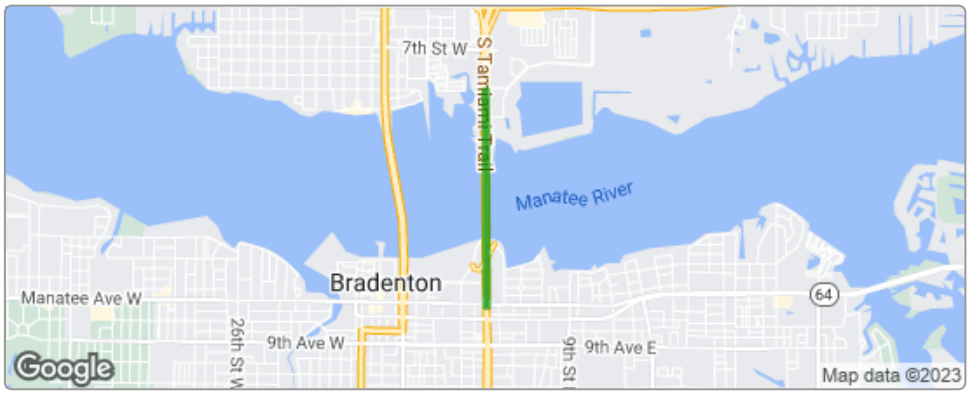
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Florida Department of Transportation

DeSoto Bridge Replacement 442630-1

Project Details	
Work Type	Bridge Construction
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	$$1.6 million
Construction Cost	$168 million

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About

Project Description: The proposed project involves replacing the existing DeSoto Bridge with an in-kind replacement. The new bridge will be similar in length and profile to the existing one. It includes four 12-foot travel lanes (two in each direction) with a concrete barrier separating traffic, 10-foot inside shoulders, and 12-foot outside shoulders for vehicles to pull over if necessary. Additionally, there will be a 12-foot barrier separated shared-use path on both sides of the bridge for bicyclists and pedestrians. The bridge will be built on the east side of the existing bridge and connect to the roadway at similar points as it does today.

Historical Reference: The DeSoto Bridge (Bridge #130053), built in 1957, is experiencing corrosive deterioration and does not accommodate multi-modal travel. It currently offers 40 feet of vertical clearance and has four lanes, two in each direction. The Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study was completed in 2024. The design phase started in January 2025, where FDOT will finalize the project details and prepare construction documents.

Bradenton-Palmetto Connector: 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