



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY SR 26 – US 19 in Gilchrist County to CR 26A in Alachua County

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting this Project Development and Environment Study for the widening of State Road 26 (SR 26) to meet Florida Intrastate Highway Systems (FIHS) standards that will address area-wide transportation needs and future roadway capacity deficiencies.

The specific project objective of the Project Development and Environment Study is to develop and evaluate alternatives that will accommodate the requirements necessary for developing SR 26 into a four-lane divided highway which safely accommodates the projected traffic volumes at an acceptable level of service as part of the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS).

PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The study will evaluate the feasibility of bypass alternatives around the cities of Trenton and Newberry, available right-of-way, access management issues, future land use, cultural and historical sites, a railroad overpass and pond locations.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The SR 26 Project Development and Environment Study begins at US 19/SR55 and travels east and then north through the community of Wilcox, continues east to Trenton where it intersects with US 129/SR 49. The project then continues east to Newberry where it intersects with US 27/SR 45 and terminates at the intersection of CR 26A. From US 19 to the western city limits of Trenton, SR 26 is an undivided two-lane, rural roadway that is located in Gilchrist County. Through the city of Trenton, SR 26 transitions to an undivided, two-lane urban street and then transitions back to an undivided, two-lane from the eastern city limits of Trenton until the Newberry western city limits in Alachua County. It then transitions back to an undivided, two-lane urban roadway. Much of this section of roadway has on-street parallel parking and sidewalks on each side of the roadway. From the US 41 intersection east to the CR 26A intersection, SR 26 is a five-lane, urban roadway with bike lanes in each direction and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

The approximate project study length is 21.738 miles. The facility is classified as Rural Principal Arterial-Other.

FINANCE

Project Development and Environment Phase – \$1,031.994. Funded in Fiscal Year 2004/05 Contract C-8C74

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Design Phase – Unfunded

Construction Phase - Unfunded



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PROJECT STATUS

Project Development and Environment Study to be complete in April 2008

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