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Quick Facts

Project Scope

Interchange
Modification

Project Limits

I-275 to east of 40th St.
at 118th Avenue

Corridor Length

1.8 miles

Contractor

SEMA Construction, Inc.

Estimated Construction Cost

\$32 million

Start Date

July 18, 2009

Estimated Finish Date

Spring 2011

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Northbound I-275 Connector to CR 296/SR 686

Pinellas County, Florida

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About the Project

The Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) contractor is constructing a new ramp/bridge from northbound Interstate 275 to westbound County Road 296 (118th Avenue). This also includes constructing a new bridge for westbound CR 296 over eastbound 118th Avenue, constructing a new bridge over Roosevelt Boulevard (SR 686), and widening a bridge over I-275.

This project also features roadway resurfacing, roadway widening, drainage and lighting improvements, new traffic signals, signing and pavement markings, and intelligent transportation system components to help manage traffic.

Currently, northbound I-275 motorists wanting to travel to westbound CR 296 must first merge with northbound Roosevelt Boulevard traffic, then merge to the left lane and make a left turn onto 28th St. North, then make a right turn onto CR 296.

When the project is completed, northbound I-275 motorists will be able to drive nonstop on the newly constructed roadway and bridges over Roosevelt Boulevard, 28th Street North and eastbound 118th Avenue and then merge with westbound CR 296.

Improvement Highlights

- New, non-stop connection from northbound I-275 to westbound CR 296.
- Improved lighting.
- Improved drainage.

Traffic Flow

Existing interstate travel lanes will remain open during the day. This will allow maximum traffic flow during peak driving hours.

Lane Closure Hours

Lane closure hours vary depending on the traffic control needed; the allowable hours on the interstate system are 8:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. as needed. Lane closures are allowed on the non-interstate roads during day and night hours, but avoiding the morning and afternoon peak traffic commuting hours.

Night Work

Night construction is needed to keep the interstate lanes open during high use periods during the day. While we try to minimize disturbances, area residents can expect some noise and lighted work areas at night.