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## I-4/I-275 Interchange Improvements

Hillsborough County, Florida

Project Number 258643-1-52-01

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### Quick Facts

#### **Project Scope**

Add lanes/improve interchange operation

#### **Project Limits**

On I-275 from Floribraska Ave. to Hillsborough River and on I-4 to 15th Street

#### **Corridor Length**

2.7 miles

#### **Contractor**

Granite Construction

#### **Construction Cost**

\$79.5 million (estimated)

#### **Start Date**

October 27, 2002

#### **Finish Date**

Spring 2006

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### About the Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be making capacity and safety improvements to the Interstate 275/Interstate 4 interchange in Hillsborough County, Florida. This will involve work on I-275 from the Hillsborough River north to Floribraska Avenue and on I-4 from east of 15th Street into the interchange.

As a result of these operational improvements, eight new bridges will be constructed, 18 existing bridges will be widened, and four lanes in each direction will tie into proposed four-lane projects on each end of the project (I-4 reconstruction from west of 14th Street to 50th Street and I-275 from Himes Avenue to the Hillsborough River).

### Improvement Highlights

- Increase to 4 lanes in each direction.
- The Ashley Street entrance ramp will be extended -- continuing along I-275 to eastbound I-4.
- Downtown trips will be physically separated from through-trips by a local auxiliary exit ramp system.
- The flyover ramp from southbound I-275 to eastbound I-4 will be relocated to the right side of the highway to reduce weave movements.
- Shoulder-mounted 8-foot noise walls will be built adjacent to densely developed residential areas.
- Landscaping will be done in the infield area of the interchange and aesthetic treatments will be incorporated into the design of underpass areas and street ends.

### Traffic Flow

All existing travel lanes will be maintained during the day. This will allow maximum traffic flow during peak driving hours. The Ashley Street entrance ramp to northbound I-275/eastbound I-4 will have to be closed for approximately 200 days.

### Night Work

Night construction is necessary in order to keep the lanes open during high use periods during the day. Lane closures/detours will occur between 10:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. as needed. While we will try to minimize all disturbances, area residents can expect some noise and lighted work areas at night.

### Safety Along the Corridor

To reduce delays caused by disabled vehicles and accidents, FDOT is providing **Road Rangers** to assist motorists (at no cost to the motorist). The Road Ranger wrecker patrols the I-275 / I-4 corridor around-the-clock, seven days-a-week.