

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY St Johns River Crossing Clay and St. Johns counties

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A highway corridor connecting State Road 21 (Blanding Boulevard) in Clay County to Interstate 95 in St. Johns County has been envisioned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as well as local officials for many years. It has been evident that the area's tremendous population growth, along with the associated traffic demand, would greatly diminish the efficiency of the regional transportation system. This degradation of the regional transportation system would negatively affect; traffic capacity, traffic safety, hurricane evacuation, economic opportunities, and the overall quality of life. These identified needs have not been substantially met and the area continues to grow at a tremendous rate.

PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

With the exception of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, no additional phases are funded.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The St. Johns River Crossing project proposes to provide a new four-lane limited access highway facility that will connect State Road 21 (Blanding Boulevard) in Clay County, eastward across the St Johns River, to a new interchange with Interstate 95 in St. Johns County. The total length of the project is 31.1 miles and includes a major bridge crossing across the St Johns River.

FINANCE

FM # 208225-3

Project Development and Environment phase is underway

Design phase – \$3,525,000 in 2009 (partially funded)

Right-of-way acquisition phase- Estimated at \$400 million -- unfunded

Construction phase – Estimated at \$1.8 billion -- unfunded

PROJECT STATUS

Project Development and Environment study to be complete in 2008.

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