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US 90 WEST TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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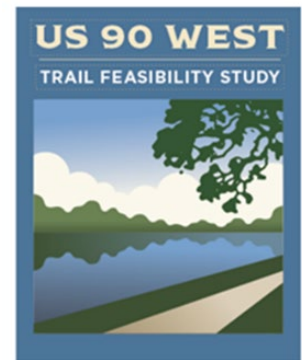
STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The CRTPA's US 90 West Trail Feasibility Study has been completed for Board approval. The study evaluated the feasibility of constructing a multiuse trail along US 90 from Chattahoochee east to SR 12 in Quincy in Gadsden County.

[An update on the project](#) was most recently provided to the Board at the May 2026 CRTPA meeting.

CRTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The CRTPA's Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee met on September 1 and both committees voted to recommend the CRTPA approve the US 90 West Trail Feasibility Study.



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Approve the CRTPA's US 90 West Trail Feasibility Study.

LATEST INFORMATION

Since the May 2026 CRTPA Board project update, the following activities have occurred related to the study:

- **Public meetings** were conducted on Wednesday, June 17 (Chattahoochee City Hall) and Thursday, June 18 (Gadsden County Commission Chambers, Quincy) to present information on the project and provide citizens an opportunity to provide comments. More information on the meetings [may be found here](#). Additionally, a final stakeholders meeting was conducted on August 13.
- The [Feasibility Report](#) (discussed in detail below) has been completed providing a summary of data collection, field visits, public and stakeholder input, alternatives development, and identified alternatives.

BACKGROUND

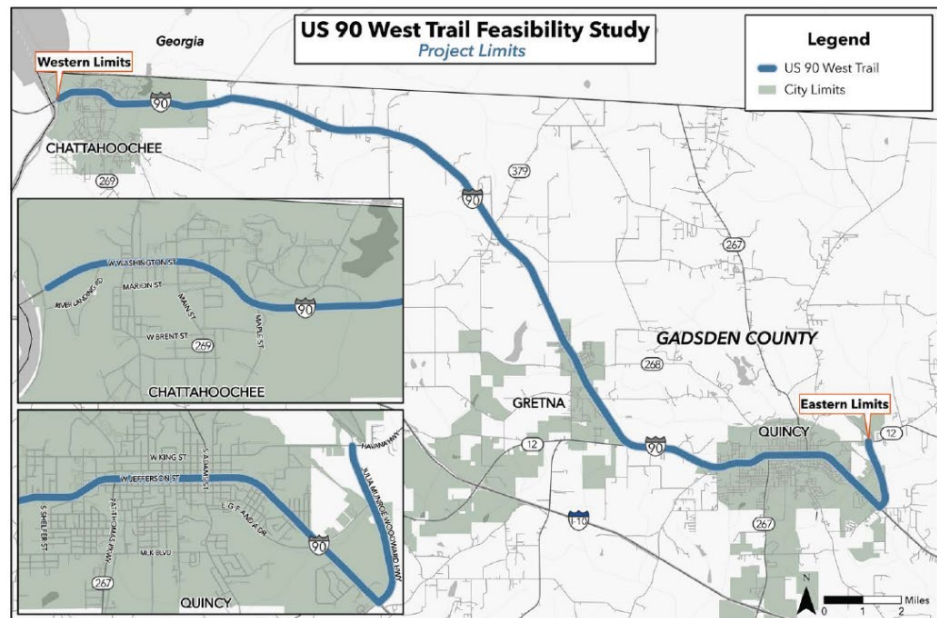
In late 2024, the CRTPA was awarded SUN Trail funding to conduct a feasibility study for a trail along US 90 in Gadsden County. This award followed the CRTPA's successful grant application for the project, which is included on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's [Land Trail Priority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

The feasibility study evaluated 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 provides 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.

The process of developing a multiuse trail often includes challenges, 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 for the project identified options near US 90, particularly near both ends of the trail in downtown Quincy and Chattahoochee.



EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

One of the initial tasks associated with the study was 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.



FEASIBILITY REPORT

The feasibility report documents the viability of constructing a multi-use trail on US 90 in order to enhance regional connectivity, safety, access, and support community and economic development. The following provides a summary of the report including the issues analyzed:

Proposed Trail Alignments and Alternatives

- The trail mainly follows US 90, with localized alternatives in Chattahoochee and Quincy to address constraints.
- Alternatives consider physical limitations, right of way, traffic, and development, with no preferred option identified yet.

Chattahoochee Localized Alternatives

- Two main options: one bypasses constraints using utility easements and streets, the other stays along US 90 with sharrows.
- The easement route provides safety benefits but has elevation challenges; US 90 route offers direct access but higher traffic exposure.

Quincy Localized Alternatives

- Three (3) options are analyzed: one bypasses constraints via lower-volume streets, another extends along US 90 with street transitions, and the third remains on the north side.
- Each option balances connectivity, safety, and user experience, with trade-offs in elevation and traffic exposure.

Constrained Locations and Design Challenges

- Six (6) key constrained areas include downtown Chattahoochee, bridges, and intersections are identified.
- Constraints involve limited right of way, wetlands, steep slopes, and safety issues, requiring innovative solutions like elevated trails or boardwalks.

Environmental and Right of Way Constraints

- Areas needing special design treatments such as elevated structures or alternative alignments are identified.

- Key constrained sites include bridges, steep slopes, wetlands, and busy intersections, influencing future design options are analyzed.

Future Development and Design Considerations

- Subsequent phases of the project will require detailed surveys, environmental reviews, and engineering.
- Potential treatments identified include elevated trails, boardwalks, and safety enhancements at complex locations.

Safety and Community Impact

- The trails construction seeks to improve safety at high-crash intersections and busy corridors.
- Construction will connect key destinations like schools, parks, historic districts, and recreational facilities, supporting community access.

Data and Constraints Analysis

- A review of identified constraints involved use of GIS, aerial imagery, and field observations to map such constraints.
- Six (6) major constrained areas where future design must consider environmental, structural, and safety factors were identified.

Cost Drivers and Future Considerations

- An analysis of major costs depending on trail alignment, structures, drainage, and environmental mitigation.
- Costs may increase with utility relocations and environmental permits during detailed design.

Design and Safety Recommendations

- The trail should be 10-12 feet wide, separated from traffic where possible.
- Future designs must ensure ADA accessibility, safe crossings, and user comfort.

Next Steps and Planning

- After completion of this phase, the project will move into environmental and engineering phases (subsequent phases currently unfunded).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement efforts associated with study have included the following:

- Initial stakeholder engagement activities began in Summer 2025 and included meetings with local government representatives along the corridor.
- A pop-up meeting was held in Chattahoochee in March 2026, coinciding with a downtown event.
- In June 2026, public meetings were held at both ends of the project corridor: in Chattahoochee on June 17 and in Quincy on June 18.
- A final stakeholder meeting was held on August 13, 2026, updating stakeholders on the project, including potential trail alternatives, as well as next steps associated with construction of a trail on US 90.
- [CRTPA project page](#) and StoryMap (discussed below) were developed to inform the public.

STORYMAP

An interactive project [StoryMap](#) (shown to the right) was developed to provide information on the project timeline and illustrate the project's regional connectivity, including its connections to existing and planned multi-use trail projects throughout the region.



NEXT STEPS

Following approval of the study, funding to advance the project to the next phase will be sought. The next anticipated phase is a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study, as identified below. To that end, the CRTPA will actively seek SUN Trail funding to advance the project through the subsequent phases.

