



TENNESSEE RIVER BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Purpose & Need Statement

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE



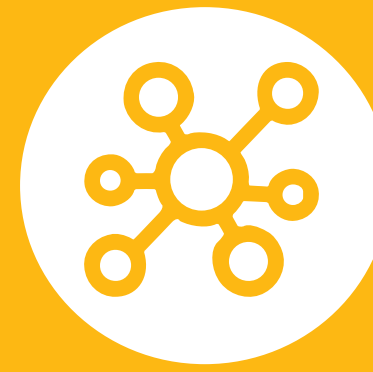
Replace or rehabilitate the aging ALT US 72 / US HWY 31 / SR 20 southbound bridge as the primary crossing over the Tennessee River to provide a reliable conveyance for years to come

CONGESTION



Relieve congested conditions along ALT US 72 / US HWY 31 / SR 20 in the areas adjacent to the current ALT US 72 / US HWY 31 / SR 20 bridges over the Tennessee River

CONNECTIVITY



Maintain regional connectivity between the Decatur MSA and the Huntsville MSA

CAPACITY



Increase capacity for growing number of vehicles crossing over the Tennessee River

The project goals (provided below) are the resulting benefits anticipated to be achieved through the project improvements. While some of the cited goals are directly related to the purpose of the project, others are anticipated indirect outcomes that will provide benefit for motorists. Alternatives considered by the study will be evaluated on how well they achieve the project goals.

