

9. US HIGHWAY 61 – S COUNTY ROAD 343 TO LEE STREET

Roadway Characteristics

Speed Limit: Varies 35-55 mph

Number of Lanes: 2

Roadway Section: Two-way, not divided

Roadway Alignment: Straight

Presence of Sidewalks: No

Average Daily Traffic: Approximately 3,600 vehicles



Existing Conditions

This 3.45-mile section of US Highway 61 features a High Injury Network (HIN) road segment ranked among the top five in the South Region. Being primarily rural, this segment experiences a high number of crashes, likely due to limited nighttime visibility and the constraints of its two-lane design. Over 50 percent of reported crashes were run-off-the-road or lane departure crashes, with more than 25 percent occurring under wet or slushy road surface conditions. Additionally, steep downgrades and loose gravel at the railroad crossing along US Highway 61 likely make it difficult for drivers to stop for trains.

Countermeasure Summary

The countermeasures identified for US Highway 61 between S County Road 343 to Lee Street are recommended to address run off the road crashes, crashes occurring with wet or slushy road surface conditions, and crashes near railroad crossings.

Countermeasure
Vehicle Countermeasures General Pavement Markings Guardrail Pavement Friction Roundabouts Safer Railroad Crossings Safety Lighting Variable Speed Limit Wider Edge Lines