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## project news: I-75 at Bruce B. Downs (County Road 581) Flyover

### I-75 at Bruce B. Downs project to begin Wednesday

NEW TAMPA -- Improvements to the Bruce B. Downs Boulevard (County Road 581) interchange at Interstate 75 are scheduled to begin Wednesday (March 7). Among the improvements of this \$41 million project is the construction of a “flyover bridge” to take southbound Bruce B. Downs Boulevard traffic directly onto southbound I-75 without going through the signalized intersection as exists today.

Other improvements include:

- Constructing a new connection from southbound CR 581 to the new bridge.
- Realigning the northbound CR 581 to southbound I-75 entrance ramp.
- Adding one lane to southbound I-75 from CR 581 to the Hillsborough River.
- Widening the southbound CR 581 entrance ramp to northbound I-75.
- New high-mast lighting for the interchange.

The project will take approximately two years to complete, with an estimated completion in the spring of 2009. There will be daytime and nighttime work, but lane closures and detours will be limited to between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. as needed. These traffic impacts will be posted on myTBI.com as they are scheduled. The first lane closures are expected by the middle of next week and will be posted by Friday (March 9).

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