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DeSoto Bridge from SR 64 (Manatee Avenue East) to Haben Boulevard PD&E

PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING

May 25, 2023

Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 442630-1

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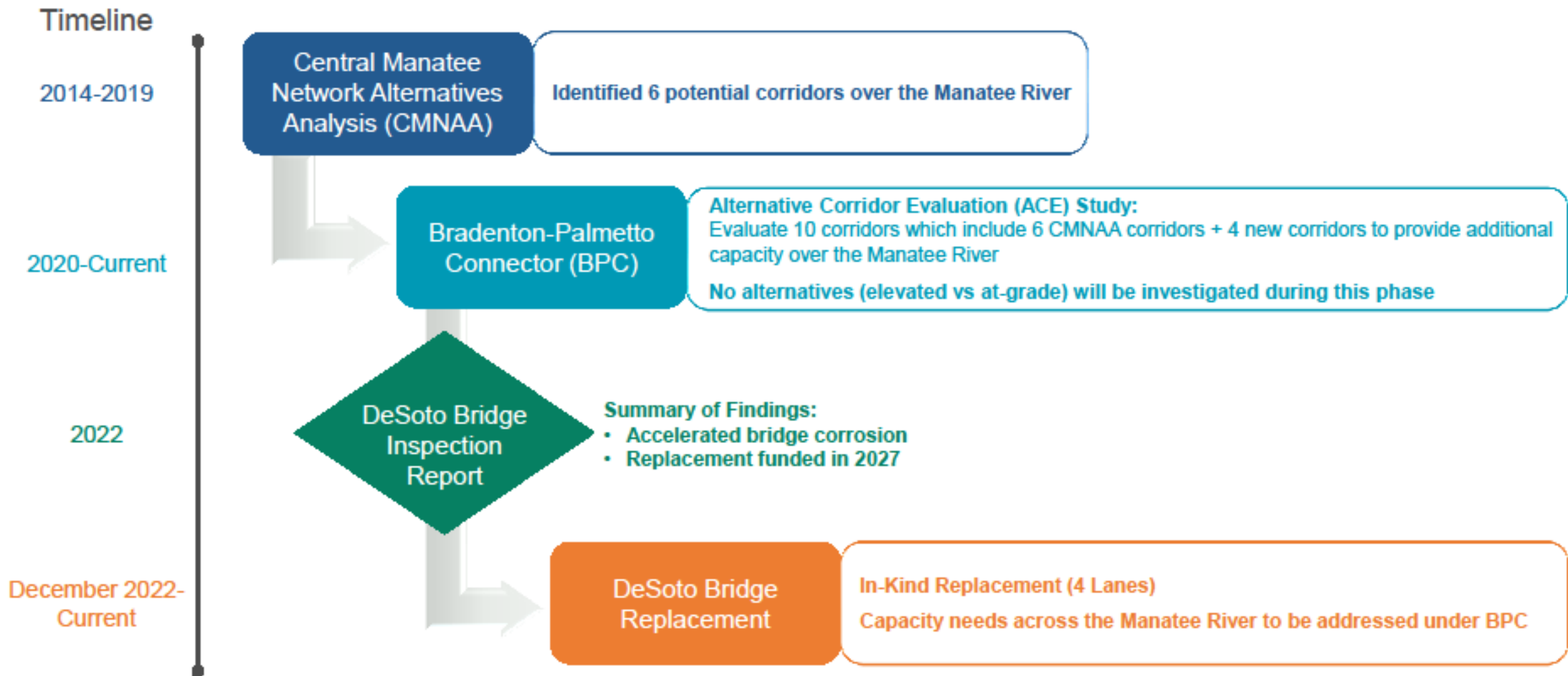
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May is Motorcycle
Safety Awareness
Month



CMNAA-BPC-DeSoto Bridge Storyboard



DESOTO BRIDGE PD&E STUDY

FROM: MANATEE AVENUE WEST (SR 64) TO HABEN BOULEVARD

FPID: 442630-1



Bridge Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	No	Yes
Median Barrier	No	Yes
Outside Shoulders	No	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	No	Yes



Roadway Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	Yes	Yes
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Outside Median	Yes	Yes
Bicycle & Pedestrian Features	No	Yes

