigned to a different link direction value (i.e. 2). Links then will use the corresponding hourly distribution percentages for each direction. The methodology functions well when the study corridors are relatively simple with similar hourly distribution. During development of the ELToD model for this project, it was determined that additional directional indicators should be added due to the complexity of the study network. As indicated in Figure 3-11, the ELToD network included two east-west corridors (I-4 from I-275 Interchange to 50th Street and I-275 from south of SR 60 to I-4) and two north-south corridors (SR 60 from Independence Parkway to I-275 and I-275 from I-4 to Hillsborough Ave) with different hourly distributionand travel pattern. Therefore, two additional direction indicators were added to the directional link file as shown in Appendix A.

The original ELToD model assigns the hourly distribution for each origin or destination zone by the direction of the first link that directly connects to the zone. This methodology works reasonably for one or two corridors with similar directionality. It was noticed during the model development that this methodology needed to be improved for the project. Especially for the origin and destination zones located within the downtown area where all different corridor segments join. The hourly distribution assignment should be robust enough to consider beyond the first link that connects each zone and include a function that scans the entire corridor links and determines the directions that reflect the distribution of the trips for each zone well. As a result, the ELToD model scripts for hourly distribution assignment were updated using the maximum link distance of each direction.

With the updating on additional directional indicators and assignment of hourly distribution by maximum link distance, the ELToD model was enhanced to model the reasonable directionality of the study network.

ELToD models provide express lanes and general-purpose lanes volume on an hourly basis (Hours 1 through 24) based on the regional models and ODME. Where necessary, express versus general use splits were utilized from the ELToD output from peak hour volumes for Hour 8 and Hour 17 for AM and PM peak hour traffic operational analysis, respectively.

Figure 3-11 ELToD Model Input Network


Figures 3-12 through 3-17 shows the 2025 Opening year DDHV's for the No Further Action, Build Option A, Build Option B, Build Option C, Build Option D and Build Option E.

Figures 3-18 through 3-23 shows the 2045 Design year DDHV's for the No Further Action, Build Option A, Build Option B, Build Option C, Build Option D and Build Option E.

Appendix Eprovides the Existing, 2025 Opening and 2045 Design year No Further Action AADT within the study limits. Appendix $\mathbf{N}$ through $\mathbf{R}$ provides the Option A, Option B, Option C, Option D and Option E AADT for the 2025 Opening and 2045 Design year.








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### 3.7 Simulation (CORSIM) Traffic Analysis

The calibrated CORSIM model was used to analyze the NFA and Build alternatives. The modelsimulated traffic volumes and traffic measures of effectiveness were reviewed for the NFA and Build alternatives.

### 3.7.1 Opening Year (2025) Traffic Measures of Effectiveness

The CORSIM models were run 10 times using different random seed numbers to account for potential variations between model runs. The results of the simulation were averaged to ensure that the differences in the results were related to the geometric configuration of the network and control strategies, rather than the randomness of the simulation itself. Overall, multiple runs of the simulation prevent biases in the results due to the stochastic nature of the software. The results of the traffic simulation were used to estimate the traffic operations conditions at the freeway segments within the study area for the year 2025 Opening Year traffic conditions. Table 3-3 and 3-4 provide the 2025 Opening Year summary matrix for the NFA and Build Options during the AM and PM peak hours.

The CORSIM-estimated freeway traffic throughput, speeds, and densities for the NFA are shown in Figures 3-24 to 3-27. The CORSIM-estimated freeway traffic throughput, speeds, and densities for the Build Options A, B, C, D and E are shown in Figures 3-28 to 3-47.

The CORSIM model results were used to evaluate the study intersection performance for NFA and all five Build scenarios. Signal timing plans were optimized using Synchro 10 for future year evaluation. It should be noted that the intersection evaluation from CORSIM may not provide an accurate representation of the demand traffic and accounts for bottlenecks that may be present in each of the alternatives. The CORSIM intersection and approach performance results presented in Appendix S were used to draw comparison between NFA and Build scenarios for the 2025 Opening Year.

Since the proposed improvements are along l-275, SR 60, and I-4 corridors, roadway geometric conditions at all signalized intersections within the study limits are identical for NFA and for all five Build scenarios. Operational analysis results indicate that the traffic conditions are very similar for NFA and Build conditions during AM and PM peak hours. However, a few study intersections under Build conditions experience more delays compared to NFA conditions. This is primarily due to improved freeway geometry under various Build alternatives that allows more traffic to downstream ramp terminal intersections. Based on visual observation of all Build scenarios, none of the off-ramp queues are expected to extend beyond the gore point and have no significant impacts on freeway operations during AM and PM peak hours, except Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard interchange PM peak hour traffic demand significantly exceeds available capacity for a single lane SB off-ramp. This causes long queues that extend beyond the Hillsborough Avenue interchange.

Northbound:
On average, 67 percent of Moderate congestion sout of SR 60 . Heaw con SR 60 and Himes between Moderate Congestion near merge to $\mathrm{I}-275$ on Express Lanes.
Southbound

- On average, 66 percent of the demand is processed. No significant congestion
was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 82 percent of
the demand is processed.

- Heay congestion was observed.
Himes Avenue \&
North Boulevard


## Interchanges

Southbound
On average, 67 percent of Moderate congestion North of Howard Ave.

## Build Option A

Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate to heawy congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Soubound
On average 82 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 98 percent of the emand is processed

- Moderate congestion South of Armenia Ave
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average, 98 percent of the
demand is processed

- Moderate congestion near

North Bud.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lan
Southbound
On average, 89 percent of the
demand is processed
Moderate congestion South of Tampa St.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option B

Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion
between SR 60 and Lois.
- Heavy congestion between

Lois and Himes.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 79 percent of the demand is processed. No significant congestion was observed. on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 97 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion South of Armenia Ave. and near North Blvd.

- No delay on Express Lanes

Southbound
On average, 86 percent of the demand is processed. of Armenia Ave.
of Armenia Ave
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 99 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion near
North Blvd.
No delays on Express Lanes.
Southboun
On average, 87 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion was observed Near North Blvd. Interchange.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option C

Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion between

Westshore Blvd. and Lois Ave

- Moderate congestion near Dale Mabry Hwy
Expignificant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 70 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound

- On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion wa
observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 91 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion near
- Orange Ave.

No Sig cant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed.

- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option D
Build Option E

Northbound:
On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion between Westshore Blud. and Lois Ave Moderate congestion between Dale Mabry Hwy. and Himes No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 61 percent of the
demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion South of Howard Ave.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 85 percent of the
demand is processed.
Moderate congestion near
Howard Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes


## Northbound:

On average, 95 percent of the
demand is processed.
Moderate congestion between Tampa St. and l-4.
Moderate congestion nea Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.
Southbound demand is processed
No significant congestion was observed. Moderate congestion near Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of
the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion North
of Westshore.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
outhbound
- On average, 80 percent of the demand is procensed
No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 96 percent o the demand is processed
- Moderate congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 91 percent of the demand is processed
No significant congestion No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average 93 percent of the demand is processed

- Heaw congestion near Florida Ave.
Moderate congestion near Ashley and l-4 interchange.


