

Purpose and Need:

The purpose of these projects is to reconstruct the highway due to the age of the corridor. With portions of the highway dating back to the mid-1960's the pavement is nearing the end of its useful life, and bridges along the corridor need either rehabilitation or replacement. In addition to general deterioration of the pavement and bridges due to age, there are also several substandard design elements mainly associated with the interchanges such as auxiliary lane lengths and vertical clearance that will be corrected and brought up to current design standards. Intersection control improvements are needed at the ramp terminal intersections to provide intersection control and lane configurations that will provide acceptable traffic operations and improved safety in the opening and future years.