## **APPENDIX A**

**Agency Coordination Meeting** 

Presentation

Meeting Summary

Checklists



# Agenda



- Introductions
- Project Background and Overview
- Preliminary Need
- Preliminary Resource Findings
- Cooperating and Participating Agency Interest
- Scoping Checklist





## **Introductions**



- Jeremy Bown | UDOT | Project Manager
- Geoff Dupaix | UDOT| Communications Manager
- Vince Izzo| HVC Team| Project Manager
- Andrea Clayton | Project Team | Environmental Lead

- Jason Gipson | USACE | Branch Chief
- Hollis Jencks | USACE | Project Manager
- Matt Hubner | EPA | NEPA Transportation Reviewer
- Rita Reisor | USFWS | Botanist
- Shane Hill | UDWR | Project Manager





# **Project Background**



A bypass has been considered by Heber City and Wasatch County for over 20 years:

- Identified in City and County planning documents
- Right-of-way acquired for portions of a western bypass
- UDOT and Heber City completed a corridor planning study in 2019
- Findings indicated further evaluation through the NEPA process



# **Project Overview**







## **Project Timeline & Process**



NEPA OVERVIEW & EARLY SCOPING Spring 2020-Fall 2020

**Current Phase** 

SCOPING Winter 2020-Spring 2021 ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT Spring 2021-Summer 2021 PREPARE DRAFT EIS Summer 2021-Spring 2022 DRAFT EIS Spring 2022-Summer 2022 PREPARE FINAL EIS Fall 2022-Spring 2023 RELEASE FINAL EIS & ROD Spring 2023

## ONGOING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Virtual public meeting
- 30-day public comment period
- File Notice of Intent to begin NEPA process
- Public engagement
- Develop screening criteria and preliminary alternatives
- Public engagement

- Public hearing
- Public comment period
- Respond to public comments on DEIS
- · Revise EIS
- Public engagement

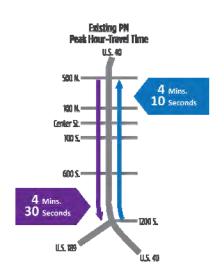
MONTHLY COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULAR STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

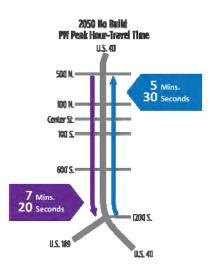


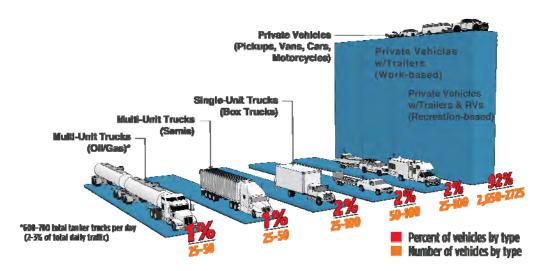


# **Existing and Future Conditions**











# Stakeholder Input – Main Street



## Main Street:

- Congested in afternoon and summer weekends
- Difficult to cross or turn onto
- Pedestrian safety is a concern
- Heber City and community desire to create a pedestrian-friendly downtown





# **Preliminary Resource Evaluation**







# **Aquatic Resources**

Aquatic resources based on available data and spot check in field

Aquatic Resource Type	Size (acres)
Riverine	60.69
Freshwater emergent wetland	751.16
Freshwater pond	11.13
Total aquatic resources	823.00







# **Biological Resources**

Species with potential suitable habitat based on available data and spot check

Special Status	Species
Federally listed	Ute ladies'-tresses
Utah conservation agreement species	Columbia spotted Frog Northern goshawk
Migratory birds	11 species





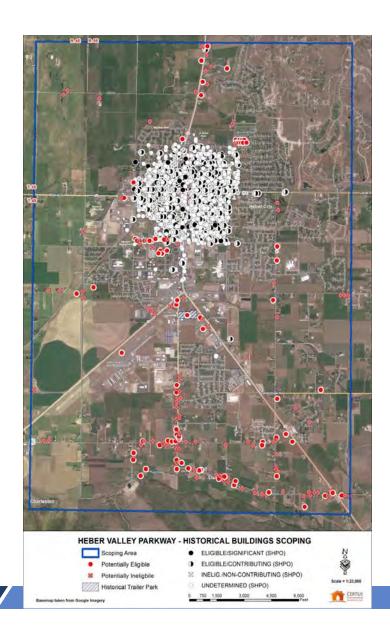


# Archaeological Resources

Potential for archaeological resources based on available data

- · Few surveys have been conducted
- Areas near water have a higher potential for archaeological resources
- Most known and readily identifiable sites are linear features (e.g., canals and railroads)







## **Historic Structures**

Potential for historic structures based on available data

- Numerous historical buildings
- Concentrated in Heber City with clusters along roads



# Public Meeting & Comment Period



## Early Scoping Public Meeting:

- Virtual public meeting August 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - Initiates the NEPA scoping process
  - Identify issues and scope of analysis
  - Provide opportunity for input on purpose and need, range of alternatives
- EIS public scoping meeting after NOI might not be held
  - Draft Purpose and Need, pre-scoping report published with NOI



# Public Meeting & Comment Period



# August 27, 2020 - September 26, 2020

## **Provide comments through:**



HeberValleyEIS.udot.Utah.gov



HeberValleyEIS@Utah.gov

## **Virtual Public Meeting**

August 27, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.