## Southbound

On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed
Moderate congestion near Express Lane entry.

Heavy Congestion:Speeds 25 mph
No Sianificicant Congestion: Speeds $>50 \mathrm{mph}$

## Table 3-3 cont'd 2025 Alternatives Operations Summary Matrix - AM Peak Hour

| Segment | No Further Action | Build Option A | Build Option B | Build Option C | Build Option | Build Option E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-275 Between l-4 \& North of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Interchanges | Northbound: <br> - On average, 84 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 71 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heavy congestion North of $I-$ 4. Moderate congestion near I-4 | Northbound: <br> - On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 93 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 98 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 80 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 98 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 80 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 97 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 81 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion between MLK and Floribraska. <br> - Heawy congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. |
| I-4 Between I-275 <br> \& West of Selmon Connector | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 82 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near N $21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 57 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heavy congestion was observed. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No delay on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No delay on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 97 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No delay on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No delay on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 90 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near I275. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near $21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$. |

- On average, 47 percent of the demand is processed.
- Heavy congestion was
observed.
Heay Congestion on Express Lanes
I-275 Bet
Howard
Frankland Bridge \& Himes Avenue Interchange

Northbound:
On average, 97 percent of the $\quad$ Northbound: demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion near Lois Ave., Dale Mabry Hwy., and Himes Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
On aver
On average, 80 percent of the
demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate con

Armenia Ave.
No Significant C
Southbound

- On average, 84 percent of the demand is processed
- Moderate congestion near North Blvd.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes. the demand is processed. Moderate congestion near Lois Ave., Dale Mabry Hwy and Himes Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 80 percent of the demand is processed. No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes


## Northbound:

On average, 98 percent of the demand is processed Moderate congestion Sout of Armenia Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound

- On average, 82 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion near North Blvd.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 92 percent of the demand is processed

- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 84 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion near North Blvd.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 98 percent of the demand is processed. - Moderate congestion near Lois Ave. and Dale Mabry Hwy.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 71 percent of the demand is processed - No significant congestion was observed. on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 100 percent of the demand is processed. - Moderate congestion nea Himes Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

- On average, 95 percent of On average, 95 percent o Me demand is processed Orange Ave Orange Ave.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound the demand is processed Moderate to Heaw congestion south of I-4.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 98 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion near Lois Ave. and North of Dale Mabry Hwy.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes


## Southbound

- On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average, 99 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 71 percent of the demand is processed.

No significant congestion
was observed.

- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes


## Northbound:

On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion South
of Orange Ave.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 72 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion near Orange Ave.
- Moderate Congestion near Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.

Northbound: On average, 95 percent of the On average, 95 percen

- Heaw congestion between Express Lane egress near Dal Mabry and Himes.
- Moderate congestion between Lois and Express Lane egress near Dale Mabry
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

- On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed
- Heawy congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 79 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 84 percent of the demand is processed.
- Heay congestion South of Orange.
- Moderate congestion North of Orange.
Southbound demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion was observed.

Heavy Congestion: Speeds $<25 \mathrm{mph}$
$\frac{\text { Moderate Congestion:Speeds }-25-50 \mathrm{mph}}{\text { No Significant Congestion: } \text { Speeds }>50 \mathrm{mph}}$

## Segment



Northbound:

- On average, 87 percent of the
- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound On average, 79 percent demand is processed
Heawy congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Eastbound:
On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed

- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Westbound:
- On average, 96 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
- observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option B
Build Option C
Build Option D
Build Option E

## Northbound

On average, 89 percent of $\quad$ Northbound: the demand is prient Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.
Southbound
On average, 78 percent of the demand is processed. Heay congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

## Eastbound:

On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed.

- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
bound:
On average, 96 percent of Medemand is processed. Moderate congestion between Selmon Connector No Significant Congestion

On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed MLK. MLK.

- On average, 79 percent o the demand is processed Heaw congestion North o Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

Eastbound:

- On average, 97 percent of On average, 97 percent of
the demand is processed
- No significant congestion
was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Westbound:
- On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed - Heaw congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average, 86 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate to heaw
congestion North of I-4
Southbound
On average, 80 percent of the demand is processed. Heavy congestion North of

## Eastbound:

- On average, 94 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Westbound.
On average, 77 percent of the demand is processed. Selmon Connector and I 275 .
- Moder $50^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 79 percent of the demand is processed

- No significant congestion was observed
Southbound 96 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
observed.


## Eastbound:

- On average, 93 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed
Westbound
- On average, 81 percent of the demand is processed
- Heaw congestion was observed.

[^0]Figure 3-24 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-25 l-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-26 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-27 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-28 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option A


Figure 3-29 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option A


Figure 3-30 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option A


Figure 3-31 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option A


Figure 3-32 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option B


Figure 3-33 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option B


Figure 3-34 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option B


Figure 3-35 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option B


Figure 3-36 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option C


Figure 3-37 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option C


Figure 3-38 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option C


Figure 3-39 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option C


Figure 3-40 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option D


Figure 3-41 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option D


Figure 3-42 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option D


Figure 3-43 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option D


Figure 3-44 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option E


Figure 3-45 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option E


Figure 3-46 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option E


Figure 3-47 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2025 Build Option E


The following freeway measures of effectiveness (MOEs) were compared for the 2025 Build Alternative and 2025 NFA Alternative at the end of peak hours:

- Average Speed (mph)
- Total Travel Delay (in vehicle-hours)
- Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile (in min/veh/mi)

Table 3-5 provides the summary of the 2025 Opening Year peak hour MOE's for the NFA and all five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E). Figures 3-48 through 3-50 provides the peak hour average speed, total travel delay, and travel delay per vehicle-mile for the NFA and Build Options. The results of the CORSIM simulation analysis showed significant improvements to the overall system MOEs during AM and PM peak hours due to the Build Options compared to the NFA:

Table 3-5 2025 Opening Year Peak Hour MOE Summary

| MOEs | Time Period <br> (Peak Hour) | NFA | Option A | Option B | Option C | Option D | Option E |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average <br> Speed <br> (MPH) | AM | 33 | 49 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 42 |
| PM | 25 | 45 | 46 | 40 | 39 | 42 |  |
| Total Travel <br> Delay <br> (Hours) | AM | 5,099 | 1,494 | 1,521 | 1,231 | 1,183 | 2,987 |
| Delay per <br> Vehicle-Mile <br> (min/veh/mi) | PM | 6,758 | 2,235 | 2,012 | 3,434 | 3,597 | 2,742 |

Figure 3-48 Average Peak Hour Speed Summary for 2025 Opening Year


Figure 3-49 Total Peak Hour Travel Delay Summary for 2025 Opening Year


Figure 3-50 Peak Hour Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile Summary for 2025 Opening Year


### 3.7.2 Design Year (2045) Traffic Measures of Effectiveness

The CORSIM models were run 10 times using different random seed numbers to account for potential variations between model runs. The results of the simulation were averaged to ensure that the differences in the results were related to the geometric configuration of the network and control strategies, rather than the randomness of the simulation itself. Overall, multiple runs of the simulation prevent biases in the results due to the stochastic nature of the software. The results of the traffic simulation were used to estimate the traffic operations conditions at the freeway segments within the study area for the year 2045 Design Year traffic conditions. Table 3-6 and 3-7 provides the 2045 Design Year summary matrix for the NFA and Build Options during the AM and PM peak hours.

