



Project Need

Various alternatives were explored to establish a connection between Illinois Route 3 and Illinois Route 203, with improved access to Collinsville Road. The transportation alternatives prioritized:

- **Improving travel efficiency and connectivity in the study area**
- **Fostering economic opportunities** through improved transportation continuity and connectivity

Issues identified within the project study area included:

- Need for improved access to area services such as businesses (jobs), shopping, recreation, and social services
- At-grade railroad crossing delays along Illinois Route 3, Exchange Avenue, and Industrial Avenue, extended railroad gate closures resulted in lengthy emergency vehicle response times and a lack of alternate routes
- Access to potential future development in vacant properties within study area