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Starke Truck Route scheduled to open next month

Road to open to traffic in September, though construction work will continue.

STARKE, FL. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has announced its plans to open the Starke Truck Route in Bradford County next month, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

However, construction activities will continue after opening to move toward final completion and could have slight impacts on traffic on the new roadway.

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. As traffic on U.S. 301 continues to increase, the truck route is projected to carry approximately 31,000 vehicles per day by 2040.

Final paving operations are currently underway. Crews are also completing guardrail installation, drainage work, and final striping ahead of next month's projected opening.

More information about the project can be found by visiting www.nflroads.com.

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