



First Coast Outer Beltway

Description: The combination of the Branan Field Chaffee Road (SR 23) and St. Johns River Crossing Corridor form the First Coast Outer Beltway around the Jacksonville metropolitan area. First Coast Outer Beltway would provide a direct connection, outside of I-295 loop, between I-10 and I-95.

Purpose: Provide additional capacity across the St. Johns River as part of an overall corridor that addresses the area's transportation deficiencies and serve existing and future development.

Status of Branan Field Chaffee Road (SR 23)

Branan Field Chaffee Road (SR 23) begins at US 90 in Duval County and ends at the Blanding Blvd (SR 21) in Clay County. The road is proposed as a four-lane limited access facility with interchanges at I-10, New World Avenue, Normandy Blvd., 103rd Street, Argyle Forest Blvd., College Drive Extension and Blanding Blvd. (SR 21).

- Branan Field Chaffee Road from I-10 to 103rd is currently under construction.
- Branan Field Chaffee currently exists as a four-lane roadway between 103rd and Argyle Forest Blvd.
- Branan Field Chaffee currently exists as a two lane roadway between Argyle Forest and Blanding Blvd.
- The Department has acquired all the right-of-way from I-10 to Blanding Blvd (SR 21).

Status of St. Johns River Crossing Corridor

St. Johns River Crossing project proposes to provide a new four-lane limited access facility that will connect the proposed Branan Field Chaffee (SR 23)/Blanding Blvd. (SR 21) interchange in Clay County, eastward across the St. Johns River, to a new interchange with I-95 in St. Johns County. Interchanges are proposed at CR 218 extension, SR 16, CR 244, CR 2209 and I-95.

- Currently in Project Development and Environment Study phase
- A Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared and submitted to Federal Highway Administration
- Total Cost = 1.8 billion for design, wetland mitigation, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

Financing: FM # - 208225-3

Based on the Florida Turnpike's planning level toll and revenue analysis, it was determined that the Turnpike could not fully fund the project. Therefore, a public private partnership forum on the First Coast Outer Beltway is scheduled for March 28-29, 2007 to explore innovative ways of funding the project. The forum will be held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, 500 S. Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092.