

S2: BACKGROUND

How does this relate to the
PORT LIT PROJECT?

What is the **Preliminary Need?**

Planning for Future St. Bernard

This Study includes a road & rail traffic analysis aimed at preparing for the proposed Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) facility, as well as anticipating additional future transportation needs in St. Bernard Parish.

Anticipating and *planning* for the **PORT LIT Project** is an important part of the Study.

Preliminary Study Needs

System Linkage to improve connectivity between the I-10/I-510 and Lower St. Bernard Parish to accommodate proposed economic development and growth.

Intermodal Relationships provide improved and efficient access to existing and planned intermodal port and rail facilities within the lower St. Bernard Region.

Economic Development accommodate future economic development associated with the LIT intermodal port facility and other land use changes within the lower St. Bernard Region.

Capacity Improvements provide capacity necessary to address the existing and projected future traffic growth within the transportation network of the lower St. Bernard Region.

Hurricane Evacuation to provide improved and resilient evacuation routes for residents in Lower St. Bernard Parish and the East Bank of Plaquemines Parish.

Additional Goal: An additional goal of the purpose and need is to reduce impacts of commercial truck traffic associated with the proposed LIT facility on existing state routes, within the project area. The reduction in commercial truck traffic on existing infrastructure will enhance freight efficiency, minimize congestion, and lessen degradation of infrastructure.

