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Non-Descrimination Law & Regulations

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. Section 327, and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven **ATTN: FOWLER AVENUE PD&E STUDY (WPI Segment No. 448505-1)** 11201 N McKinley Drive, MS 7-500 Tampa, FL 33612





FOWLER AVENUE/SR 582

from N. Florida Avenue to west of N. 56th Street

Project Development & Environment Study

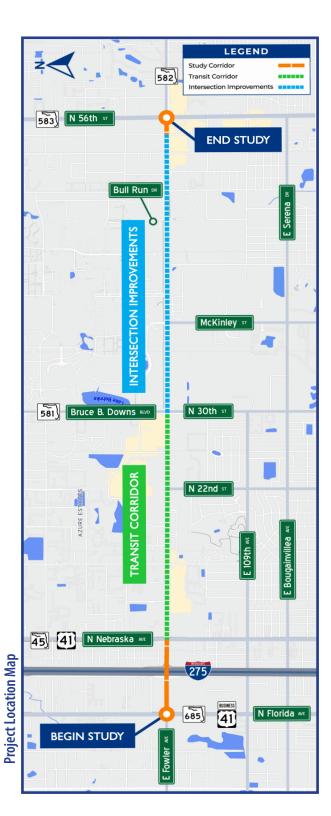
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Alternative Selection

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the alternative the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has decided to advance in project development.

The FDOT thanks you for your participation at the June 15, 2023 Alternatives Public Workshop held in person at University Mall (2nd Floor), 2200 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612 and included an option to attend virtually online. Based on safety, engineering and environmental analyses, and public input received to date, FDOT will move forward with providing vehicular and pedestrian safety features throughout the entire corridor from N. Florida Avenue to west of N. 56th Street including wide sidewalks, intersection improvements, and mid-block pedestrian crossings. Within the transit segment from Nebraska Avenue to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, in cooperation with HART, we have decided to proceed with the Business Access and Transit (BAT) Lane Alternative which provides for a wider median and an opportunity for landscaping. Please note, the implementation of the BAT Lane Alternative is dependent upon HART's successful request for lane repurposing and would not prohibit a future median transit alternative from being implemented by HART after the appropriate evaluation.

The project will now move into the design phase with the environmental clearance being conducted concurrently. Additionally, the identified future context classification of C3C (Suburban Commercial) will be further refined in the Design Phase with continued public outreach.



Selected Alternative

The typical sections for the selected BAT Lane Alternative are provided to the right. From N. Florida Avenue to Nebraska Aveune, the typical section remains as it is today with the exception of the addition of 8 to 12-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of Fowler Avenue. From Nebraska Avenue to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, the BAT Lane Alternative includes repurposing the existing outside lanes on Fowler Avenue for transit buses and vehicles making right turns onto sidestreets and into local businesses only. The roadway typical section will include three 11-foot general use travel lanes and one 12-foot BAT Lane in each direction. Sidewalks will varv from 8 to 12 feet wide and be included on both sides of Fowler Avenue. From Bruce B. Downs Boulevard to west of N. 56th Street, the typical section will include three 11-foot travel lanes and 8 to 12-foot wide sidewalks in each direction. In addition, mid-block crossings are proposed at N. 14th Street, N. Elmer Street, between 19th and 22nd Streets, N. 46th Street, and N. 52nd Street. Several intersections will also see improvements for enhanced pedestrian and bicycle safety and operations. The Typical Sections to the right will be refined during the next phase (Design).

Proposed Right of Way

Right of way acquisition is only proposed at the northeast corner of Fowler Avenue and Nebraska Avenue for construction of the wide sidewalk in this area. The right of way take is estimated at 0.01 acre. The project will not result in any residential or business relocations.

FDOT Adopted 5-Year Work Program Fiscal Years 2023/24 to 2027/28

Design*	Right of Way	Construction*
FY 2023/24	Pending	FY 2025/26
* Funded under FDOT WPI Segment No. 445652-1		
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Proposed Typical Section





Bruce B. Downs Boulevard to west of N. 56th Street