

PURPOSE AND NEED



Reduce Congestion

Over 100,000 vehicles per day used the Selmon Expressway in 2022. By 2046, that number is expected to grow to 167,000 vehicles per day. Portions of the Tampa Bay region contributing to traffic on the Selmon Expressway are expected to grow by 85% during the same time period. Traffic will continue to get worse if nothing is done.



Improve Safety

Over a five-year period, there were 571 crashes within the project limits. 44% involved rear-end collisions indicating congestion as one of the primary contributing factors. Safety enhancements are needed to address THEA's Vision Zero safety goals to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries.



Connect Communities

The Selmon Expressway provides a daily commuter link between downtown Tampa and several densely populated areas and regional attractors. The expressway serves as an important alternative to I-275 during road closures, hurricane evacuations, and regional travel in Tampa Bay.