



Statement of Purpose and Need

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PURPOSE

The purpose statement identifies the specific objectives to be achieved in the proposed action (as a result of the NEPA process).

The purpose of this project is to create a South Broadway corridor that provides safe and efficient mobility for all modes (pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and automobile), which:

- Accommodates the transportation needs of area neighborhoods, existing businesses, planned redevelopments, and the I-25/Broadway transit station area; and
- Promotes the development and use of transit-oriented, civic, and neighborhood places.

NEEDS

The needs describe existing problems to be addressed in the project.

The needs for the project in the study area are described in the following problem statements:

- South Broadway is currently experiencing peak hour congestion which is expected to worsen.
- As South Broadway traffic increases, there is an increased likelihood of regional traffic cutting through adjacent neighborhoods.
- Projected regional growth, as well as local growth, will result in increased demand for multimodal travel options that may not be accommodated with existing infrastructure.
- Future access to and from area neighborhoods, existing businesses, bus stops, the Cherokee and Lionstone developments, and the I-25/Broadway light rail transit station may not be accommodated with the existing transportation infrastructure.