

Purpose

To enhance intercity passenger mobility in northwest Georgia, and part of Tennessee, by expanding passenger transportation capacity, increasing overall personal and business mobility and providing an alternative to highway and air travel in a manner that is safe, reliable, and cost-effective while avoiding, minimizing, and/or mitigating effects on affected neighborhoods and the environment.

Need

The project addresses the following needs in the corridor.

- Existing and Future Transportation Demand and Travel Growth
- Provision of Total Throughput versus Highway Capacity
- Enhancement of Airport Access
- Maintenance or Improvement of Regional Air Quality
- Safety Deficiencies in Corridor
- Promotion of Economic Development
- Reduction of Energy Consumption
- Enhancement of Intermodal Connections and Relationships
- Social Demands of Various Population Groups
- Support of Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Smart Growth Initiatives
- Provision of a Critical Link in a Future Southeast US Region High Speed Ground Transportation System