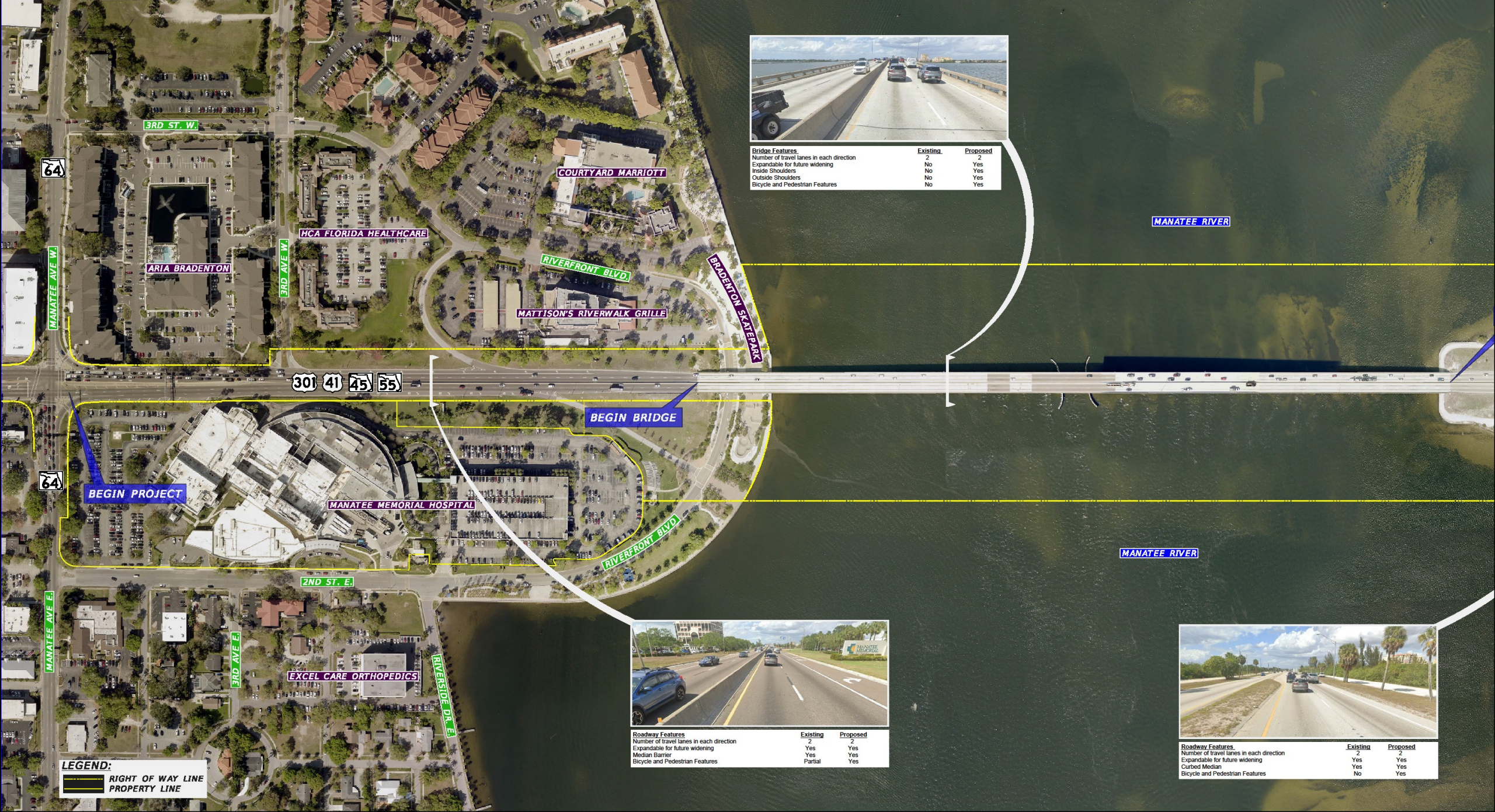


Roadway Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	Yes	Yes
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Median Barrier	Partial	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	Partial	Yes



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Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Outside Median	Yes	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	No	Yes

LEGEND:
 — RIGHT OF WAY LINE
 — PROPERTY LINE



Bridge Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	No	Yes
Inside Shoulders	No	Yes
Outside Shoulders	No	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	No	Yes

MANATEE RIVER

BEGIN BRIDGE

BEGIN PROJECT

MANATEE RIVER



Roadway Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Median Barrier	Yes	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	Partial	Yes



Roadway Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Curbed Median	Yes	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	No	Yes

LEGEND:
 RIGHT OF WAY LINE
 PROPERTY LINE

NORTH



Roadway Features	Existing	Proposed
Number of travel lanes in each direction	2	2
Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Curbed Median	Yes	Yes
Bicycle & Pedestrian Features	No	Yes

MANATEE RIVER

END BRIDGE

PALMETTO ESTUARY PRESERVATION

PALMETTO ESTUARY NATURE PRESERVE

END PROJECT

301 41 45 55

PALMETTO ESTUARY PRESERVATION

MANATEE RIVER

1ST ST. E.