The CORSIM-estimated freeway traffic throughput, speeds, and densities for the NFA are shown in Figures 3-51 to 3-54. The CORSIM-estimated freeway traffic throughput, speeds, and densities for the Build Options A, B, C, D and E are shown in Figures 3-55 to 3-74.

The CORSIM model results were used to evaluate the study intersections performance for NFA and all five Build scenarios. Signal timing plans were optimized using Synchro 10 for future year evaluation. It should be noted that the intersection evaluation from CORSIM may not provide an accurate representation of the demand traffic and accounts for bottlenecks that may be present in each of the alternatives. The CORSIM intersection and approach performance results presented in Appendix T were used to draw comparison between NFA and Build scenarios for the 2045 Design Year.

Since the proposed improvements are along l-275, SR 60, and I-4 corridors, roadway geometric conditions at all signalized intersections within the study limits are identical for NFA and for all five Build scenarios. Operational analysis results indicate that the traffic conditions are very similar for NFA and Build conditions during AM and PM peak hours. However, a few study intersections under Build conditions experience more delays compared to NFA conditions. This is primarily due to improved freeway geometry under various Build alternatives that allows more traffic to downstream ramp terminal intersections. Based on visual observation of all Build scenarios, none of the off-ramp queues are expected to extend the gore point and have no significant impacts on freeway operations during AM and PM peak hours, except Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard interchange PM peak hour traffic demand significantly exceeds available capacity for a single lane SB off-ramp. This causes long queues that extend beyond the Hillsborough Avenue interchange "

## Segment

No Further Action

Northbound:

- On average, 48 percent of the demand is processed
- Heaw congestion was observed.
- Heavy congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 54 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 70 percent of the demand is processed
I-275 Between - Heaw congestion was
Himes Avenue \&
North Boulevard Southberved
Interchanges
- On average, 57 percent of the demand is processed
- Moderate congestion near North Blvd.

Build Option A

Northbound.

- On average, 91 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion between SR 60 and Lois Ave.
- Heavy congestion between Lois Ave and Himes Ave.
o significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 87 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion South of Armenia Ave and near North Blvd.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed North Buc congestion between North Bignificant congestion Ave Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 90 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion between North Blved. and Ashley Dr North Blvd. and Ashley Dr. Express Lanes.
Express
Southbound
Southbound demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion near North Blivd.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 91 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion between SR 60 and Lois Ave
Heavy congestion between Lois Ave. and Himes Ave No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 65 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Northbound:
- On average, 87 percent of the mand is processed.
- Moderate congestion South Howard Ave.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
- On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion between North Blvd. and Howard Ave.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Northbound:
On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed
Moderate congestion nea North Blvd.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound On average, 67 percent of th demand is processed.
Moderate congestion near North Blvd.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 90 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion South of Dale Mabry Hwy.
Heay congestion North of Dale Mabry Hwy. No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 63 percent of the demand is processed.
No significant congestion was observed. Express Lanes.
Northbound:
On average, 87 percent of the demand is processed.
- Heawy congestion near Himes Ave.
Moderate congestion North of Armenia Ave.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes
- On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion nea Armenia Ave.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Northbound:
On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed
Moderate congestion near Orange Ave.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 60 percent of th demand is processed.
No significant congestion was observed
No significant congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:

- On average, 87 percent of the demand is processed
demand is processed. the demand is processed demand is processed.
Moderate congestion South of $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { the demand is processed. } \\ & \text { Moderate congestion south of } \\ & \text { Lois. }\end{aligned}$ Dale Mabry Hwy. Lois.
- Heay congestion North of

Dale Mabry Hwy.
Moderate congestion near SR 0 on Express Lanes.

## Southbound

On average, 63 percent of the demand is processed

- No significant congestion was observed. No significa Express Lanes.
Northbound:
On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed
- Heavy congestion between Himes Ave. and Armenia Ave. Moderate congestion North of Armenia Ave. Armenia Ave. Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was
observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

- On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion near Orange Ave.
- Moderate congestion near Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.
Southbound demand is processed
No significant congestion was observed.
Moderate congestion near Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.

Onthbound. 74 percent of
$y$ congestion between Lois and Himes
Moderate congestion on Express Lanes near slip ramp near SR 60.
Southbound

- On average, 68 percent of
the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed.

- Heaw congestion was
observed.
- No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 78 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed.

- Heay congestion between

Ashley and Orange.
Moderate congestion near I-4 interchange.
Southbound On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed.
No significant congestion was observed.

Heavy congestion: Speeds $<25 \mathrm{mph}$
$\xrightarrow{N o d e r a t e ~ c o n g e s t i o n: ~ S p e e d s ~}-25-50 \mathrm{mph}$

| Segment | No Further Action | Build Option A | Build Option B | Build Option C | Build Option D | Build Option E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| l-275 Between I- <br> 4 \& North of Martin Luther King Jr. <br> Boulevard Interchanges | Northbound: <br> - On average, 78 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 41 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heay congestion was observed. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 75 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near I-4 and North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 65 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near North and South of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 64 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion South of MLK and Heaw congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Northbound: <br> - On average, 81 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> Southbound <br> - On average, 63 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion South of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. <br> - Heay congestion North of Dr. MLK, J. Boulevard. |
| I-4 Between I275 \& West of Selmon Connector | Eastbound: <br> On average, 61 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion North of $22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$. and South of 21st St. was observed. <br> Westbound: <br> On average, 55 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate to Heavy congestion was observed. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion between I-275 and Selmon Connector. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 71 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 80 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion West of $21^{\text {st }} S t$. and heavy congestion east of Selmon Connector. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 86 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heay congestion near Selmon Connector. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 64 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - No significant congestion was observed. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 81 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near Selmon Connector. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Moderate congestion near $50^{\text {th }}$ St. <br> - No significant congestion on Express Lanes. | Eastbound: <br> - On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heaw congestion was observed. <br> Westbound: <br> - On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed. <br> - Heavy congestion near Selmon. <br> - Moderate congestion West of $21^{\text {st }} \mathrm{St}$. |

[^1]I-275 Between
Howard
Frankland Bridge
\& Himes Avenue
Interchange

## I-275 Between

Himes Avenue \& North Boulevard Interchanges

Northbound:
On average, 36 percent of the Heand congecessed

- observed.

Heavy congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound

- On average, 53 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion between

Lois Ave. and SR 60.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes

Northbound:
On average, 53 percent of the demand is processed.
Heay congestion was observed.
Southbound
On average, 47 percent of the
demand is processed
Moderate congestion North of Howard Ave.

