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## Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Three Major Transportation Projects to Improve and Modernize Tampa's Interstate System

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis was joined by Senate President Wilton Simpson, House Speaker Chris Sprowls and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault to announce three transportation projects that will improve the efficient, safe and reliable travel for residents, businesses and visitors to the Tampa Bay area. These projects are part of a \$2 billion investment in the 2021-2022 budget to make key transportation improvements in Florida highways and seaports. The three projects Governor DeSantis announced are enhancements to the Howard Frankland Bridge, the advancement of the Westshore Interchange, and the advancement of the I-275, I-4 Interchange.

"The Tampa region is growing exponentially, and it's important that we support that growth with strong infrastructure," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Today, I was proud to be joined by Speaker Sprowls, President Simpson and Secretary Thibault to announce three key projects for the Tampa Bay region, which represent a historically significant investment in the region's transportation network."

"I want to thank the Governor for his leadership and the foresight he had during the early months of the pandemic to realize that with no one on the roads, it was a perfect time to get to work on several critical highway projects," said Senate President Wilton Simpson.

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### 3 Modern Solutions To Help Your Business Tackle Challenges

In early 2020, the construction industry was experiencing levels of growth not seen since the Great Recession, while also navigating obstacles that have plagued the industry for years, including a qualified worker shortage and slower rates of adopting new technologies.

With the COVID-19 pandemic came a host of other challenges that have forced many to adjust their day-to-day workflows to keep their construction companies in business and technology has played an integral role in this process.

Mobile and cloud-based technologies have kept teams connected and projects moving throughout this period of disruption and uncertainty. Some businesses used the downtime to overhaul their technology solutions, and others sought temporary fixes to quickly increase mobility among their teams.

While most agree that technology is an important part of a construction business, with so many competing priorities and so little time, technology often gets put on the back burner. However, technology should become a top priority for construction firms and throughout the industry. Its benefits and efficiency gains are countless, including increased mobility, better business visibility and greater collaboration.

#### 1. Increased Mobility

In recent years, mobile solutions have gained popularity in the industry, especially on the jobsite. The 2021 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook report, conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Sage, found that 68% of contractors surveyed are using mobile software for daily field reports, 60% are using mobile technology for employee time-tracking and approval, 56% are using it for field access to customer and job information and 55% are using mobile technology for the sharing of drawings, photos and documents. There are several options for migrating on-premise solutions to the cloud. These include a self-hosted private cloud, a third-party hosting provider, a software-as-a-service (SaaS) subscription and add-on mobile applications that integrate with existing solutions.

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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