

## PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PD&E Study: Underway

Design: Upon selection of the preferred alternative

Right-of-Way: Fiscal Year 2018

Construction: Fiscal Year 2020



## PROJECT COSTS (IN MILLIONS):

	SR 100 EXISTING	144 <sup>TH</sup>	NO-BUILD
ENGINEERING	\$4.8	\$8.5	\$0.0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	\$10.3	\$1.6	\$0.0
CONSTRUCTION	\$17.0	\$28.2	\$0.0
TOTAL	\$32.1	\$38.3	\$0.0



DISTRICT TWO



## STARKE RAILROAD OVERPASS STUDY

From US 301 to East of CSX Railroad

Financial Management Number: 436558-1

### PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2016

Bradford County Fairgrounds, Building 1

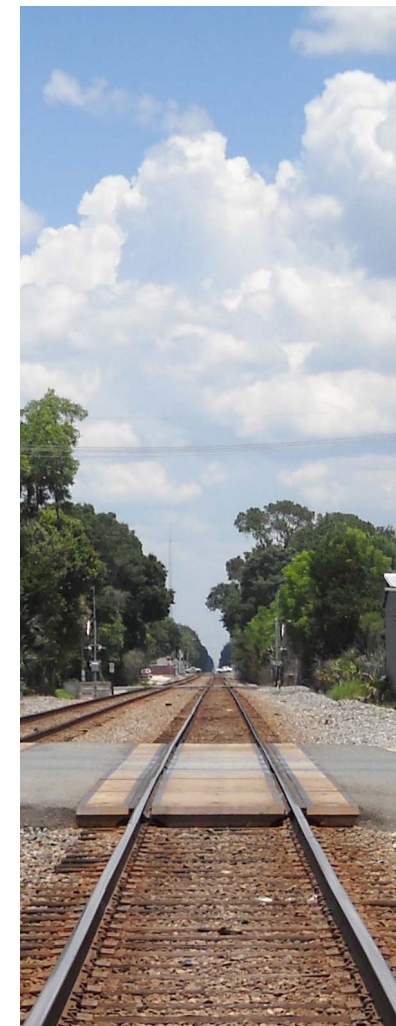
2300 N. Temple Avenue

Starke, FL 32091

### AGENDA

4:30 - 6:30 Open House | View Displays | Discuss Project with FDOT Staff

6:30 Presentation followed by Public Comments



## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

FDOT remains committed to working with all project stakeholders.

No final decisions will be made until we hear your comments.

There are many ways to provide comments:

- 1) State your comments/ask questions during tonight's comment period;
- 2) Complete a comment form and drop it in the comment box provided;
- 3) Mail, call, or email comments by January 14, 2016, to:

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## WELCOME

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the feasibility for constructing a railroad overpass in Starke. A PD&E Study is the process that helps FDOT determine the location and design features of a proposed transportation improvement. During the PD&E Study, design options are developed and evaluated with regard to social, economic, and environmental concerns. Safety needs and public input are also important elements of this study.

In April 2015, the first public meeting was held to present alternatives for the proposed transportation improvement. Following that meeting, concepts were revised and re-presented to the public at a meeting on August 17, 2015. Comments from that meeting were evaluated and further revisions were made. This public meeting, the third public meeting during the PD&E study, is to present updated information to the community and other interested stakeholders, and to seek additional feedback on the alternatives. After this public meeting, FDOT will evaluate all the public input and the results of PD&E study to identify a recommended alternative, which will be presented at a public hearing in the summer of 2016. The recommended alternative could be either a design alternative or the No Build alternative (no improvements). No final decision on an alternative will be made until after public comments have been received from the public hearing.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The City of Starke is currently divided by the CSX railroad that runs parallel to US 301. There are approximately 29 trains per day that utilize the tracks and this number is expected to grow. This results in longer wait times throughout the day for emergency vehicles and other motorists. Although there are numerous locations to cross the tracks, there are no raised crossings over the railroad in Starke. An overpass would improve emergency response times and allow traffic to flow more freely. The goal of the study is to identify a preferred alternative which could be either a suitable location for an overpass within Starke or the No Build Option.

## ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

### SR 100 Existing Alignment Concept

This alternative is located in downtown Starke. The proposed railroad overpass would be located on SR 100 from approximately Adams Street to South Street. The majority of the bridge would be open underneath and would allow the use of that space for various activities. One-way frontage roads would be provided on both the north and south side of the bridge to allow local traffic to access Thompson, Cherry and Church Streets. Walnut Street would no longer connect through the SR 100 intersection. Traffic utilizing Walnut Street would have to travel one block to the east to Thompson Street. Traffic would be maintained during construction primarily through the use of frontage roads. Measures will be taken to minimize disruptions to local traffic during construction.



### 144th Concept

This alternative is located south of Starke's city limits. The proposed railroad overpass would be located along 144th beginning at US 301 and traveling east to tie into existing 144th. Alexander Road will be reconstructed into a cul-de-sac and no longer connect to 144th. Hayes Avenue will be realigned with 144th to allow through traffic. Once the bridge construction is complete, local roads will be reopened to traffic.

