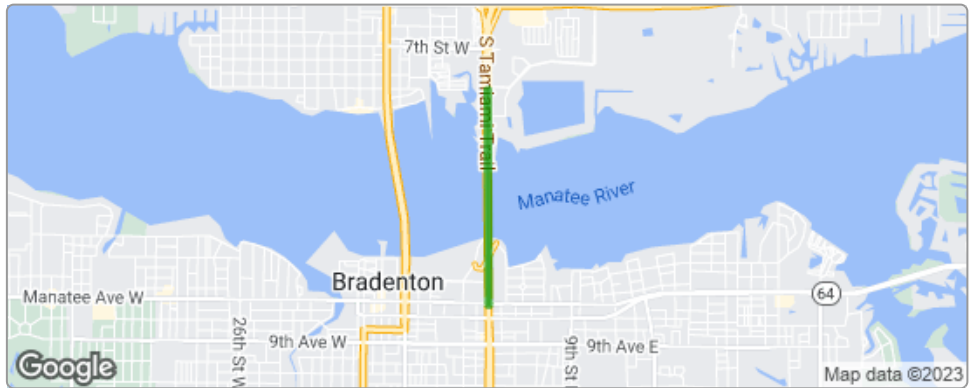


DeSoto Bridge 442630-1

Project Details	
<b>Work Type</b>	PD&E Study
<b>Phase</b>	Design
<b>Limits</b>	SR 64 (Manatee Ave. E.) to Haben Blvd
<b>Length</b>	1.297 miles
<b>City</b>	Bradenton Palmetto
<b>County</b>	Manatee
<b>Road</b>	US 301 US 41
<b>Construction Cost</b>	\$168,000,000
<b>Letting</b>	

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**About**

The purpose of this study is to evaluate alternatives for an in-kind replacement of the DeSoto Bridge over the Manatee River. The project is 1.3 miles in length from SR 64 to Haben Boulevard, located within the Cities of Bradenton and Palmetto in Manatee County. The study will determine where and how to build feasible alternatives for the new in-kind replacement bridge, considering their social, economic, natural, and cultural effects.

The current DeSoto Bridge (Bridge #130053) was constructed in 1957. The existing bridge provides 40 feet of vertical clearance over the river and has four lanes, with two in each direction. The new bridge will be similar in length and profile to the existing one. It will also include wider inside and outside shoulders and a barrier separating a new shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic.

The Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Study will evaluate corridors to provide additional capacity and transportation demand across the Manatee River as part of the regional transportation system, specifically between the Cities of Bradenton and Palmetto and the numerous communities in western Manatee County. A total of ten (10) corridors will be evaluated, including the US 41/DeSoto bridge corridor, during the Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Study. To learn more about the future capacity improvements and the Bradenton-Palmetto Connector Study, click the following link: <https://www.swflroads.com/project/444843-1>