



PROJECT PROBLEM STATEMENT

Regional growth and travel demand on Illinois Route 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue are creating safety and operational deficiencies along the roadway and at its intersections. The insufficient capacity of the roadway to handle the demand creates congestion, hampers intersection operations, limits safe access of adjacent properties, and leads to safety issues for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Both pedestrian access to adjacent land uses, and bicycle accessibility through and across the corridor are limited.

Solutions to these transportation deficiencies must be developed while minimizing impacts to the surrounding environment. The solutions should also support the communities' efforts to coordinate land use and area developments, and facilitate economic growth along the route.

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

Project Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide an improved transportation system for IL 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue. To accomplish this, the project must:

- Improve Mobility;
- Improve Safety; and
- Upgrade roadway features to meet current design standards.

The proposed project also includes a goal of improving the pedestrian and bicycle facilities along IL 131.