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FDOT MEDIA ADVISORY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is studying a traffic management concept for Tampa Bay that has helped cities across the nation improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and free commuters from snarling traffic jams. The concept, called “Express Toll Lanes,” gives drivers who want a better way to get where they’re going, the choice of paying a toll to use an express lane. These lanes, which are built next to existing non-toll lanes on interstates, are priced according to demand. FDOT is developing a Master Plan of express toll lanes on the interstate system called the Tampa Bay Express (TBX).

The express lane concept is already in place in Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta, Miami and other cities, where it has proven to be an effective way to lessen traffic congestion. The interstates under study for TBX include I-275 from south of Gandy Boulevard to north of Bearss Avenue, I-4 from I-275 to west of Polk Parkway, and I-75 from SR 674 to north of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard.

To inform the public and answer questions about TBX, two public workshops will be conducted:

- Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Avenue, Largo, FL 33773, in Pinellas County, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 5-7 p.m., and also at
- TPepin’s Hospitality Centre, 4121 N. 50th Street, Tampa, FL 33610, in Hillsborough County on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 5-7 p.m.

For more information about Tampa Bay Express, visit <http://www.tampabayexpress.com>

