

Original Draft Problem Statement (as presented at 07/19/11 CAG meeting)

Forecasted growth in the Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield will cause a significant increase in travel demand on an already congested roadway network that provides access to and from I-55. Opportunity for traffic to either enter I-55 in a southbound direction or exit I-55 in a northbound direction is not available over a six-mile length of the interstate highway between interchange locations at US Route 30 and Weber Road. Access improvements are needed within the study corridor to reduce traffic delay and congestion at the existing interchanges and to provide greater opportunity for economic development and employment opportunities for forecasted growth in the three affected communities while being sensitive to existing environmental features.

Revised Draft Problem Statement (Revised 08/15/11)

Forecasted population and employment growth in the Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield and unincorporated portions of northwestern Will County will cause a significant increase in travel demand on the local and regional roadway network and at interchanges that provide access to and from I-55. Provision for traffic to either enter I-55 in a southbound direction or exit I-55 in a northbound direction is unavailable over a six-mile length of the interstate highway between the interchanges located at US Route 30 and at Weber Road. This leads to traffic generated by land uses within the corridor being concentrated at the I-55 interchanges with US Route 30 and Weber Road since both locations have full access in either a northbound or southbound direction. Improvements are needed to facilitate mobility for vehicular and non-motorized travel within the regional area that will reduce delay and congestion, improve traffic safety and provide full access to and from I-55. Access improvements will be considered while being sensitive to community values and the natural environment of the study corridor.