

Project Purpose and Need

The Purpose and Need Statement of a project identifies the needs for the proposed improvement and provides the reasoning for how the project addresses the identified problems, issues, and concerns. This Purpose and Need Statement serves as the foundation for the proposed project and provides the principle information upon which the “No-Build” alternative discussion is based. It is in this section that the rationale for pursuing the action is clearly established.

The Need for the Monroe Connector / Bypass is that much of the existing US 74 corridor is operating above its capacity and traffic volumes are anticipated to increase between now and 2030.

The Purpose of the Monroe Connector / Bypass can be summarized in three points:

- 1) Improve mobility within the project study area
- 2) Provide high speed regional travel
- 3) Maintain existing property access along US 74