



Tampa Bay Express Community Engagement

The Tampa Bay Express is currently in the Project Development and Environment phase, comprising nearly 50 miles of roadway improvements, including replacement of the northbound Howard Frankland Bridge and reconstruction of interchanges at I-275/SR 60 in the Westshore Business District and I-275/I-4 in downtown Tampa.

The project also includes the addition of express lanes in the median of I-275 and I-4 and premium transit opportunities throughout the system. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is inviting interested citizens to participate in Tampa Bay Express Community Engagement Workshops.

The purpose of these workshops is to provide a status update on the proposed community enhancements from the three rounds of design charrettes held over the past year for the following sections of the Tampa Bay Express Project:

- I-4/I-275 Downtown Tampa Interchange Reconstruction
- I-275, North of the Downtown Tampa Interchange to Bearss Ave.

Community Engagement Workshops

Monday, August 29, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library 1
505 Nebraska Ave., Tampa, FL 33602

Thursday, September 1, 2016, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Seminole Heights Branch Library
4711 Central Ave., Tampa, FL 33603

Please check www.tampabayexpress.com for additional ways to participate and current information

Excerpt from: <http://www.tampabayexpress.com/community-engagement/>



About The FDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Facilitate liaisons between the Prime Contractor and DBEs.
- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.
- Help DBEs produce sound bid proposals.

About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with FDOT as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

GROW AMERICA: Florida

The GROW AMERICA Act is a six-year transportation reauthorization proposal transmitted to Congress by the Administration that provides increased and stable funding for our Nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. The GROW AMERICA Act allows states to effectively plan and start construction on projects that will support millions of good paying jobs over the next several years and improve our economy and global competitiveness.

As displayed below, the Administration's proposed GROW AMERICA Act would put more resources into Florida's highway and transit systems than a scenario of continued short-term patches at flat funding levels:

- FY 2016 Federal-Aid Highway Apportionment to Florida under Extensions with Flat Funding \$1,846,456,138
- Estimated FY 2016 Federal-Aid Highway Apportionment to Florida under the Administration's GROW AMERICA Act \$2,263,126,511
- FY 2016 Federal Transit Administration Apportionments and Allocations to Florida under Extensions with Flat Funding \$348,874,799
- Estimated FY 2016 Federal Transit Administration Apportionments and Allocations to Florida under the Administration's GROW AMERICA Act \$537,932,499

According to 2013 data, the Federal Highway Administration has determined that 2,044 of the 12,070 bridges in Florida (16.9%) are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

Excerpted from USDOT: <https://www.transportation.gov/grow-america/state-by-state/florida>

I-75 Widening Project in Collier County

Governor Rick Scott recently highlighted the start of construction of a vital I-75 widening project in Collier County. The state invested \$32 million for this project, which will widen almost 3.5 miles of I-75 to six lanes from Golden Gate Parkway (Exit 105) to SR 951 (Exit 101). The anticipated completion of this project is in 2017. Governor Scott also highlighted the 2015-2016 "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget, which invested \$9.3 billion for the Department of Transportation, including \$3.7 billion for future road construction.

When the project is completed, I-75 will be six lanes from Alligator Alley (SR 951) to the Lee/Charlotte border. This project will relieve traffic congestion, reduce travel delays, and improve safety for Florida families and visitors on the Interstate for southern and eastern Collier County including Naples, Golden Gate, and Marco Island. Work will also include widening the bridges at the Golden Gate canal, improvements to the exiting ramps at Golden Gate Parkway and SR 951, noise wall installation and drainage improvements.

Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jim Boxold said, "I commend Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature for their continued support of transportation improvements in our great state. This marks the second year in a row that the Governor has recommended and the legislature has approved a \$10 billion plus budget for transportation infrastructure investments."

Excerpted from <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/CO/news/newsreleases/073015GovI75Widening.pdf>

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website
- Plan Reading



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

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