

# **Wasatch County Interlocal Meeting**

July 9, 2025

# **Completed Activities**



#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Met with the North Fields Irrigation Board
- Provided updates in June
  - Wasatch County Council on June 11 (UDOT update begins at 02:40)
  - Heber City Council on June 17 (UDOT update begins at 3:44:13)

#### **Public Outreach**

Responded to property owner inquiries and met with owners as requested

#### **Alternatives Design**

Completed design refinements for both action alternatives



#### **Completed Activities**

Alternatives Design Refinements

# **Design elements will address:**

- Non-motorized transportation
- Drainage and Stormwater management
- Access and connectivity to local road networks
- Conflict with major infrastructure and utilities



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# **Ongoing Activities**



#### **Public Outreach**

Coordinating with potentially impacted property owners, if requested

#### **Alternatives Analysis**

- Conducting field surveys in select areas (owners have been notified via letter)
- Evaluating the project alternatives in depth to prepare the Draft EIS

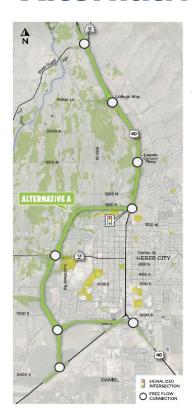
#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Meeting with Heber City and Wasatch County on a monthly basis
- Preparing to meet with the Heber Valley Special Service District (HVSSD)



#### **Alternatives for Draft EIS**





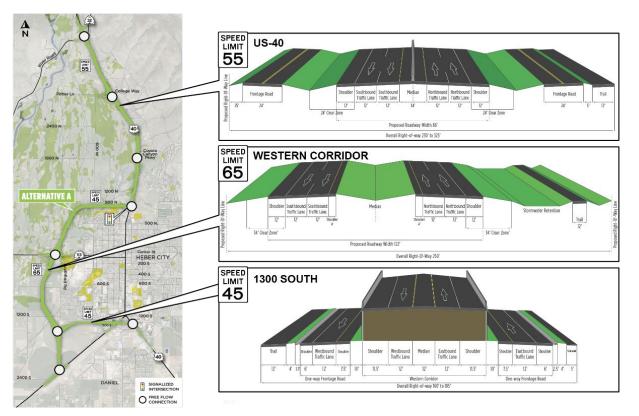
⇒ Alternative A (on US-40)

⇒ Alternative B (off US-40)





#### **Alternative A**

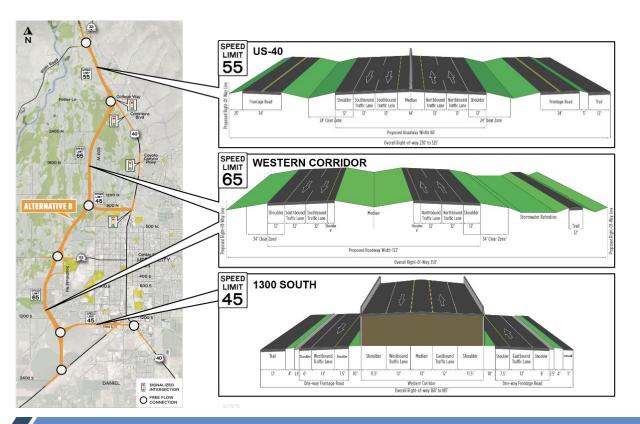




- Freeway facility
   (similar to US-40 north
   of SR-32)
- Uses existing US-40
- Requires frontage roads on US-40 for local connectivity
- Everything south of 900 N is the same for both alternatives



#### **Alternative B**





- Freeway facility
   (similar to US-40 north
   of SR-32)
- New corridor through North Fields
- US-40 remains similar to existing conditions south of College Way



#### **SPUI (single point urban interchange)**

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Similar to both alternatives at SR-113



Streams of left-turning traffic do not cross, allowing the opposing left turns to occur at the same time.



#### **Flyover**

#### Similar to Alternative B / Potter Lane





Elevated road or bridge that allows traffic to pass over existing roads or rail lines without having to stop or intersect at the same grade.



#### **Local road crossing**

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Similar to both alternatives at local road crossings



Bridges for Alternatives A and B would be approximately 1 foot taller



#### **Tight Diamond**

Similar to both alternatives on North US-40





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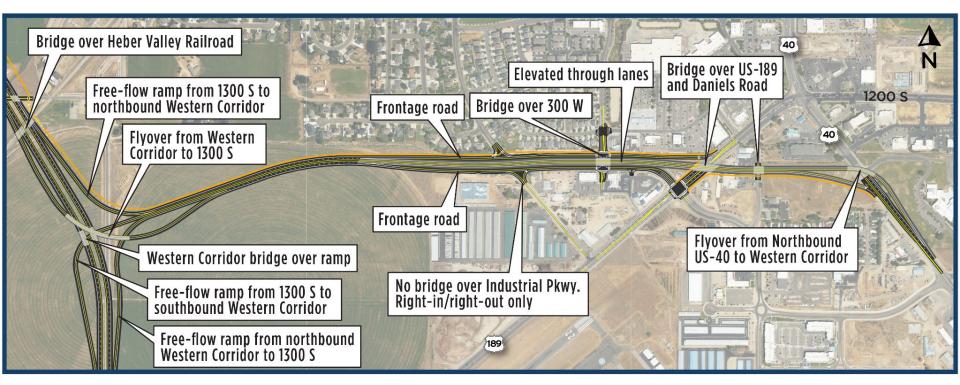




