



AGENDA ITEM 8 B

US 90 WEST TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

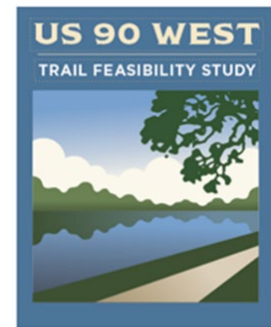
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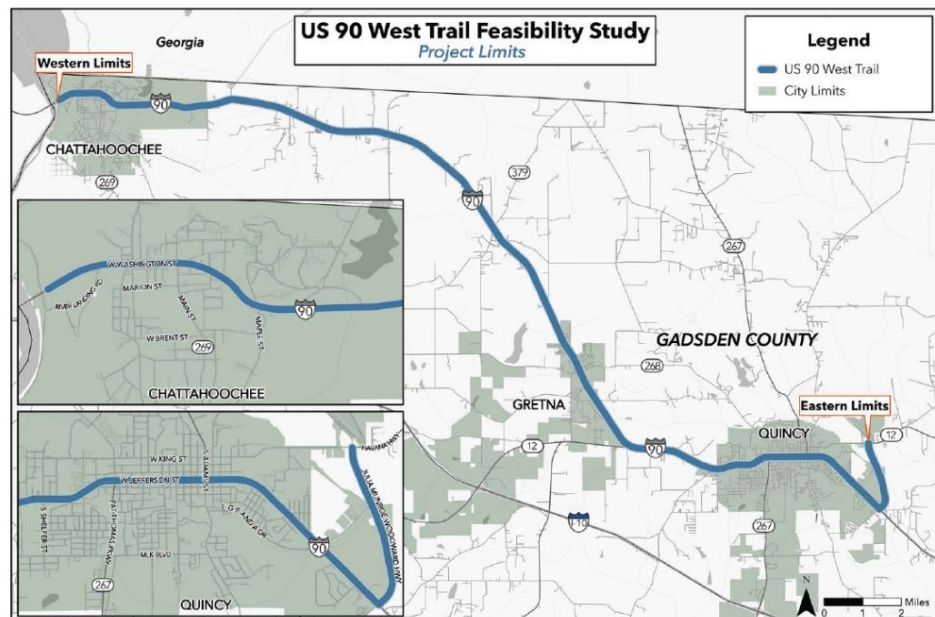
An update on the US 90 West Trail Feasibility Study, currently underway along US 90 from Chattahoochee east to SR 12 in Quincy, will be provided.

BACKGROUND

In late 2024, the CRTPA was awarded SUN Trail funding to conduct a feasibility study for a trail along US 90 in Gadsden County. This award followed the CRTPA’s successful grant application for the project, which is included on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s [Land Trail Priority Network](#).



The feasibility study is evaluating a trail along US 90 extending from the western limits of the City of Chattahoochee to the eastern limits of the City of Quincy. The approximately 22-mile corridor spans from the Jackson County line west of Chattahoochee to SR 12 at the Quincy Bypass/Julia Munroe Woodward Highway (SR 269) east of Quincy, as shown on the map to the right.



The study represents an important step in the westward expansion of the CRTPA region’s multiuse trail system. Ultimately, the construction of the US 90 West Trail will enhance connectivity to both existing and planned trails currently under development. For residents along the corridor, the trail will provide a safe, multimodal connection linking communities throughout Gadsden County. Additionally, given the trail’s length, the facility is expected to attract visitors from outside the region, supporting enhanced economic development within the Capital Region.

There are challenges associated with developing a multiuse trail, primarily due to the limited availability of right of way. This challenge is particularly true in the urban areas of US 90 as existing corridors are often constrained by adjacent development, utilities, roadways, and other infrastructure, leaving little space to accommodate a safe and continuous trail facility.

As a result of these challenges, potential trail alignments under development for the project will identify options reflecting alignments near US 90, particularly near both ends of the trail in downtown Quincy and Chattahoochee.

STORYMAP

An interactive project [StoryMap](#) (*shown to the right*) has been created to provide project details, including the project timeline and the regional connectivity the project will have with other existing and planned multiuse trail projects throughout the region.



EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

One of the initial tasks associated with the study has recently been completed and involved the development of an [Existing Conditions Report](#). The report documents existing conditions along the corridor, including potential issues to be addressed as the project moves forward. Also included in the report are the study's goals, *shown to the right*.

Additionally, the report provides detailed information related to the land uses along the project's corridor as well as information related to the presence of driveways, preliminary right of way availability, wetlands, flood zones, historical and cultural resources, and wildlife species along the corridor.

PROJECT GOALS

- Enhance Safety for All Users
- Establish Continuous Multimodal Connectivity from Chattahoochee to Quincy
- Provide alternative transportation and recreational opportunities for residents, businesses, and visitors along the US 90 corridor in Gadsden County
- Expand the SUN Trails Regional Network in the Capital Region
- Enhance Economic Development and Tourism

UPCOMING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public meetings to receive input are being scheduled currently. The meetings will be held on both ends of the project corridor (Chattahoochee and Quincy).

NEXT STEPS

Following completion of the upcoming public involvement, development of the project’s report will be completed before ultimate presentation to the CRTPA at the September 15 meeting for acceptance.

Once completed, funding for the next phases to advance the project will be sought (*below*).

