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East-West Road Studies Underway

The City of Tampa, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study. The Study's purpose is to establish the conceptual location and design concepts for a proposed East-West road between I-275 and C.R. 581 (Bruce B. Downs Blvd.). The PD&E project study area, as shown in the center of this brochure, is bounded by I-275 on the west, C.R. 581 on the east, the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) easement on the south, and the Hillsborough/Pasco County line on the north. The "No-Build" Alternative will be a viable alternative throughout the study process.

The PD&E Study will be managed by the City of Tampa. It will include the evaluation of a multi-lane divided typical section for the proposed East-West road within the study area. Also, as part of the City's PD&E Study efforts, an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) will be prepared for a new interchange on I-275 between the existing Bearss Avenue and S.R. 54 interchanges.

Three Study Corridors Identified April 16 Public Meeting Scheduled

The City and its consultants have completed preliminary data collection within the study area and identified three potential corridors for the proposed East-West Road between I-275 and Bruce B. Downs Boulevard in New Tampa. To present these concepts to the public, the City has scheduled a workshop on April 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Benito Middle School, 10101 Cross Creek Boulevard. Aerial maps showing the three corridors will be displayed as well as a preliminary environmental impact evaluation for each of the corridors. The public is invited to attend this important meeting and provide input to the City's study team. The comments received at the Workshop will be considered along with the environmental and engineering analyses in the selection of a corridor that will be developed in more detail and carried forward to an Alternatives Public Workshop later in the PD&E Study process.