

NEED AND PURPOSE

PROJECT STP00-0004-00(917), LIBERTY COUNTY

The need for this proposed project arises from the increasing travel demand in the area and the desire to improve mobility in Liberty County. Traffic volumes on SR 119 are approaching congested conditions and are expected to more than double by the year 2035. The purpose of the proposed action is to ensure efficient operational conditions along SR 119/Airport Road by increasing roadway capacity, to improve safety through roadway alignment and intersection configuration improvements, and to provide accommodations for all roadway users, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

The project would widen the SR 119/Airport Road from two lanes to four lanes with a raised median, curb and gutter, sidewalks and a multi-use path from US 84/SR 38/West Oglethorpe Highway to SR 196/E.G. Miles Parkway, approximately 3.3 miles of widening.

The proposed project would complete a vital link in the roadway network of Liberty County by providing a four-lane north-south connection between the existing five-lane east-west arterials, US 84/SR 38/West Oglethorpe Highway and SR 196/E.G. Miles Parkway. The widening will primarily support the anticipated growth and improve mobility in the region with the secondary benefit of aiding in hurricane evacuation and the movement of troops and equipment during times of national emergency.