

# Purpose & Need

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The purpose of this study is to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives to improve mobility and meet regional traffic and local needs by reducing congestion, addressing safety, and improving system linkage and continuity within the study area.

## Transportation Needs

- Traffic congestion in the study area results from high traffic volumes and high truck percentages resulting in poor level of service.
- Safety concerns exist in the study area.
- Inadequate system linkage and intermodal connectivity exists in the study area to accommodate regional and interstate traffic, in particular heavy truck traffic, along with local commuter and non-motorized traffic.

See the Final Purpose and Need for the State College Area Connector Planning and Environmental Linkage (PE) Study report for more details.