# Heber Valley Corridor ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# **Heber City Council Meeting**

September 16, 2025

# **Completed Activities**



#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Provided updates in August
  - Update at the <u>Wasatch County Council</u> on Aug 13 (UDOT at 03:30)
  - Update at <u>Heber City Council</u> on Aug 19 (UDOT at 3:27:05)

#### **Public Outreach**

Responded to property owner inquiries and met with owners as requested



## **Ongoing Activities**



#### **Public Outreach**

Coordinating with potentially impacted property owners, if requested

#### **Detailed Alternatives Analysis**

- Conducting field surveys in areas that haven't been surveyed previously
- Evaluating the project alternatives in depth, including benefits and impacts
- Identifying the preferred alternative

#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Meeting with Heber City and Wasatch County staff on a monthly basis
- Will meet with other local governments, if requested



# 1300 South Segment - History

- Essential connection
- Identified in multiple, previous studies and transportation plans
- Corridor for Right-of-way Preservation (2006–2007)
  - Heber City Resolution 2007-05(June 21, 2007)
  - Wasatch County Resolution 06-04 (August 9, 2006)





# 1300 South - Current Analysis



- Validated by travel demand modeling for this EIS
  - Necessary to meet the purpose and need, to improve regional and local mobility
  - 50% of traffic is local
  - 1300 South is an important connection for local traffic and access to commercial area
- Worked to minimize impacts
- Travel patterns will change
  - Some out of direction travel
  - Results in less traffic on local streets
  - Results in less traffic on Main Street

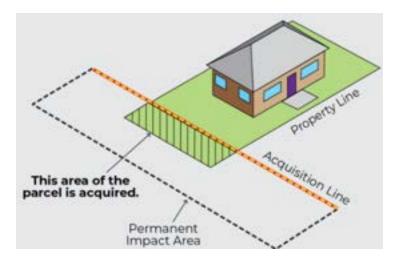




#### **ROW Process**



- Outline of timeline and process
  - Selected alternative in the Record of Decision (estimated as spring 2026)
  - Funding of a project (HVC is currently unfunded)
  - Final design (impacts could change)
  - ROW process initiates and property owners contacted directly by UDOT
    - Appraisal
    - Provide additional Information (if necessary)
    - Obtain a second appraisal (if requested)
    - Reject or accept the offer
- ROW agent will be present at the public hearing to answer questions





# North Fields and Wetland Mitigation PROPERTY STATEMENT



- Either alternative requires wetland mitigation
- UDOT will prioritize wetland mitigation in the North Fields
- Wetland mitigation sites are protected in perpetuity
  - No development possible
  - Views, wetlands, habitat protected
  - These are not recreation features
- Local example:
  - Wetland mitigation site for Creamayre Creek near the Back 40 Grill
  - Established for the previous US-40 widening project





# **Project Phasing**



- Project will likely be phased
- Phasing dependent on need and funding
- Phasing determined in final design
- There is currently no funding for final design and construction



#### **SR-113 Intersection**



- SR-113 and Southfield Road Intersection:
  - A signal at SR-113 and Southfield Road does not meet spacing requirements.
  - Left-hand turns may be restricted in the future and other accommodations could be made, such as allowing u-turns at the high school signal.
- Benefits:
  - Safety (no queuing issues between signals and corridor)
  - Improved mobility overall
  - Less traffic on Southfield Road
- Local governments could consider realigning Southfield Road to the high school intersection in the future.





## **What to Expect Next**



#### **Local Government Coordination**

- Update at Wasatch County Council work session (Oct. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Update at Heber City Council General Session (Oct. 21, 6 p.m.)
- Updates to other local governments, if requested

#### **Public Outreach**

Respond to property owner inquiries

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

- Evaluate benefits and impacts from alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative and publish Draft EIS (anticipated this fall)



# **Public Engagement**



#### **Draft EIS: What to Expect**

- