

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	NO-BUILD
ENGINEERING	\$4.8	\$0.0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	\$10.3	\$0.0
CONSTRUCTION	\$17.0	\$0.0
TOTAL	\$32.1	\$0.0

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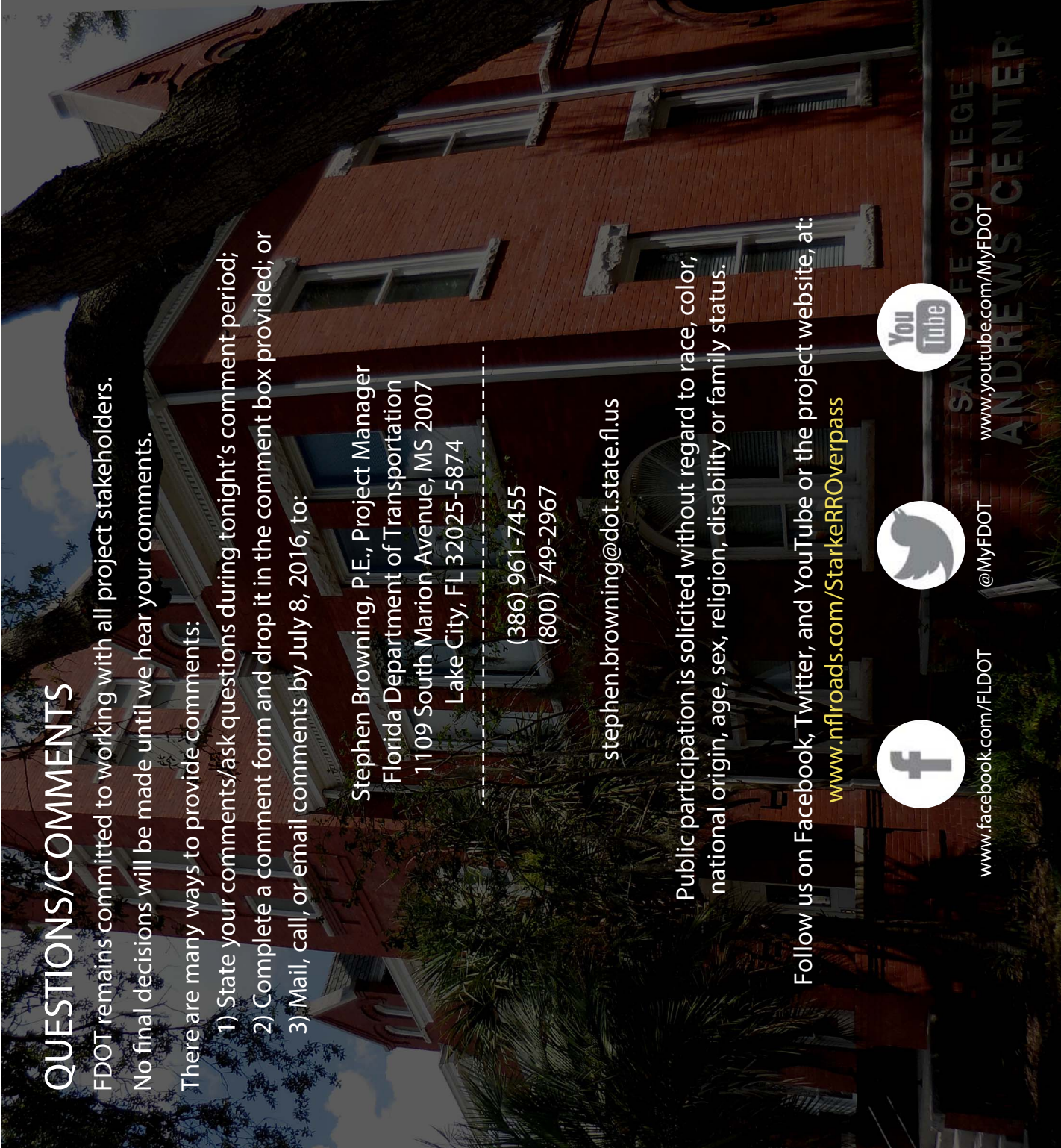
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STARKE RAILROAD OVERPASS STUDY

From US 301 to East of CSX Railroad

Financial Management Number: 436558-1

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 28, 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

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. A third public meeting was held on January 4, 2016 where further information was presented on the alternatives including utilizing information from previous meetings to determine the most viable option for Starke. Based on public input received at those meetings, the Department is recommending construction of a railroad overpass at the State Road 100 location; the railroad crossings at South Street and Adkins Street will be closed as part of this project. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide information on the study’s findings, discuss the recommended alternative and once again receive your input.

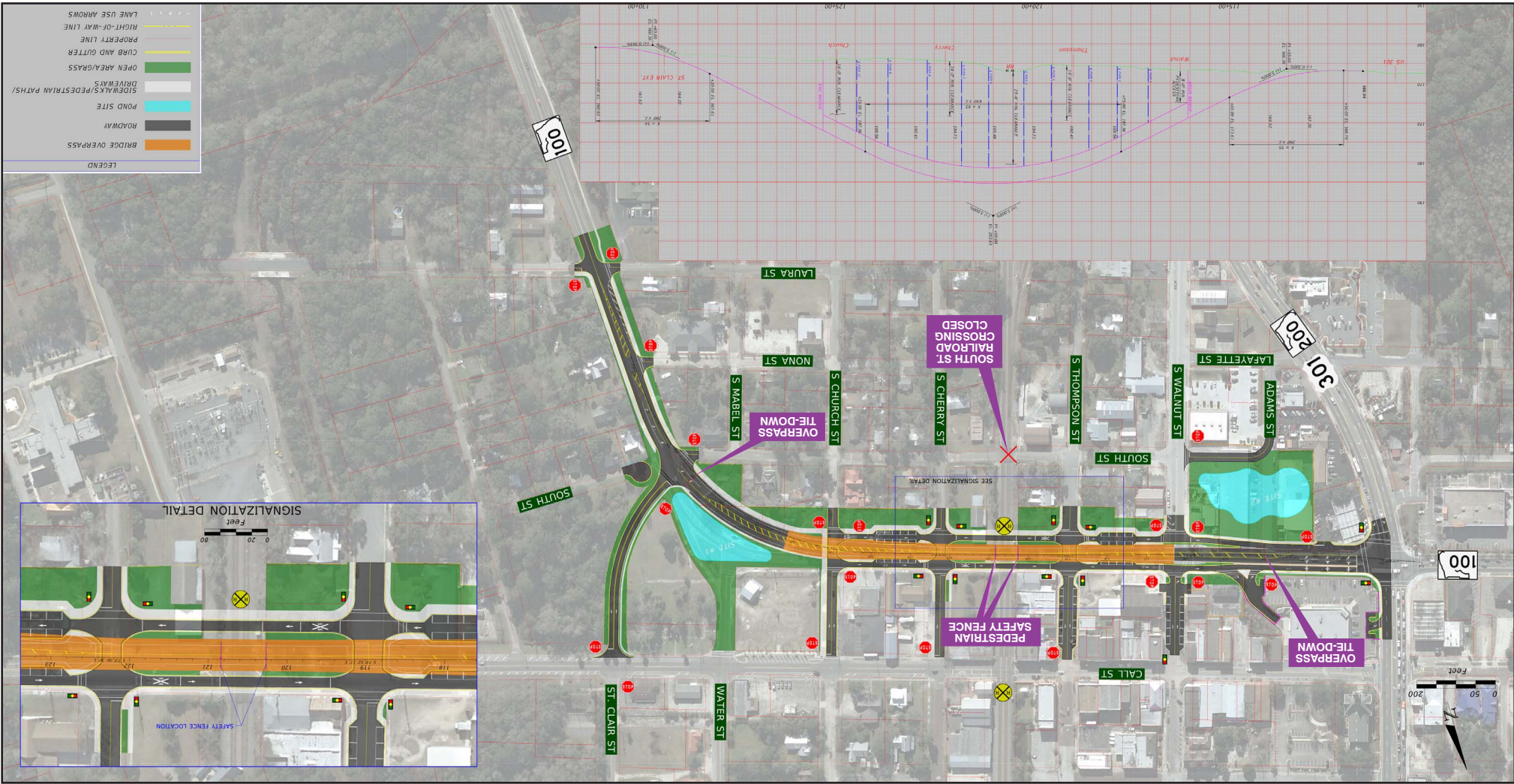
ABOUT THE PROJECT

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.

SR 100 Existing Alignment Concept

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Aesthetic Opportunities

Looking around Starke, a lot of the railroad features are still intact and again show the history of Starke, including the old rail depot. The character of Starke is prominent in the architectural features including the brick and arches. The historic City plan and timeless architecture created the opportunity to tie urban features found within downtown to the proposed roadway improvements.

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