711 CONVENIENCE STORE

BRADENTON AREA CONVENTION CENTER

RIVERA DUNES WAY

RIVERA DUNES WAY

BEL MARE CONDOMINIUM

RIVERA DUNES



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Expandable for future widening	Yes	Yes
Curbed Median	Yes	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features	No	Yes



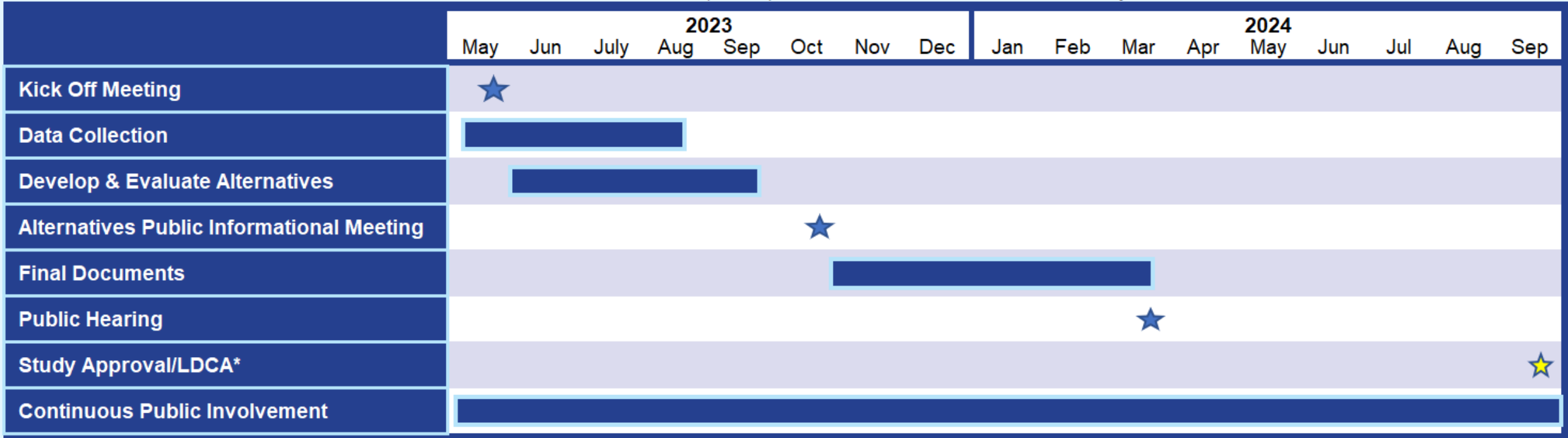
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Project Schedule

DeSoto Bridge Replacement

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From Manatee Avenue East (SR 64) to Haben Boulevard in Manatee County



*Location Design Concept Acceptance

Milestone Meeting = ★

Study Approval/LDCA= ★

Subject to change



DeSoto Bridge PD&E Study

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442630-1 DeSoto Bridge



About

The DeSoto Bridge (Bridge #130053) carries US 41 and US 301 over the Manatee River between the cities of Palmetto and Bradenton. The bridge is 40 feet tall over the water and carries four lanes of traffic, two in each direction. It is one of two bridges connecting Bradenton and Palmetto. The other is the Green Bridge located approximately west of the DeSoto Bridge. The bridge was built in 1957 and FDOT is evaluating options to replace the bridge.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate replacement options for the DeSoto Bridge located between SR 64 and Haben Boulevard within the Cities of Bradenton and Palmetto in Manatee County. The objective is to evaluate the project's impact on the social, economic, cultural, natural, and physical environment, to develop the Location and Design Concept of the Project.

Public Involvement

This kickoff meeting is being held to introduce the project and provide the opportunity for the public to offer feedback. You can participate in the kickoff meeting in-person on Tuesday May, May 23, 2023, anytime from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL 34221 or live online on Thursday, May 25, 2023, starting at 5:00 p.m. The same materials will be displayed at both the in-person and online events and will also be posted by Monday, May 22, 2023, on the project webpage.

IN-PERSON - May 23, 2023

- 5pm to 7pm. at Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Ave Bradenton, FL 34221.

VIRTUAL - May 25, 2023

- Join online using an electronic device such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone..
- After the event, by viewing a recording of the public meeting presentation, public comments, and project exhibits on the project website www.swflroads.com/project/442630-1.

Project Documents

[DeSoto Bridge Kickoff Meeting Presentation](#)

Project Details

Work Type:	PD&E Study
Phase:	PD&E
Limits:	SR 64 (Manatee Ave. E.) to Haben Blvd
Length:	1.297 miles
City:	Bradenton Palmetto
County:	Manatee
Road:	US 301 US 41
Study Cost:	\$1,600,000
Start of Current Phase:	Late 2022
Est. Completion of Current Phase:	Late 2024

Estimated Costs

Construction Cost: \$168,000,000

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Get involved today!

Scan to take our online questionnaire.

Complete our brief online questionnaire to provide valuable feedback for enhancing the multimodal transportation network.



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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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Questions and Answers

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