

PURPOSE AND NEED

The Purpose and Need lays the groundwork for the evaluation of alternatives.

NEEDS

- Accommodate travel demand – capacity is inadequate on the study area alignments, contributing to congestion at the HRBT;
- Improve transit access – there is a lack of transit access across the Hampton Roads waterway;
- Increase regional accessibility – limited number of water crossings lead to inadequate highway capacity and severe congestion which can decrease accessibility;
- Address geometric deficiencies – insufficient vertical and horizontal clearance at the HRBT contribute to congestion;
- Enhance emergency evacuation capability – increase capacity for emergency evacuation, particularly at the HRBT;
- Improve strategic military connectivity – congestion impedes military movement and missions; and,
- Increase access to port facilities – inadequate access to interstate highway travel in the study area impacts regional commerce.

