

# Road Improvements

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Quality service means improving and enhancing our road network in order to help meet the growing needs of our community. Though construction costs continue to rise and most projects we take on have exceeded our estimates, it is important that we continue to invest and make improvements on projects that affect our quality of life so directly.

This fiscal year we will continue our investment in New Tampa earmarking over \$900,000 for the continued design of the second phase of Cross Creek Boulevard, which will widen the eastern portion of the corridor.

Many road improvements are so costly that funding is spread out over several years in order to be able to fund the project and accomplish our on-going goal of improving both motorist and pedestrian safety. Several of these projects including MacDill Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard, and Dale Mabry Highway and Columbus Drive, have received a total allocation of more than \$1.6 million for 2008. Construction of these projects is expected in future years. We will also assign more than \$4.5 million for the future construction of the West Meadows Bridge at Interstate 75.

## **Dale Mabry Highway & Kennedy Boulevard**

We will address the northbound queuing problem on Dale Mabry at

Kennedy, which backs up to Azelee Street. The project will provide an additional northbound through lane. Funded with Westshore District Impact Fee funds, this project will significantly improve traffic flow as well as vehicular and pedestrian safety. Although funding has been allocated, additional right-of-way acquisition is required before an actual construction date can be set.

## **40th Street**



While construction continues on Segment B of the 40th Street project, which includes a new bridge, the city is busy acquiring the remaining right-of-way for segments A and C so that this long-awaited project can continue to make progress. We expect construction of segment C to begin in August 2008 and segment A will follow with anticipated construction commencing in early 2009.