

Environmental Resources

Purpose & Need Statement

- ▶ Serves as the basis for which all alternatives are evaluated.
- ▶ **P&N Statement*** - "The purpose of the project is to evaluate new transportation facility options across the Illinois River that are safe, reliable and meet current design standards. The project shall provide connectivity across the Illinois River for all modes of vehicular traffic, facilitate river traffic, and support local and regional economic needs."

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