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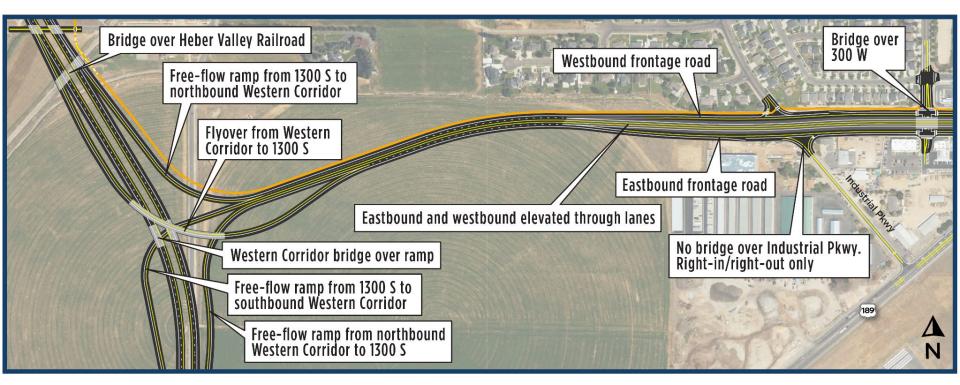






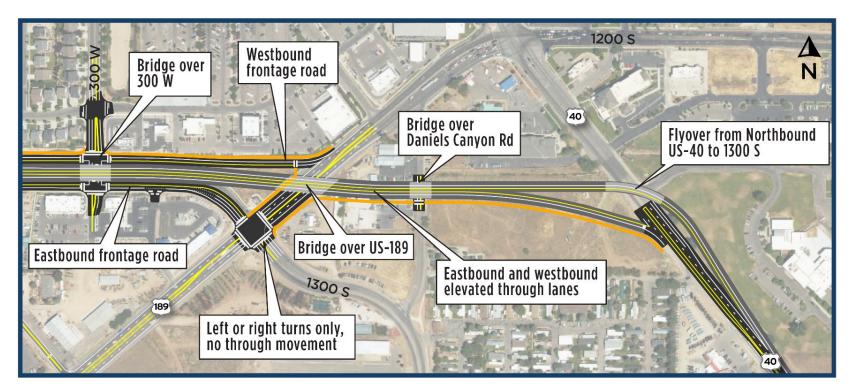






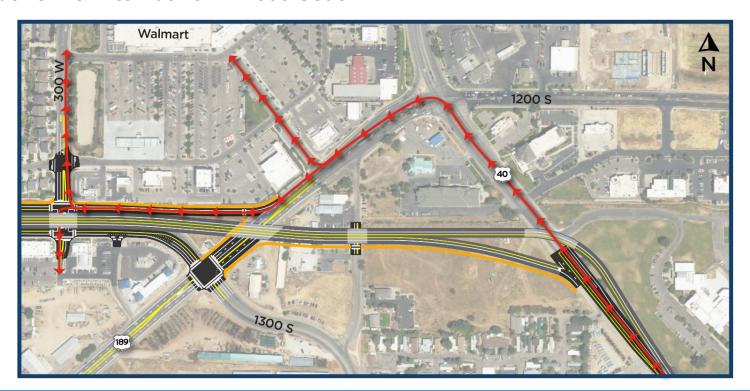


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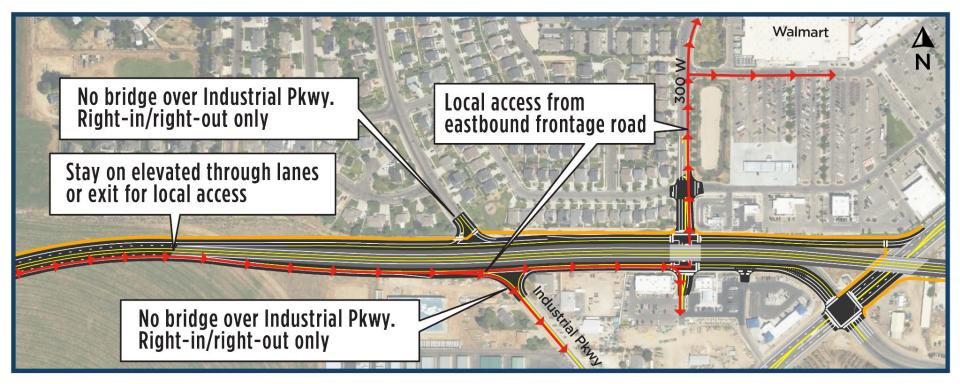


