

# **Wasatch County Council**

June 11, 2025

# **Completed Activities**



#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Did not present in May
- Provided updates in April
  - <u>Daniel Town Council</u> on April 7 (UDOT update begins at 50:41)
  - Wasatch County Interlocal Meeting on April 9 (UDOT update begins at 1:16:25)
  - Midway City Council on April 15 (UDOT update begins at 4:58)
  - Heber City Council on April 15 (UDOT update begins at 2:40:02)

#### **Public Outreach**

Sent letters to potentially impacted property owners, responded to inquiries

#### **Alternatives Design**

Design refinements complete



#### **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
- Coordinating with Utah Open Lands to ensure there is no conflict between the proposed bypass and proposed conservation easements

#### **Alternatives Analysis**

- Field surveys in select areas (owners have been notified via letter)
- Evaluating benefits and impacts from project alternatives
- Preparing Draft EIS

#### **Local Government Coordination**

Monthly coordination meetings with Heber City and Wasatch County staff



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





⇒ Alternative A (on US-40)

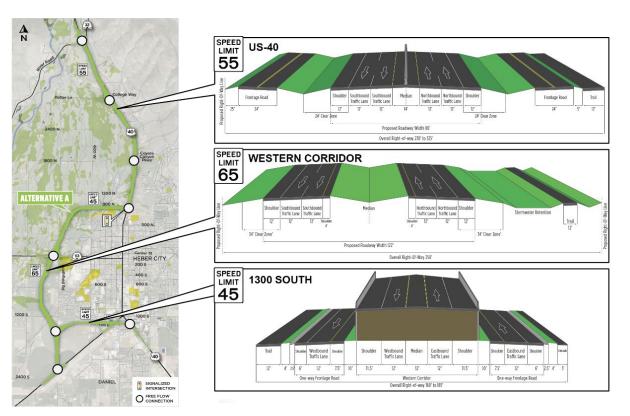
⇒ Alternative B (off US-40)





#### **Alternative A**



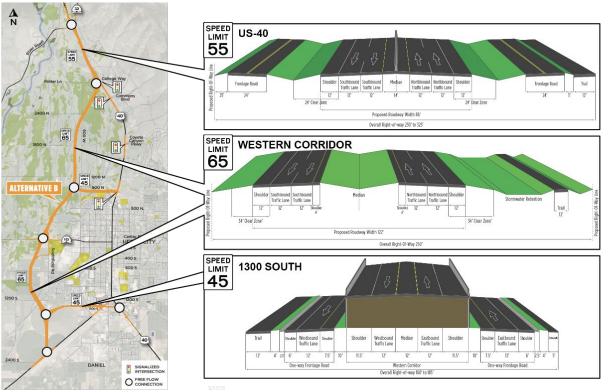


- Freeway facility (similar to US-40 north of SR-32)
- Uses existing US-40
- Requires frontage roads on US-40 for local connectivity
- Everything south of 900 N is the same for both alternatives



#### **Alternative B**





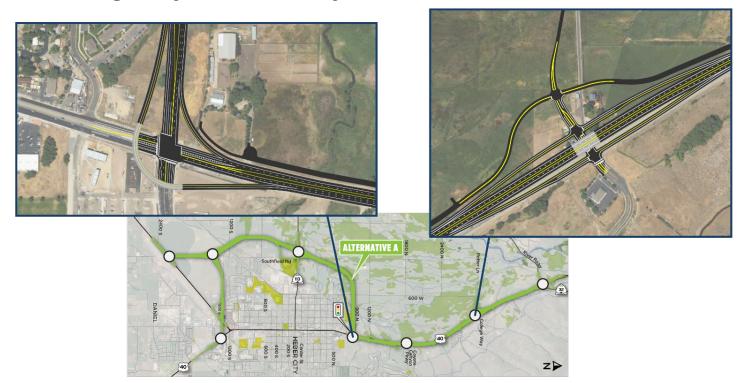
- Freeway facility (similar to US-40 north of SR-32)
- New corridor through North Fields
- US-40 remains similar to existing conditions south of College Way



