

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT – EASTERN BYPASS STUDY (REV. 4-2-09)**

The problem statement for the proposed Eastern Bypass project, as endorsed by the study's Community Advisory Group, is as follows.

The problems to be addressed by a new transportation facility within the study area include: increased current and future transportation demands; limited regional multimodal access, mobility, and travel efficiency; diminished safety and increased costs with the existing transportation network; and limited support for planned economic growth.

## **DRAFT SUMMARY – PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT**

The initial draft Purpose and Need Statement for the proposed Eastern Bypass project is shown below. The Statement is intended to reflect the elements of the study's problem statement.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a transportation facility that will enhance the north-south mobility between Illinois Route 6 in Peoria County and I-74 in Tazewell County and provide transportation infrastructure support for planned land uses and economic development in the Tri-County area.

The need for the proposed action is based on a combination of factors related to:

- Improving local and regional mobility
- Supporting land use plans and economic development plans in the Tri-County area
- Improving travel flow
- Improving multi-modal connections