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FACT SHEET

Interstate 275 Reconstruction

Pinellas County, Florida

Project Number 258870-1-52-01

9/29/04

Quick Facts

Project Scope

Adding lanes in each direction

Project Limits

north of
Roosevelt Blvd. to
4th Street North

Corridor Length

2.3 miles

Contractor

Jones Brothers, Inc.

Construction Cost

\$32.7 million

Start Date

May 13, 2002

Finish Date

Fall 2004

FDOT Interstate Construction Office

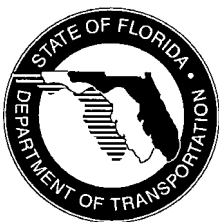
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About the Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is making capacity and safety improvements to Interstate 275 in Pinellas County, Florida from north of Roosevelt Boulevard to 4th Street North. The project will increase capacity by adding additional lanes in each direction, improve the ramp entrances and exits, and create a safer highway corridor through lighting and drainage improvements.

Improvement Highlights

- Increase the mainline corridor from 4 to 8 lanes.
- Increase Ulmerton Rd. entrance ramp to northbound I-275 from 1-lane to 2-lanes. Improve ramps at 4th St., Dr. Martin Luther King St., and Ulmerton Rd.
- Build ramps to southbound I-275 and southbound Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street from eastbound Ulmerton Road.
- Repair concrete slabs in existing travel lanes. Grind all lanes (new and existing) to provide a consistent, smooth surface.
- Finish ramp connections for CR 296 Connector project.

Traffic Flow

All existing travel lanes will be maintained during the day. This will allow at least two lanes of traffic in each direction throughout the reconstruction. The 4th Street entrance ramp and the Dr. Martin Luther King St. (MLK) interchange will be closed at separate times during construction; detour routes will be used. The 4th Street closure will use MLK and visa-versa during the closure of MLK. The speed limit on the mainline will be reduced to 55 MPH (from 65 MPH).

Night Work

Night construction is necessary in order to keep the lanes open during high use periods during the day. Lane closures will occur between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as needed. While we try to minimize all disturbances, area residents can expect some noise and lighted work areas.

Safety Along the Corridor

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