Northbound:
On average, 61 percent of the
demand is processed
observed.

## -275 Between <br> North Blvd. \& I-4 <br> Interchanges

Northbound:
On average, 93 percent of the demand is processed - Moderate congestion North of SR 60 . No significant congestio on Express Lanes.
Southbound

- On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion
was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average, 88 percent of
the demand is processed
Moderate congestion was

- No observed

No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 73 percent of the demand is processed

- Moderate congestion South of Armenia Ave. and North of Howard Ave.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 86 percent of the demand is processed

- Moderate is processed

North Blyd.

- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
Southbound 0 , On average, 77 percent of the demand is processed
- Moderate congestion nea North Blva.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound
On average, 94 percent of the Northbound: demand is processed

- Moderate to Heaw congestion South of Lois Ave.
- Moderate congestion North of Dale Mabry Hwy.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 68 percent of the demand is processed
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion wa observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 72 percent of the demand is processed
Moderate congestion near
North Blvo
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average 85 percent on average, 77 percent of On average, 85 percent of the the demand is processed.
Moderate processed.
North Blva.
North Blvd. No significant coss Lanes.
Express
Southbound
On average, 75 percent of the demand is processed.
Moderate congestion near North Blvd.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

- Onavera

On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate to Heaw
congestion was observed. No significant c
Southbound

- On average, 65 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes


## Northbound:

On average, 78 percent of the demand is processed.

- Heavy congestion was
observed.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 73 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion near Howard Ave
No significant congestion on Express Lanes. Heavy congestion South of
Tampa St. Tampa St.
- Moderate congestion near Orange St
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 73 percent of
the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion
was observed
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate to heawy congestion was observed. No significant
Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 64 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
Northbound: demand is processed.

- Heaw congestion was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 69 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 77 percent of the demand is processed.
- Heaw congestion South of Tampa St
Moderate congestion between Tampa St. and Orange St
- Moderate congestion ne Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.
Southbound demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was
observed
Moderate congestion nea Orange Ave. on Express Lanes.

Northbound. On average, 83 percent of the On average, 83 perce
Moderate congestion south of
Lois.

- Heawy congestion between Lois and Himes.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 63 percent of the demand is processed.
- No significant congestion was observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.


## Northbound:

On average, 75 percent of the demand is processed.

- Heawy congestion was
observed.
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
On average, 73 percent of the demand is processed
No significant congestion was observed
No Significant Congestion on Express Lanes.

Northbound:

- On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed Heavy congestion between Ashley and Orange.
Moderate congestion near l-4 interchange.
Southbound
On average, 76 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion near Express Lane entry.

Heavy congestion: Speeds $<25 \mathrm{mph}$
$\frac{\text { Moderate congestion: Speeds }-25-50 \mathrm{mph}}{} \mathbf{~ N o ~ s i g n i f i c a n t ~ c o n g e s t i o n : ~ S p e e d s ~}>50 \mathrm{mph}$
Segment $\quad$ No Further Action

|  | Northbound: |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | On average, 63 percent of the <br> demand is processed. |
| I-275 Between I-4 |  |

## Eastbound:

On average, 58 percent of the
demand is processed.

## -4 Between I-275 <br> \& West of <br> Selmon

Connector

Build Option A

Northbound:
On average, 81 percent of the demand is processed Moderate congestion wa observed.

- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
- On average, 91 percent o the demand is processed Heaw congestion North Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.


## Eastbound:

- On average, 90 percent of the demand is processed
- Heaw congestion east of Selmon connector.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
- On avera
- On average, 76 percent of the demand is processed Moderate congestion nea $\mathrm{N} 21^{\text {st }} / 22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$.
- No significant conges on Express Lanes.

Northbound:
On average, 78 percent of the emand is processed

- Mr MLK Jr Boulion S Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Southbound
Southbound demand is processed.
Heaw congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.


## Eastbound:

On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed.

- Heay congestion east of Selmon connector
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
- On avera On average, 74 percent of the demand is processed
- Moderate congestion near $N$ $21^{\text {st/ }} / 22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option C
Northbound:
On average, 85 percent of the demand is processed. ate congestion South of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard No significant congestion on Express Lanes. Express
Southbound

- On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed. Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard. No significant congestion o Express Lanes


## Eastbound:

On average, 84 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate to Heaw
congestion east of $22^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$. No significant congestion on Express Lanes
- Onavera

On average, 73 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion Wes of $22^{\text {st }} \mathrm{St}$.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option D
Northbound:

- On average, 83 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion was observed.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes
Southbound
On average, 86 percent of the demand is processed.
- Moderate congestion South of MLK.
Heavy congestion North of Dr MLK, Jr. Boulevard.
- No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Eastbound:
- On average, 88 percent of the demand is processed.
- Heayy congestion east of $22^{\text {nd }}$ St.
No significant congestion on Express Lanes.
Westbound: lemand is processed Moderate congestion St. No significant congestion on Express Lanes.

Build Option E

Northbound:
On average, 73 percent of the demand is processed.

- Moderate congestion near Dr MLK, Jr. Boulevard
Southbound
On average, 89 percent of the demand is processed
Moderate congestion North of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard


## Eastbound:

On average, 75 percent of the
demand is processed.

- No significant congestion was observed
Westbound: demand is processed.
- Heay congestion between $21^{\text {st }}$ St and Selmon Moderate congestion near 275.

Heavy congestion: Speeds $<25 \mathrm{mph}$
$\frac{\text { Moderate congestion: }: \text { Speeds }-25-50 \mathrm{mph}}{\text { No significant congestion: } \text { Speeds }>50 \text { mph }}$

On average, 27 percent of th demand is processed.
Heaw congestion was observed.

Figure 3-51 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-52 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-53 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-54 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 No Further Action (NFA)


Figure 3-55 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option A


Figure 3-56 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option A


Figure 3-57 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option A


Figure 3-58 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option A


Figure 3-59 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option B


Figure 3-60 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option B


Figure 3-61 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option B


Figure 3-62 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option B


Figure 3-63 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option C


Figure 3-64 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option C


Figure 3-65 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option C


Figure 3-66 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option C


Figure 3-67 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option D


Figure 3-68 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option D


Figure 3-69 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option D


Figure 3-70 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option D


Figure 3-71 I-275 NB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option E


Figure 3-72 I-275 SB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option E


Figure 3-73 I-4 EB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option E


Figure 3-74 I-4 WB Analysis Summary - 2045 Build Option E


The following freeway measures of effectiveness (MOEs) are compared for the 2045 Build Alternative and 2045 NFA Alternative at the end of peak hours:

- Average Speed (mph)
- Total Travel Delay (in vehicle-hours)
- Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile (in min/veh/mi)

Table 3-8 provides the summary of the 2045 Design Year peak hour MOE's for the NFA and all the five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E). Figures 3-75through 3-77 provides the peak hour average speed, total travel delay, and travel delay per vehicle-mile for the NFA and Build Options. The results of the CORSIM simulation analysis showed significant improvements to the overall system MOEs during AM and PM peak hours due to the Build Options compared to the NFA:

