

# The Heights Mobility Study

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## OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation District 7 has initiated a transportation and mobility study for the greater **Tampa Heights** and **Seminole Heights** areas. The purpose of the study is to identify immediate improvements to the Florida Avenue and Tampa Street/Highland Avenue corridor between Downtown and the Hillsborough River. Additionally, the study will work with the community to form a comprehensive vision for transportation for these neighborhoods including other State Roads and local streets in the area.

The Study will build upon previous community planning efforts, coordinate with ongoing studies and planning efforts in the area, generate consensus with community members about the ultimate vision, and develop an action plan to move forward with improvements in a timely manner.

The initial stages of the Study will be based on engaging the communities along the corridor in order to:

- Identify opportunities for actionable immediate safety and mobility improvements
- Develop a clear understanding of existing community character and mobility strategies to support existing community needs.
- Build consensus around a Mission, Vision, and Goals for the Tampa Street/Florida Avenue corridor moving forward

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Heights Mobility Study will be driven by community outreach and engagement. Initially it is anticipated that much of the engagement with the community will be through a series of neighborhood association and organization meetings, online and in-person surveys, outreach at community events, organized walking audits, and a community workshop.

Additionally, information on the Study and opportunities for involvement will be available through the Study website at [www.heightsmobility.com](http://www.heightsmobility.com).



## UPCOMING MILESTONES

- Winter/Spring 2019: Continue Coordination to Implement Immediate Improvements
- Summer/Fall 2019: Community Outreach on Alternatives Evaluation
- Winter 2019: Finalize Concept Alternatives Evaluation

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why is this corridor being studied?** The corridor in general provides access between downtown Tampa and surrounding neighborhoods, and the Florida Avenue corridor carries the US Highway 41 Business Route designation and functions as a reliever to I-275 during rush hour. Yet it also serves as an urban commercial corridor, where localized mobility demands differ from those of commuters. This study will examine these differences in function and seek a vision to achieve comprehensive balance between competing needs.

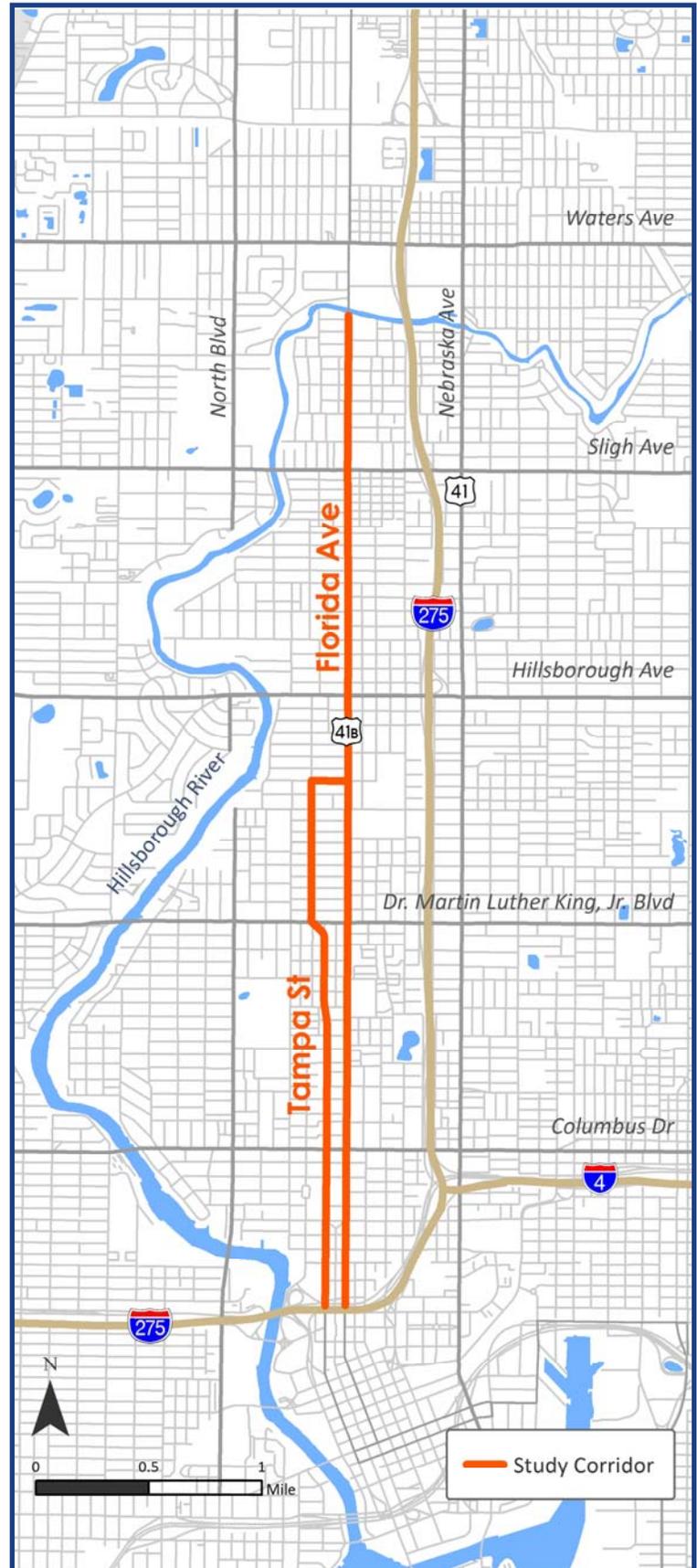
**If prior planning efforts have already been done, why does this corridor need more planning?** This planning effort will help bring together information from previous vision and corridor studies to build consensus around the future character of the corridor and identify next steps to implement.

**What are examples of actionable, immediate safety and mobility improvements?** Immediate safety and mobility improvements focus on enhancements that do not require a major reconstruction effort and do not require right-of-way acquisition to make room for more street features. These include elements such as new signage, pavement markings, street lighting, sidewalk improvements, new or improved bicycle lanes, minor intersection improvements, traffic signals, and new or improved pedestrian crossings.

**What happens next?** The immediate recommendations generated by this study will be implemented as soon as possible. Phase II is currently underway to develop and evaluate longer-term alternatives. Outcomes will be shared with the public over the summer and fall of 2019.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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