PROJECT PROBLEM STATEMENT

Regional growth and travel demand on Illinois Route 131 from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue are creating safety and operational deficiencies along the roadway and at its intersections. The insufficient capacity of the roadway to handle the demand creates congestion, hampers intersection operations, limits safe access of adjacent properties, and leads to safety issues for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Both pedestrian access to adjacent land uses, and bicycle accessibility through and across the corridor are limited.

Solutions to these transportation deficiencies must be developed while minimizing impacts to the surrounding environment. The solutions should also support the communities’ efforts to coordinate land use and area developments, and facilitate economic growth along the route.