# Cooperating and Participating Agency Interest





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.



## Summary

Location:	Google Meet
Time:	10:30-12:00 am
Date:	Thursday, August 27, 2020
Subject:	Agency Coordination Meeting
Project:	Heber Valley Corridor EIS

#### **Attendees**

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	Mark Farmer	UDWR	Habitat Manager	markfarmer@utah.gov	801.491.5654

## **Meeting Topics**

#### 1. Project Overview

- a. Heber City and Wasatch County have been contemplating a bypass for years and have acquired land west of Heber City for the purposes of a bypass.
- b. UDOT, Heber City, and Wasatch County completed a corridor planning study in 2019. Several concepts were evaluated which will inform the NEPA process. UDOT is not presuming a bypass will be the preferred alternative, or where it would be located if a bypass is proposed.

#### c. Schedule:

- i. Project is currently in the early scoping phase, developing draft purpose and need through 2020.
- ii. Anticipate filing a Notice of Intent in early 2021. UDOT may choose not to hold another public scoping meeting at that time, but a draft purpose and need and early scoping summary report would be available for public and agency comment regardless.
- iii. Alternatives development in spring 2021, DEIS in summer 2022, FEIS and ROD (combined) in early 2023.



#### 2. Preliminary project need

- a. Traffic analysis shows travel time projected to increase substantially by 2050.
- b. Stakeholders have expressed concerns with congestion, a high number of oil-tanker trucks on Main Street, difficulty crossing or turning onto Main Street, and pedestrian safety. Heber City has a goal to make downtown Main Street more pedestrian friendly.

#### 3. Preliminary resource findings

- a. High level resource evaluation based on available data with a limited field review to ground truth. More intensive surveys will be conducted after alternatives have been developed and a study area is better defined.
- b. Wetlands are concentrated in the northwest quadrant.
- c. If the study area encompasses the Provo River Restoration area, coordination with the Mitigation Commission may be necessary.
- d. Northwest quadrant could include sensitive high-value aquatic resources (e.g., springs) which are more difficult to mitigate.
- e. Special status species that may have suitable habitat and/or occur in the evaluation area include Ute-ladies-tresses', Columbia spotted frog, northern goshawk, and migratory birds. There is potentially suitable habitat for yellow-billed cuckoo outside the evaluation area along the Provo River.
- f. Not much of the evaluation area has been surveyed for archaeological resources. There is a high concentration of historic buildings in Heber City.

#### 4. Cooperating and participating agency interest

- a. Interest in being a Cooperating Agency increases with potential for alternatives in the northwest quadrant. USACE, EPA, USFWS, and UDWR would be interested in a higher level of involvement at the onset, but could scale back involvement if there are no alternatives in the northwest quadrant.
- b. UDOT will offer Cooperating Agency status to the Federal agencies (USACE, EPA, USFWS), and work with UDWR on level of involvement. Each agency can determine the appropriate response. If no response is provided, the default is Participating Agency.

#### 5. Next steps

- Public open house tonight with 30 day comment period. This meeting is an early NEPA scoping. UDOT may or may not have a public scoping meeting after release of the NOI.
- b. Please fill out NEPA scoping environmental checklist and return to Naomi today.

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Wetland areas	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Not applicable	Existing development    Yes
Riparian areas/Streams	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Planned development  ■ Yes □ No □ Unknown □ Unknown □ Not applicable □ Not applicable
100-year floodplain	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Title VI / environmental justice populations ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown ☐ Not applicable ☐ Not applicable
Prime or unique farmland or farmland of statewide or local importance	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	☐ Yes☐ No☐ Unknown☐ Not applicable	Utilities
Visual resources	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	☐ Yes☐ No☐ Unknown☐ Not applicable	Hazardous materials  □ Yes □ No □ No □ Unknown □ Not applicable □ Not applicable
Designated scenic road/byway	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Not applicable	Sensitive noise receivers    Yes
Archaeological resources	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Air quality    Yes
Historical resources	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Yes No Unknown Not applicable	Other (list)  URMCC Provo River Restoration Project    Yes   Yes   Yes   No   No   No   Unknown   Unknown   Not applicable   Not applicable   Not applicable

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