



### What is the Purpose of this I-10 PD&E Study?

The purpose of this I-10 PD&E study is to evaluate widening I-10 from four to six lanes from west of S.R. 10 (U.S. 90) in Gadsden County to west of S.R. 263 (Capital Circle NW) in Leon County. As one of the main east-west Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) corridors in northern Florida, this project will provide consistency with other adjacent capacity projects, increase regional mobility, and provide system linkage necessary for efficient intra-and interstate movement of people and goods critical for Florida's economic development.

### Why is this I-10 PD&E Study needed?

These I-10 widening projects are needed to increase safety within the project corridor, increase hurricane evacuation capacity, and enhance freight mobility to support existing major regional employers and prepare for continued economic development in northern Florida. Key components supporting the need for these I-10 widening projects include:

- **Planning Consistency:** this project is listed in the FDOT SIS Long Range Cost Feasible Plan (FY 2029-2045).
- **System Linkage:** I-10 is the main east-west SIS corridor in the Florida panhandle and provides critical regional connections to major metropolitan areas and economic developments located within the Florida panhandle.
- **Economic Development:** widening of I-10 in this area will provide regional connectivity and support continued economic development that will generate further demand on the region's transportation network.
- **Hurricane Evacuation:** I-10 is a designated Hurricane Evacuation Route and is a critical evacuation corridor for the Florida panhandle and the remainder of the state. Efficient emergency evacuation capacity is needed for all of Florida's citizen's, including those evacuating the Florida peninsula to north Florida and adjacent states.
- **Freight Movement and Growth:** I-10 carries a significant amount of freight through the Florida panhandle. Within this I-10 segment, around 20% – 25% of the traffic volume is freight (trucks). The Florida panhandle is projected to experience a nearly 30% increase in freight flow from 2010 to 2040 and this project is needed to keep up with continued freight demand.

**Improve safety**

**Enhance Efficiency**

**Provide Additional Capacity**

