## **Purpose and Need**



## **Project Need:**

The proposed project is needed to address future traffic growth in the corridor and the region. There is currently peak hour congestion at US 380, and as local and regional developments continue traffic volumes will increase and this congestion will worsen without improvements. Additionally, traffic accidents along this corridor have increased from 4 to 14 between 2014 & 2018. While this is still slightly below the statewide average, it is enough of an increase to warrant considering safety improvements.

## **Project Purpose:**

The proposed project purpose is to provide a facility that will accommodate future traffic and improve safety with additional through lanes and designated turning lanes. Current design standards, longer sight distances and smoother traffic flows will also improve safety.