The objective of this Concept, Feasibility, and Mobility Study is to develop and evaluate alternative mobility programs within the project corridor. The work includes the evaluation and documentation of the physical, natural, social, and cultural environment within the corridor and the potential impacts associated with the various mobility alternatives. This analysis also addresses economic and engineering feasibility, mobility, capacity and levels of service, conceptual geometry and structures, and potential interchange and intersection improvements. Public involvement and interagency coordination are integral parts of the assessment process.

In order to meet the demands of projected population growth, increased cargo movement, sustained growth of tourism activity, anticipated job growth, and planned development, a limited-access, high-speed facility is needed. The goals of this proposed new limited-access facility include providing for additional east-west capacity within the project area, enhancing mobility of the area’s growing population and economy, relieving congestion on local roads, providing for the incorporation of transit options, and promoting regional connectivity.
STUDY CONSIDERATIONS

During the most recent previous study, a Final Preliminary Environmental Report was approved by Osceola County in May 2017 and contained a recommended alternative. This study has performed an evaluation of the recommended alternative and concurs with carrying forward that recommended alternative, with refinements and shifts analyzed in an effort to improve the viability of the alignment. The analysis consists of incorporating and building upon the previous work achieved from the preceding study, while conducting a “fresh-look” and researching recent information that could influence the current decision-making. Transportation demands are being determined and a range of mobility options and programs will be evaluated. If one or more of the options are found to be feasible as a result of this concept study, they will then proceed to a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to create and evaluate alternative alignments.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This study has involved a robust public involvement program. Environmental Advisory Group (EAG), and Project Advisory Group (PAG) meetings were held in July 2017. More than 400 people attended public workshops in September and October 2017. Advisory group meetings also will take place in January and February. The next public meetings are set for February 2018.

Dozens of meetings with officials, neighborhoods, affected property owners, community organizations and other stakeholders also have been conducted.

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