Table 3-8 2045 Design Year Peak Hour MOE

| MOEs | Time Period <br> (Peak Hour) | NFA | Option A | Option B | Option C | Option D | Option E |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average <br> Speed <br> (MPH) | AM | 22 | 41 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 33 |
| PM | 24 | 38 | 37 | 34 | 34 | 35 |  |
| Total Travel <br> Delay <br> (Hours) | AM | 9,833 | 3,870 | 4,149 | 4,649 | 4,695 | 6,869 |
| Delay per | PM | 7,555 | 4,690 | 5,075 | 6,382 | 6,204 | 5,678 |
| Vehicle-Mile <br> (min/veh/mi) | AM | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 |

Appendix U provides the summary of potential benefits to the local street(surface) network based on the 2045 TBRPM model results for Build Options A-E in comparison with the NFA. All the Build options indicate the shift in the traffic from the local street network to the I-275 freeway mainline thereby providing relief to the surface street network.

Figure 3-75 Average Peak Hour Speed Summary for 2045 Design Year


Figure 3-76 Total Peak Hour Travel Delay Summary for 2045 Design Year


Figure 3-77 Peak Hour Delay per Vehicle-Mile Summary for 2045 Design Year


### 3.8 Predicted Crash Analysis with Highway Safety Manual Methodology

An HSM Predictive Crash Analysis was conducted to compare the anticipated number of crashes between the NFA and Build Alternatives within the study period. This analysis was completed using ISATe, an Excel based worksheet that helps analyze the safety performance of freeways, ramps, and ramp terminals based on facility type, traffic volumes, and roadway geometric conditions. The HSM freeway crash-predictive models have not been calibrated with Florida jurisdiction-specific data. However, since the objective is to compare the difference between the two alternatives, rather than the predicted crash frequency, calibration rates are not necessary.

### 3.8.1 Study Limits

The predictive crash analysis study area comprises approximately 11 miles of I-275 and I-4, an approximate 4.4-mile segment of the Selmon Expressway, and an approximate 0.8 -mile segment of the $\mathrm{l}-4 / \mathrm{Selmon}$ Connector. Predicted crashes are calculated for roadways and ramps within the study area for both the NFA and Build Alternatives to compare their safety performance. The roadways are segmented based on number of lanes, shoulder width changes, on and off ramp locations, and other geometric factors. This information is then coded into ISATe worksheets. The study period for this project is between 2025 and 2045.

### 3.8.2 Predicted Crashes for the NFA Alternative

The ISATe worksheet was utilized to analyze the predicted crashes for the NFA Alternative using 2045 traffic projections. The summary results for the I-275, SR 60, and I-4 NFA Alternatives by severity are shown in Table 3-9, Table 3-10, and Table 3-11, respectively, while the results by crash type are shown in Table 3-12, Table 3-13, and Table 3-14, respectively.

The predicted number of crashes on I-275 over the study period is 29,709.6, with 212.6 fatal (K) crashes, 630.6 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 3,448.2 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 9,804.3 possible injury (C) crashes and 15,614.0 property damage only (PDO) crashes. Approximately 53 percent of crashes are PDO crashes. Of the 29,709.6 total crashes, 18,623.2 crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting for 63 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes ( $58 \%$ ), sideswipe crashes (18\%), and crashes with fixed objects (12\%). Eighty four percent of crashes involved multiple-vehicle crashes.

The predicted number of crashes on SR 60 over the study period is 2,014.6, with 9.7 fatal (K) crashes, 28.5 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 179.5 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 512.3 possible injury (C) crashes and $1,284.8$ property damage only (PDO) crashes. Approximately 64 percent of crashes are PDO crashes. Of the 2,014.6 total crashes, $1,381.2$ crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting for 69 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes ( $57 \%$ ), sideswipe crashes ( $20 \%$ ), and crashes with fixed objects (12\%). Eighty four percent of crashes involved multiplevehicle crashes.

The predicted number of crashes on I-4 over the study period is $7,313.9$, with 28.7 fatal (K) crashes, 83.2 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 454.6 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 1,523.4 possible injury (C) crashes and $5,224.0$ property damage only (PDO) crashes. Approximately 71 percent of crashes
are PDO crashes. Of the $7,313.9$ total crashes, $6,674.0$ crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting for 91 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes (58\%), sideswipe crashes (20\%), and crashes with fixed objects (13\%). Eighty three percent of crashes involved multiple-vehicle crashes.

Table 3-9 Predicted Crashes for the I-275 NFA Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | No-Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 212.6 | $1 \%$ |
| A | 630.6 | $2 \%$ |
| B | $3,448.2$ | $12 \%$ |
| C | $9,804.3$ | $33 \%$ |
| PDO | $15,614.0$ | $53 \%$ |
| Total Freeway Crashes | $18,623.2$ | $63 \%$ |
| Total Ramp Crashes | $11,086.4$ | $37 \%$ |
| Total Crashes |  | $29,709.6$ |

Table 3-10 Predicted Crashes for the SR 60 NFA Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | No-Build |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 9.7 | $0 \%$ |  |
| A | 28.5 | $1 \%$ |  |
| B | 179.5 | $9 \%$ |  |
| C | 512.3 | $25 \%$ |  |
| PDO | $1,284.8$ | $64 \%$ |  |
| Total Freeway Crashes | $1,381.2$ | $69 \%$ |  |
| Total Ramp Crashes | 633.4 |  |  |
| Total Crashes |  | $2,014.6$ |  |

Table 3-11 Predicted Crashes for the SR 60 NFA Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | No-Build |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 28.7 | $0 \%$ |  |
| A | 83.2 | $1 \%$ |  |
| B | 454.6 | $6 \%$ |  |
| C | $1,523.4$ | $21 \%$ |  |
| PDO | $5,224.0$ | $71 \%$ |  |
| Total Freeway Crashes | $6,674.0$ | $91 \%$ |  |
| Total Ramp Crashes | 639.9 |  | $9 \%$ |
| Total Crashes |  | $7,313.9$ |  |

Table 3-12 Predicted Crashes for the I-275 NFA Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | No-Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 188.4 | 1\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 418.5 | 1\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 17,341.2 | 58\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 5,220.5 | 18\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 1,650.3 | 6\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 24,818.9 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 56.5 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 3,628.6 | 12\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 379.8 | 1\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 69.1 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 756.6 | 3\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 4,890.7 |  |

Table 3-13 Predicted Crashes for the SR 60 NFA Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | No-Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 10.7 | 1\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 29.1 | 1\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 1,154.9 | 57\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 399.0 | 20\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 94.4 | 5\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 1,688.3 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 4.0 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 241.1 | 12\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 26.3 | 1\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 4.7 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 50.3 | 2\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 326.3 |  |

Table 3-14 Predicted Crashes for the SR 60 NFA Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | NFA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 24.3 | 0\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 122.3 | 2\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 4,239.7 | 58\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 1,471.9 | 20\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 188.0 | 3\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 6,046.3 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 16.7 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 930.6 | 13\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 115.8 | 2\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 17.3 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 187.1 | 3\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 1,267.6 |  |

### 3.8.3 Predicted Crashes for the Build Alternative

The ISATe worksheet was utilized to analyze the predicted crashes for the Build Alternative using 2045 traffic projections. The summary results for the I-275, SR 60, and I-4 Build Alternatives by severity are shown in Table 3-15, Table 3-16, and Table 3-17, respectively, while the results by crash type are shown in Table 3-18, Table 3-19, and Table 3-20, respectively. The predictive analysis results of the Build Alternative consist of analyzing both the general use and express lanes. The results of these facilities are presented in the following tables separately and as a total for the entire Build Alternative.

