



South Howard Flood Relief Project

Benefits:

The South Howard Flood Relief Project involves designing and building a major stormwater conveyance system to improve drainage and reduce flooding along South Howard Avenue and adjacent neighborhoods, including Parkland Estates and Palma Ceia Pines. Other benefits include:

- Upgraded water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.
- Coordination with Tampa Electric (TECO) to move South Howard Avenue power lines underground.
- Reimagined South Howard Avenue streetscape with wider sidewalks, on-street parking, enhanced landscaping, and expanded tree canopy for safer and more enjoyable walking, shopping, and dining.
- Improved water quality discharges to the Hillsborough Bay through innovative green infrastructure technologies, contributing to a healthier bay and more resilient community.
- Partnering with the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority for drainage of the expanded South Selmon Expressway.
- Repaved roadways near project area before construction phase.

Tentative Project Schedule:

- Preliminary public outreach: Ongoing
- Design-build team under contract: December 2024
- Design: Winter 2024 – Spring 2026
- Early works/road paving: Begin Summer 2025
- Construction: Spring 2026 – Summer 2029

Minimizing Impacts:

- The design-build team will meet with each property and business owner along the route to ensure access is maintained and businesses are kept open.
- Utilities will be relocated first with one lane remaining open.
- Box culvert construction requires full road closure and will occur in segmented phases to minimize disruption and inconvenience; a typical phase will take 5-7 weeks to install.
- The design-build team will provide advance notice of any inconveniences, so residents, businesses and patrons can plan ahead.

Legend

- Existing Box Culvert
- New Box Culvert
- - - New Box Culvert Alternative Routes
- New Oil Pipeline