#### **Access and Connectivity**

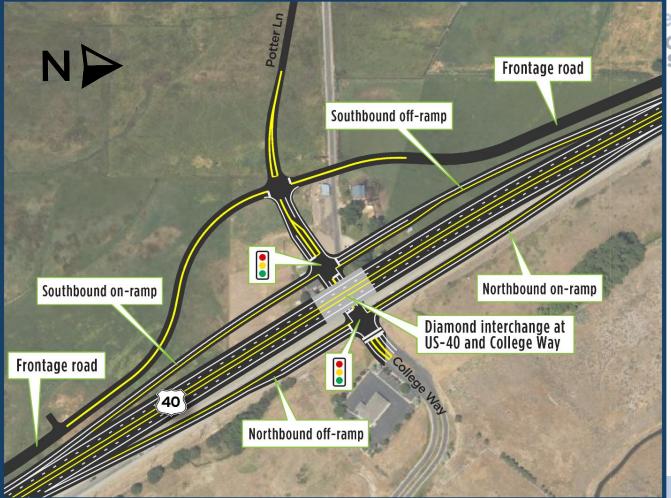
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Alternative A - College Way to Heber Valley Corridor



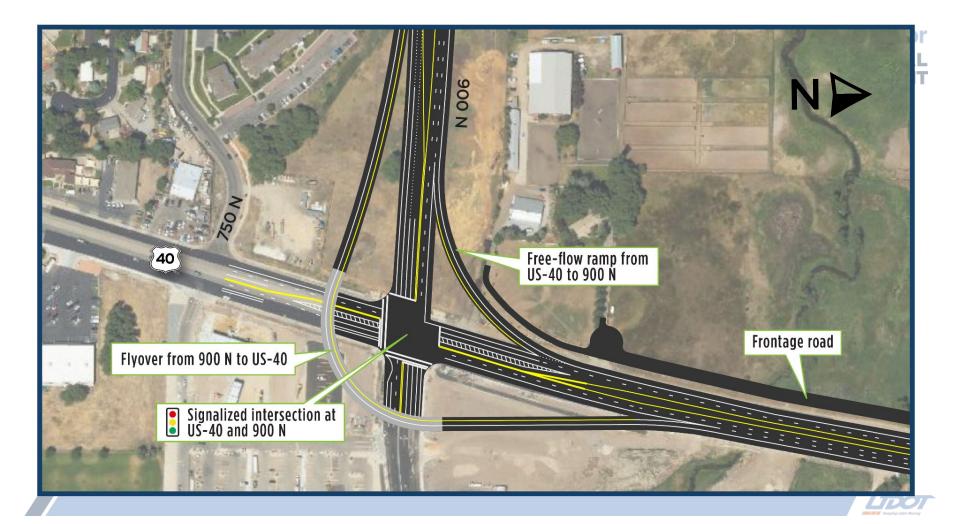


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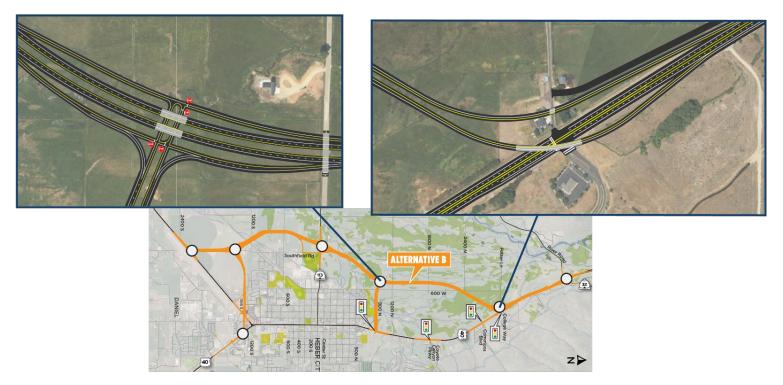