The predicted number of crashes on I-275 over the study period is $21,132.1$, with 115.3 fatal (K) crashes, 333.1 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 1,793.4 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 4,919.0 possible injury (C) crashes, and $13,971.3$ property damage only (PDO) crashes. Sixty six percent of crashes are PDO crashes. Of the $21,132.1$ total crashes, $16,374.2$ crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting for 77 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes (49\%), crashes with fixed objects ( $21 \%$ ), and sideswipe crashes (17\%). Seventy two percent of crashes involved multiple-vehicle crashes.

The predicted number of crashes on SR 60 over the study period is 1,369.1, with 8.6 fatal (K) crashes, 24.8 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 133.8 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 299.5 possible injury (C) crashes, and 902.4 property damage only (PDO) crashes. Sixty six percent of crashes are PDO crashes. Of the 1,369.1 total crashes, 589.4 crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting for 43 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes (43\%), crashes with fixed objects ( $25 \%$ ), and sideswipe crashes (17\%). Sixty seven percent of crashes involved multiplevehicle crashes.

The predicted number of crashes on $\mathrm{I}-4$ over the study period is $6,348.9$, with 26.1 fatal $(\mathrm{K})$ crashes, 75.3 incapacitating injury (A) crashes, 414.9 non-incapacitating (B) crashes, 1,335.7 possible injury (C) crashes, and $4,496.9$ property damage only (PDO) crashes. Seventy one percent of crashes are PDO crashes. Of the $6,348.9$ total crashes, $5,747.5$ crashes occur on freeway segments, accounting WPI \# 258337-2
for 91 percent of the total crashes. The top three collision types are rear-end crashes (57\%), sideswipe crashes ( $20 \%$ ), and crashes with fixed objects (14\%). Eighty one percent of crashes involved multiplevehicle crashes.

Table 3-15 Predicted Crashes for the I-275 Build Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | Build General Use <br> Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 98.6 | 16.7 | 115.3 | $1 \%$ |
| A | 286.0 | 47.1 | 333.1 | $2 \%$ |
| B | $1,540.9$ | 252.5 | $1,793.4$ | $8 \%$ |
| C | $4,367.1$ | 551.9 | $4,919.0$ | $23 \%$ |
| PDO | $12,141.0$ | $1,830.3$ | $13,971.3$ | $66 \%$ |
| Total Freeway Crashes | $14,226.6$ | $2,147.6$ | $16,374.2$ | $77 \%$ |
| Total Ramp Crashes | $4,207.0$ | 551.0 | $4,758.0$ | $23 \%$ |
| Total Crashes | $18,433.6$ | $2,698.5$ | $21,132.1$ |  |

Table 3-16 Predicted Crashes for the I-275 Build Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | Build General Use <br> Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 5.3 | 3.3 | 8.6 | $1 \%$ |
| A | 15.7 | 9.1 | 24.8 | $2 \%$ |
| B | 84.7 | 49.1 | 133.8 | $10 \%$ |
| C | 210.7 | 88.8 | 299.5 | $22 \%$ |
| PDO | 566.6 | 335.8 | 902.4 | $66 \%$ |
| Total Freeway Crashes | 166.3 | 423.1 | 589.4 | $43 \%$ |
| Total Ramp Crashes | 716.6 | 63.1 | 779.7 | $57 \%$ |
| Total Crashes | 882.9 | 486.2 | $1,369.1$ |  |

Table 3-17 Predicted Crashes for the I-4 Build Alternative by Severity

| Crash Severity | Build General Use <br> Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 24.2 | 1.9 | 26.1 | $0 \%$ |
| A | 69.7 | 5.6 | 75.3 | $1 \%$ |
| B | 383.5 | 31.4 | 414.9 | $7 \%$ |
| C | $1,267.2$ | 68.5 | $1,335.7$ | $21 \%$ |
| PDO | $4,275.5$ | 221.4 | $4,496.9$ | $71 \%$ |
| Total Freeway Crashes | $5,638.0$ | 109.5 | $5,747.5$ | $91 \%$ |
| Total Ramp Crashes | 382.1 | 219.3 | 601.4 | $9 \%$ |
| Total Crashes | $6,020.1$ | 328.8 | $6,348.9$ |  |

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Table 3-18 Predicted Crashes for the I-275 Build Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | Build General Use Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 73.9 | 7.7 | 81.6 | 0\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 259.9 | 24.8 | 284.7 | 1\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 9,539.3 | 750.2 | 10,289.5 | 49\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 3,279.4 | 337.9 | 3,617.3 | 17\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 613.3 | 65.3 | 678.6 | 3\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 13,765.8 | 1,376.5 | 15,142.3 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 56.7 | 19.1 | 75.8 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 3,454.1 | 963.4 | 4,417.5 | 21\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 378.4 | 129.1 | 507.5 | 2\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 66.5 | 19.7 | 86.2 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 712.1 | 190.7 | 902.8 | 4\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 4,667.8 | 1,322.0 | 5,989.8 |  |

Table 3-19 Predicted Crashes for the SR 60 Build Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | Build General Use Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 6.9 | 1.2 | 8.1 | 1\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 5.8 | 4.9 | 10.7 | 1\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 415.8 | 169.1 | 584.9 | 43\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 170.9 | 59.1 | 230.0 | 17\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 69.9 | 9.3 | 79.2 | 6\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 669.4 | 243.6 | 913.0 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 2.0 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 162.9 | 176.1 | 339.0 | 25\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 12.3 | 24.9 | 37.2 | 3\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 2.9 | 3.7 | 6.6 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 33.4 | 34.2 | 67.6 | 5\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 213.5 | 242.6 | 456.1 |  |