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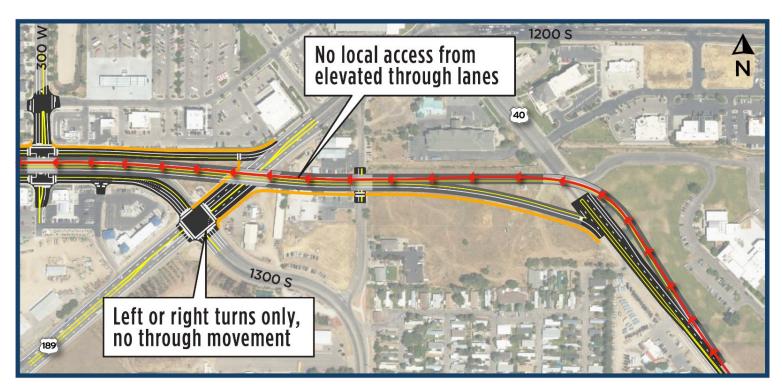






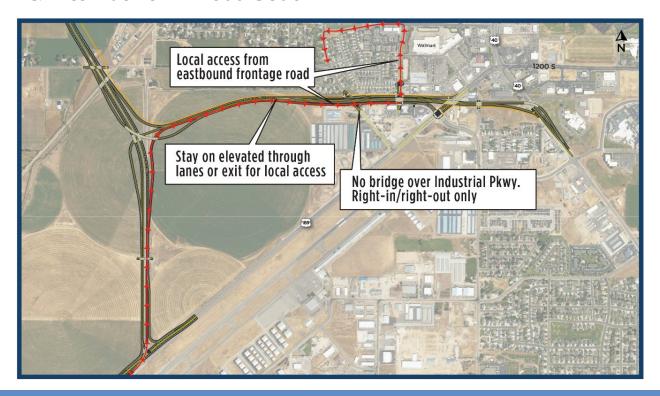


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#### **Current Activities**

Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives (Draft EIS)

# Impacts that will be evaluated include:

- Land use (including open space)
- Farmland
- Water quality
- Wildlife
- Visual resources
- Social and community resources
- Economics



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# What to Expect Next



#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Updates at Wasatch County Council Meetings
- Updates at Heber City Council Meetings
- Updates to other local governments, if requested

#### **Public Outreach**

Respond to property owner inquiries

#### **Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives**

- Evaluate benefits and impacts from alternatives
- More information on resources that are commonly evaluated in EISs for highway projects:
   <u>https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance\_preparing\_env\_documents.</u>

   <u>aspx</u>
- Identify preferred alternative and publish Draft EIS (anticipated this fall)



# What to expect next



#### **Draft EIS Notifications**

(beginning at least two weeks ahead of hearings)

- ✓ Website
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Wasatch Wave, Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News
- ✓ Community newsletters
- ✓ Social media (Facebook Group)
- ✓ Social media ads
- Mailed postcards



#### **Schedule**



NEPA OVERVIEW & EARLY SCOPING Spring 2020-Fall 2020 PURPOSE AND NEED & SCOPING Winter 2020-Summer 2021 ALTERNATIVES
DEVELOPMENT
AND SCREENING
Summer 2021Winter 2023

ALTERNATIVES
REFINEMENT AND
RE-SCREENING
Anticipated Completion
Spring 2025

EIS
Anticipated
Completion
Fall 2025

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**Current Phase** 

FINAL EIS AND ROD Anticipated Completion

Spring 2026

#### ONGOING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Virtual public meeting
- 30-day comment periodd
- File Notice of Intent to begin NEPA process
- 45-day comment period
- Development alternative concepts
- 30-day comment period (concepts)
- 45-day comment period (screening)

- Revise and screen alternatives
- Publish revised screening report with refined alternatives
- Public hearing
- 45-day comment period
- Preferred alternative identified

- Respond to comments
- Revise EIS
- Publish decision
- Public engagement

MONTHY COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULAR STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP MEETINGS



# Heber Valley Corridor THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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 May 26, 2022, and executed by FHWA and UDOT.

# **Alternative Screening Process**



The process started with a preliminary evaluation of alternatives. To be advanced to the next level of screening, alternatives needed to:

- ✓ Meet project objectives
- ✓ Not be redundant with other alternatives
- Be within the project study area
- ✓ Be technically and economically feasible
- ✓ Not be planned as a separate project
- ✓ Not be part of a larger alternative

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#### **Level 1 Screening Process**



# Transportation considerations evaluated include:

- Improve regional and local mobility on US-40 through 2050
- Provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation
- Allow Heber City to meet their vision for the historic town center

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# **Level 2 Screening Process**



# **Environmental and regulatory** impacts include:

- Wetlands
- Section 4(f) resources
- Property impacts
- Cost

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