

Purpose and Need Statements

Purpose

- Support the transportation demands of population, employment growth, and economic resiliency in the region.
- Increase the reliability, accessibility, and overall resiliency of travel on the corridor by improving transit travel times between Quinn's Junction and the OTTC.
- Enhance the quality of life by improving equitable access to opportunities between existing and planned employment, housing, and key destination centers on the corridor, especially during peak periods.
- Support local and regional plans and policies that address transportation demand management, sustainability, and equity, and avoid excessive road widening.
- Enhance mobility along the corridor through transportation choices.

Need

- Local and regional population and job growth is substantial and will continue to increase travel demand on SR-248.
- Populations need access to key destinations on-corridor between Quinn's Junction and the OTTC for employment, education, and services.
- Current (2024) transit travel times are often unreliable due to existing corridor congestion, which is exacerbated during peak times and will be a condition that continues into the future (2050).
- Shoulder-running buses transitioning into mixed-flow traffic limits the ability to provide contiguous transit service and decreases transit reliability.
- Low-income and minority populations living on and near the corridor and commuting into the area for work, need reliable transit service.
- Local and regional plans indicate a need for multimodal corridor solutions to support efforts that promote satellite parking strategies that are well-served by a high-frequency transit backbone network.
- Parking is limited in town and highly utilized; additional travel modes are needed to access Park City.