Table 3-20 Predicted Crashes for the I-4 Build Alternative by Crash Type

| Crash Type | Crash Type Category | Build General Use Lanes | Build Managed Lanes | Total Build |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiple vehicle | Head-on crashes: | 19.4 | 1.8 | 21.2 | 0\% |
|  | Right-angle crashes: | 102.1 | 1.9 | 104.0 | 2\% |
|  | Rear-end crashes: | 3,467.1 | 120.5 | 3,587.6 | 57\% |
|  | Sideswipe crashes: | 1,201.6 | 51.5 | 1,253.1 | 20\% |
|  | Other multiple-vehicle crashes: | 146.7 | 18.2 | 164.9 | 3\% |
|  | Total multiple-vehicle crashes: | 4,937.0 | 193.9 | 5,130.9 |  |
| Single vehicle | Crashes with animal: | 15.0 | 1.4 | 16.4 | 0\% |
|  | Crashes with fixed object: | 789.4 | 101.5 | 890.9 | 14\% |
|  | Crashes with other object: | 104.6 | 9.2 | 113.8 | 2\% |
|  | Crashes with parked vehicle: | 15.6 | 1.9 | 17.5 | 0\% |
|  | Other single-vehicle crashes | 158.6 | 20.9 | 179.5 | 3\% |
|  | Total single-vehicle crashes: | 1,083.1 | 134.9 | 1,218.0 |  |

### 3.8.4 Summary of Results

The results of the predictive analysis show that there is an anticipated reduction in crashes over the length of the study period by implementing the Build Alternative, even though there is an increase in the AADT, as well as number of lanes. I-275 is expected to see a reduction in crashes of 29 percent, SR 60 is expected to see a reduction of 32 percent, and $\mathrm{I}-4$ is expected to see a reduction of 13 percent, as seen in Figure 3-78. This reduction is most likely due to volumes now being split between the general use lanes and express lanes. With the volumes split, crashes are decreased on the general use lanes and less severe crashes are experienced on the express lanes. In addition, the volume on the express lanes will be constrained to preserve adequate operations, as well as be confined to two travel lanes, reducing the amount of sideswipe type crashes.

Figure 3-78 Predicted Crash Summary - NFA Alternative \& Build Alternative


The I-275 corridor sees the largest reduction in individual severity types, with the largest decreases in possible injury and non-incapacitating injury crashes, 50 and 48 percent, respectively. SR 60 sees large reductions in possible injury and PDO crashes, 42 and 30 percent, respectively. Finally, l-4 also sees some minor reductions in PDO and possible injury crashes, 14 and 12 percent, respectively. The Build Alternative is also expected to reduce the number of total multiple vehicle crashes along I-275, SR 60, and I-4, 39, 46, and 15 percent, respectively. This is most likely due to a reduction in rear-end and sideswipe crashes due to splitting the volumes between general use lanes and express lanes. However, the I-275 and SR 60 corridors see an increase in total single-vehicle crashes 22 and 40 percent, respectively. This is most likely due to an increased amount of barrier walls and delineators throughout the study limits due to separating the general use lanes from the express lanes.

## 4. SUMMARY OF THE STUDY

### 4.1 Operations

The existing simulation models show congestion along the mainline at the following locations:

- Travelers experience heavier congestion during the PM peak hour compared to the AM peak hour. I-275 northbound experiences higher delays compared to I-275 southbound during both AM and PM peak hours.
- l-275 northbound, south of SR 60, was observed to be a critical bottleneck segment for both AM and PM peak hours, leading to higher delays due to high exiting traffic volumes to SR 60 offramp and due to vehicle slowdowns on SR 60 westbound off-ramp curve. In addition, heavy congestion is experienced during the PM peak hour along l-275 northbound, north of SR 60, primarily due to the downstream congestion. The traffic queues froml-275 and l-4 merge extend beyond Westshore Boulevard interchange.
- Overall, traffic delays for the I-4 westbound segment were higher than the I-4 eastbound segment during both the AM and PM peak hours. In the I-4 westbound segment, average traffic flow speeds were slower during the AM peak hour than during the PM peak hour.
- Critical bottleneck leading to congestion was experienced on the l-4 westbound segment from the Selmon Connector to the I-4 off-ramp to I-275 southbound caused by high exiting traffic volumes and vehicle slowdown on the off-ramp curve.

From the NFA Alternative analysis, it is observed that the current geometry will be unable to handle the future growth in traffic. This study examined the need for additional mainline improvements in each direction to increase the capacity and improve the operations and safety of I-275, I-4 and SR 60 within the study area.

The following freeway measures of effectiveness (MOEs) are compared for the Build Alternative and NFA Alternative at the end of peak hours for the 2025 Opening Year:

- Average Speed (mph)
- Total Travel Delay (in vehicle-hours)
- Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile (in min/veh/mile)

For the NFA alternative, apart from the volume to capacity constraints on a systemwide basis, several segments experience significant delay during the AM and PM peak hours. The following segments experience heavy congestion:

- l-275 northbound between Howard Frankland Bridge and Ashley Drive off-ramp (AM/PM Peak -NFA): This segment experiences moderate to heavy congestion due to closely spaced ramps and heavy on/off-ramp demand traffic. Heavy congestion is observed south of Ashley Drive offramp during the AM peak hour and along the whole segment during the PM peak hour. Significant mainline and interchange improvements are necessary along this segment to address the deficiencies.
- I-275 southbound between Downtown off-ramp and Howard Avenue off-ramp (PMPeak-NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy on/off-ramp demand traffic.
- I-275 southbound between Hillsborough Ave on-ramp and I-4 off-ramp (AM Peak - NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy off-ramp demand traffic to l-4.
- I-4 westbound between l-275 interchange and $50^{\text {th }}$ Street off-ramp (AM/PM Peak - NFA): This segment experiences heavy congestion due to heavy on-ramp demand traffic from Selmon Connector and off-ramp demand traffic to l-275.

The results of the CORSIM simulation analysis showed significant improvements to the overall system MOEs during AM and PM peak hours due to the Build Options compared to the NFA.

Based on the analysis, Build Options addresses most of the NFA congestion locations. However, as seen below there are segments within the Build Options that experience congestion.

- l-275 northbound between Lois Avenue off-ramp and Himes Avenue on-ramp (AM/PM Peak All Build Options): This congestion occurs due to closely spaced ramps within this segment. There is approximately 1,000-foot spacing between the WestshoreBoulevardon-ramp and Dale Mabry Highway on-ramp. Also, Dale Mabry Highway on-ramp and Himes Avenue on-ramp are approximately 650 feet apart. In addition, the traffic demand from these ramps is also significantly higher compared to the existing traffic counts. Interchange improvements are necessary along this segment specially to address the insufficient weaving distance between Westshore Boulevard on-ramp and Dale Mabry Highway off-ramp.
- l-275 northbound between Himes Avenue on-ramp and Ashley Drive off-ramp (PM Peak Options C \& D): This congestion occurs only in Options C and D due to significant increase in traffic demand in the future.
- l-275 southbound north of Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard off-ramp (PM Peak - All Build Options: This segment experiences congestion due to the significantly higher traffic demand for Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard off-ramp than a single-lane off-ramp can process. Interchange improvements are necessary to address the increase in traffic demand.
- I-4 eastbound between I-275 and Selmon Connector (PM Peak - Option B): This segment experiences congestion due to lack of directexpress lane connections from l-275 north of I-4 to I-4 eastbound. This leads to additional traffic merging into the general purpose (GP) lanes along
this segment of $\mathrm{I}-4$. In Options A, C and D, a direct connect ramp/slip ramp flyover connection is provided from I-275 southbound to I-4 eastbound GP ramp to the I-4 express lanes. This reduces the traffic along this segment.

