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### **Starke Truck Route expected to open this week** *Construction activities will continue following road's opening.*

**STARKE, FL.** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is scheduled to open the Starke Truck Route to traffic later this week, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Crews are expected to begin opening the southbound lanes of the truck route during the evening hours of Thursday, September 12, and, once completed, will begin opening the northbound lanes in the early morning hours of Friday, September 13. The road is scheduled to be fully open to traffic by 8 a.m. Friday morning, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

While the road will be open, construction activities are expected to continue in the coming weeks as crews complete some incidental construction. This is expected to have slight impacts on traffic.

Construction on the \$90 million 7.3-mile road on the west side of Starke began in August 2016. The new four-lane roadway, which includes interchanges at State Road 100 and State Road 16, will help alleviate some of the congestion on U.S. 301 through downtown Starke.

U.S. 301 through Starke, depending on the location, carries between 24,000 and 30,000 vehicles each day.

The new roadway is also expected to provide additional capacity for future growth.

More information about the project can be found by visiting [www.nflroads.com](http://www.nflroads.com).

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