



# **STARKE US 301 CORRIDOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY BRADFORD COUNTY**

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## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The proposed project will provide capacity improvements to the U.S. 301 (State Road 200) corridor through the city of Starke urban area, from County Road 227 to County Road 233, in Bradford County, a distance of 7.4 miles.

U.S. 301 is part of the National Highway System (NHS), the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), and the Florida Intrastate Highway System (FIHS) so the operational efficiency of U.S. 301 is important on a national, state, regional and local level. Because of the location and connections to the interstate system, U.S. 301 has a high percentage of trucks and through traffic that travels through the project area. Within the urban area the crash rate is higher than the statewide average for similar highways.

The current roadway does not meet the level of service criteria and standards set by the FIHS and adopted by the local government comprehensive plan. Due to the high volume of traffic and constrained conditions, improvements that would meet the level of service standards are not possible within the current right-of-way.

## **PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

The Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study is underway. No subsequent phases are scheduled.

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Two alternatives that increase capacity and upgrade the U.S. 301 corridor to meet FIHS criteria are currently being reviewed. An urban alternative, with a west railroad overpass option, would widen the existing road from four to six lanes and require additional right-of-way. A rural alternative would result in the construction of a four-lane limited-access bypass on new alignment on the west side of the Starke urban area. Only one alternative will be recommended for construction.

## **FINANCE**

FIN No. 208001 1  
PD&E study supplemental funding FY 2002/2003

## **PROJECT STATUS**

Draft Environmental Impact Statement is ready. The PD&E study will be complete in 2007.

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## **PROJECT WEBSITE**

None at this time.

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