

Purpose and Need

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Effectively and expeditiously enhance the regional and national transportation system by improving system linkage, increasing capacity and accommodating transportation demand, and responding to economic development within the greater Lafayette area.

Need

Roadway Capacity:

Inadequate capacity exists to accommodate existing heavy travel demand and anticipated travel demand caused by considerable ongoing population growth and expanding economic development within the Lafayette Regional area.

North-South Mobility:

An integral part of the region's long-range transportation plan is improvement of north-south mobility.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Process

Tier 1 EIS – broad scale

- Studies wide corridors to evaluate potential impacts and fatal flaws
- Evaluation is high level with only minor field work
- Identifies preferred corridor

Tier 2 EIS – greater detail

- Studies preferred corridor in greater depth
- Identifies alignments within the corridor
- Evaluates impacts within each specific alignment
- Identifies preferred alternative alignment