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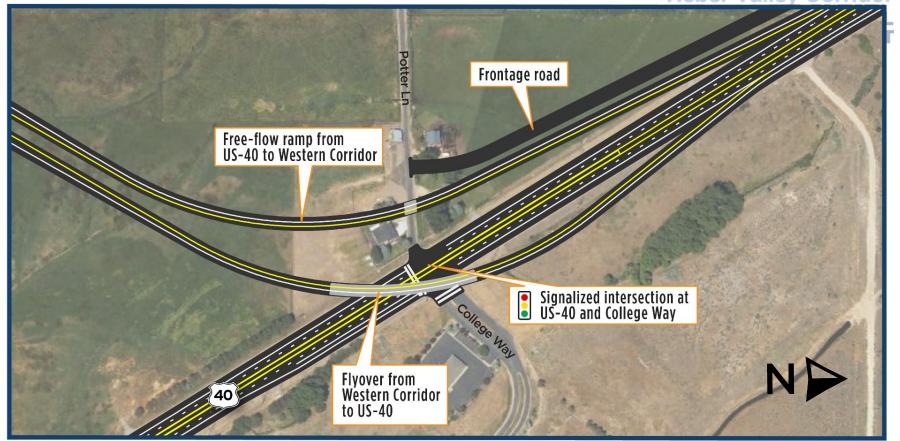
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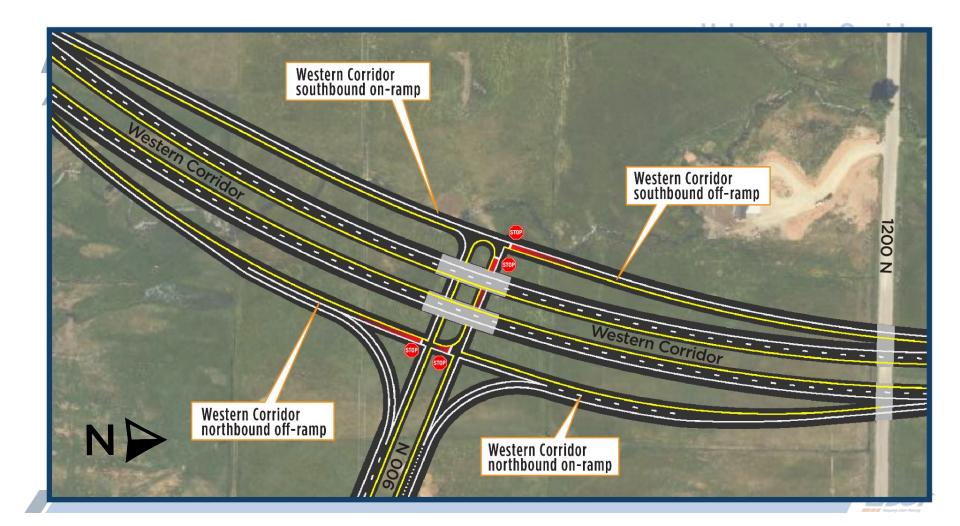




**Heber Valley Corridor** 







#### **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**

- Update at Wasatch County Council work session (June 11, 4 p.m.)
- Update at Heber City Council General Session (June 17, 6 p.m.)
- Updates to other local governments if requested

#### **Public Outreach**

- Schedule meeting with North Fields Irrigation Board and HVSSD
- Respond to property owner inquiries
- Heber Valley UDOT Projects website: <u>udotinput.utah.gov/HeberValleyProjects</u>

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

- Evaluate benefits and impacts from alternatives
- More information on resources that are commonly evaluated in EISs for highway projects:
   <a href="https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance\_preparing\_env\_documents.aspx">https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance\_preparing\_env\_documents.aspx</a>
- Identify preferred alternative and publish Draft EIS (anticipated this fall)



#### **Schedule**



NEPA OVERVIEW & EARLY SCOPING Spring 2020-

Fall 2020

PURPOSE AND NEED & SCOPING Winter 2020-Summer 2021 ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND SCREENING Summer 2021-Winter 2023 ALTERNATIVES
REFINEMENT AND
RE-SCREENING
Anticipated Completion
Spring 2025

DRAFT EIS Anticipated Completion Fall 2025

**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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