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## HEBER VALLEY CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) mission is to keep Utah moving while enhancing quality of life through transportation improvements in our state. UDOT is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate transportation solutions to improve mobility through the Heber Valley and the operation of Heber City Main Street (U.S. 40).

- The first step in the EIS process is to develop the purpose and need that will be used to identify a transportation solution. UDOT will be working with the public, agencies, elected officials and a wide variety of stakeholders to seek the purpose and need for the project.
- Once the purpose and need is identified, UDOT will develop transportation alternatives to address the project need, which may include a variety of solutions including but not limited to: reconfiguration of Main Street, improvements to other area roads, and construction of new roads.
- The EIS will be process and data driven with no predetermined outcome; the public will have opportunities to provide the project team with information for consideration in the decision making process.

#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

To address growth and provide a reliable transportation system for residents, visitors and commuters in Heber City and the surrounding area, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Heber City completed the Heber Valley Parkway Corridor Planning Study (2019) to identify a potential alternate route to Heber City's Main Street.

The Heber Valley Parkway Corridor Planning Study (2019) evaluated a potential transportation corridor that could:

- Reduce traffic congestion on Main Street and enhance economic development for Heber City and Wasatch County.
- Reduce specific types of traffic from Heber City's Main Street, including potentially large truck traffic.
- Improve safety and mobility in the Main Street corridor.

The corridor planning study will help inform the EIS of key issues and recommendations, but the findings of the study will not direct any specific alternatives or outcomes.



# WE VALUE PUBLIC INPUT

The Heber Valley Parkway Corridor Planning Study (2019) demonstrated a need for further data analysis and evaluation to identify transportation options to improve Main Street.

- Based on feedback from the public, Wasatch County and Heber City, no recommended alternatives came out of the study, as the results demonstrated a need for further data analysis and evaluation to alleviate congestion on Main Street in an environmental study.
- The EIS underway will evaluate potential impacts to the natural and human environment from proposed alternatives and identify a preferred alternative. This process will be occurring over the next three years.
- Topics brought forward by the public during the corridor planning study that the EIS will consider include:
  - Potential impacts to neighboring homes
  - Potential consequences of realigning U.S. 189
  - Potential impacts to community resources, including the sewer farm
  - Overall attention to safety
  - New suggested alternative routes
  - Potential economic impacts
  - Potential impacts to the environment
  - Preservation of community character
  - Improvements to existing infrastructure to address traffic congestion





## **HEBER VALLEY CORRIDOR EIS CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**



Stakeholder engagement, including an open house



Travel demand modeling



Analyzing traffic conditions



Evaluating roadway conditions



Surveying resources

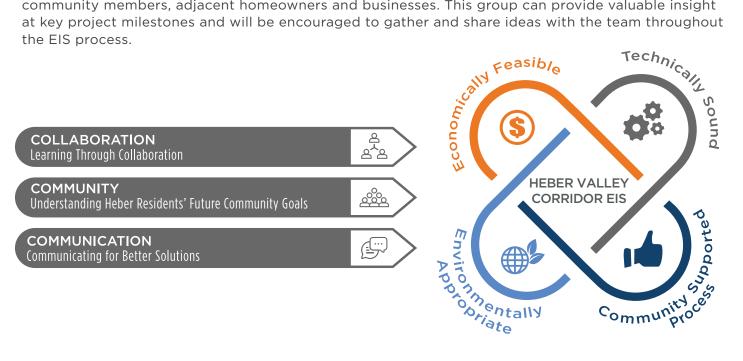


Preparing a draft purpose and need

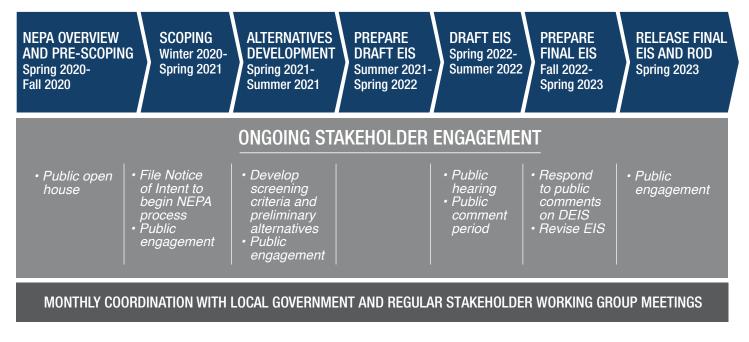


# HELPING COMMUNITIES MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS

- Input from local government and the public will be crucial in defining the project's needs and developing potential transportation solutions.
- The project team will coordinate with local governments to provide regular status updates, including at city and county council meetings and via email.
- The project team will also develop a stakeholder working group that will include stakeholders such as community members, adjacent homeowners and businesses. This group can provide valuable insight at key project milestones and will be encouraged to gather and share ideas with the team throughout the EIS process.

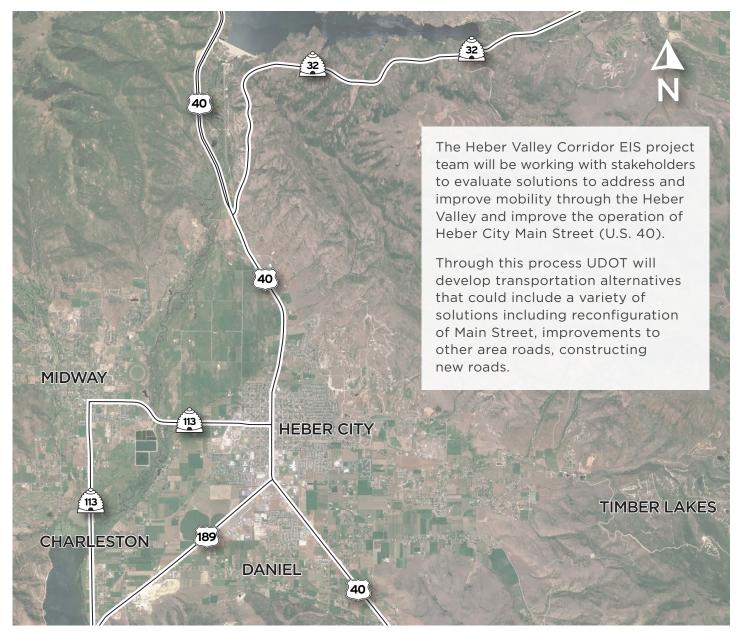


#### **PROJECT PROCESS & TIMELINE**





## **PROJECT AREA MAP**



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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by UDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 2017, and executed by FHWA and UDOT.

