



Draft Stakeholder Problem Statement

The Illiana Corridor Study should address existing and future traffic congestion and improve safety in the study area. This includes providing improved east-west connections, addressing growing truck traffic on both regional and study area roads, and relieving congestion **on major highways**, I-80/94 and US 30. Multimodal opportunities, including transit, non-motorized, freight rail, and utilities should be examined. Access to intermodal facilities, **other major traffic generators**, ~~the proposed South Suburban Airport~~, and study area and regional jobs should also be examined.

Transportation solutions should maximize the economic development and job growth potential. These solutions should also support the regionally and nationally significant freight system in the study area. Transportation solutions should be coordinated with land use and community planning. Care must be taken to first avoid and then minimize and mitigate environmental, **social**, and property impacts.

The study will need to closely examine the construction and operating costs of transportation solutions and ways to finance these transportation solutions. This includes tolling and public private partnerships (P3) opportunities. Right-of-way preservation should be considered. **The Illiana covers multiple jurisdictions over a large area, and** bi-state coordination and political support are required for implementing transportation solutions.

~~The Illiana covers multiple jurisdictions over a large area, and therefore, care should be taken to manage~~ The **NEPA planning process should move forward** in an efficient **and expedited manner**. ~~and the planning process should move forward as rapidly as possible.~~