Table 4-1 provides summary of the 2025 Opening Year peak hour MOE's comparing all the five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E) to the NFA Option.

Figures 4-1 through 4-3 show the peak hour Average speed, Total Travel delay and Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile comparison of the five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E) to the NFA for the 2025 Opening Year.

Table 4-1 2025 Opening Year Peak Hour MOE Comparison vs NFA

| MOEs | Time <br> Period | Option A <br> Vs. NFA | Option B <br> Vs. NFA | Option C <br> Vs. NFA | Option D <br> Vs. NFA | Option E <br> Vs. NFA |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Speed <br> (MPH) | AM | $51 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
|  | PM | $80 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Total Travel <br> Delay (Hours) | AM | $-71 \%$ | $-70 \%$ | $-76 \%$ | $-77 \%$ | $-41 \%$ |
| PM | $-67 \%$ | $-70 \%$ | $-49 \%$ | $-47 \%$ | $-59 \%$ |  |
| Delay per <br> Vehicle-Mile <br> (min/veh/mi) | AM | PM | $-77 \%$ | $-76 \%$ | $-80 \%$ | $-81 \%$ |

Figure 4-1 Average Peak Hour Speed Improvement Vs NFA (2025 Opening Year)


Figure 4-2 Total Peak Hour Travel Delay Reduction Vs NFA (2025 Opening Year)


Figure 4-3 Peak Hour Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile Reduction Vs NFA (2025 Opening Year)


Similar to the 2025 Opening year, the results of the CORSIM simulation analysis showed significant improvements to the overall system MOEs during AM and PM peak hours due to the Build Options compared to the NFA for the 2045 Design Year. Table 4-2 provides the summary of the 2045 Design Year peak hour MOE's comparing all the five Build Options (A, B, C, D and E) to the NFA Option.

Figures 4-4 through 4-6 show the peak hour Average speed, Total Travel delay and Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile comparison of the five Build Options (A, B, C, E and E) to the NFA for the 2045 Design Year.

## Table 4-2 2045 Design Year Peak Hour MOE Comparison vs NFA

| MOEs | Time <br> Period | Option A <br> Vs. NFA | Option B <br> Vs.NFA | Option C <br> Vs. NFA | Option D <br> Vs. NFA | Option E <br> Vs. NFA |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Speed <br> (MPH) | AM | $86 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
|  | PM | $59 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Total Travel <br> Delay (Hours) | AM | $-61 \%$ | $-58 \%$ | $-53 \%$ | $-52 \%$ | $-30 \%$ |
| PM | $-38 \%$ | $-33 \%$ | $-16 \%$ | $-18 \%$ | $-25 \%$ |  |
| Delay per <br> Vehicle-Mile <br> (min/veh/mi) | AM | PM | $-74 \%$ | $-63 \%$ | $-59 \%$ | $-68 \%$ |

## Peak Period Benefits Comparison (Value of Time)

In addition, to the benefits seen during the AM and PM peak hours, each of the options provide significant delay reduction during the 4-hour AM peak period and 4-hour PM peak period by the 2045 design year. Note that the delay reduction is much more by the 2025 Opening year for each of the options compared to the NFA. The annual savings calculated are based on the value of delay time of $\$ 25.00$ per vehicle. https://static.tti.tamu.edu/tti.tamu.edu/documents/TTI-2017-10.pdf

- Option A provides a delay reduction of 16,293 vehicle-hours during the 4-hour AM peak period and 7,924 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 157.4$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option B provides a delay reduction of 15,397 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 6,785 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 144.2$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option C provides a delay reduction of 13,689 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 2,547 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 105.5$ million compared to the NFA.


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- Option D provides a delay reduction of 13,648 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour AM peak period and 3,163 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 109.3$ million compared to the NFA.
- Option E provides a delay reduction of 6,564 vehicle-hours during the 4-hour AM peak period and 5,430 vehicle-hours during the 4 -hour PM peak period. This results in annual savings due to peak period delay of $\$ 76.8$ million compared to the NFA.

Figure 4-4 Average Peak Hour Speed Improvement Vs NFA (2045 Design Year)


Figure 4-5 Total Peak Hour Travel Delay Reduction Vs NFA (2045 Design Year)


Figure 4-6 Peak Hour Travel Delay per Vehicle-Mile Reduction Vs NFA (2045 Design Year)


### 4.2 Safety

Over the five-year period a total of 7,440 crashes were reported within the SEIS limits of TIS Segments $1 A / 2 A$ and $2 B / 3 A / 3 B$. Of these, the majority were rear-end crashes, which comprised $64 \%$ of the total crashes, followed by sideswipes at 18\%. Additional crash types include hitting a fixed object (6\%) and run off the road ( $5 \%$ ). Segments $2 \mathrm{~B} / 3 \mathrm{~A} / 3 \mathrm{~B}$, which includes the downtown interchange area, experienced the most crashes of the two Segments, but also covers over twice the distance as Segment 1A/2A.

In total, there were 9 crashes involving a fatality and 2,145 crashes resulting in an injury. Six of the nine fatal crashes occurred within Segments 2B/3A/3B; all six occurred on I-275.

The ISATe worksheet was utilized to analyze the predicted crashes for the NFA Alternative using 2045 traffic projections. The results of the predictive analysis show that there is an anticipated reduction in crashes over the length of the study period by implementing the Build Alternative, even though there is an increase in the AADT, as well as number of lanes. I-275 is expected to see a reduction in crashes of 29 percent, SR60 is expected to see a reduction of 32 percent, and I-4 is expected to see a reduction of 13 percent, as seen in Figure 4-7. This reduction is most likely due to volumes now being split between the general use lanes and express lanes. With the volumes split, crashes are decreased on the general use lanes and less severe crashes are experienced on the express lanes. In addition, the volume on the express lanes will be constrained to preserve adequate operations, as well as be confined to two travel lanes, reducing the amount of sideswipe type crashes.

Figure 4-7 Predicted Crash Summary - NFA Alternative \& Build Alternative


The l-275 corridor sees the largest reduction in individual severity types, with the largest decreases in possible injury and non-incapacitating injury crashes, 50 and 48 percent, respectively. SR 60 sees large reductions in possible injury and PDO crashes, 42 and 30 percent, respectively. Finally, l-4 also sees some minor reductions in PDO and possible injury crashes, 14 and 12 percent, respectively. The Build Alternative is also expected to reduce the number of total multiple vehicle crashes along l-275, SR 60, and $\mathrm{I}-4,39,46$, and 15 percent, respectively. This is most likely due to a reduction in rear-end and sideswipe crashes due to splitting the volumes between general use lanes an d express lanes. However, the l-275 and SR 60 corridors see an increase in total single-vehicle crashes of 22 and 40 percent, respectively. This is most likely due to an increased amount of barrier walls and delineators throughout the study limits due to separating the general use lanes from the express lanes.


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    No Significant Congestion: Speeds $>50 \mathrm{mph}$

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    No sianificant congestion: Speeds $>50 \mathrm{mph}$

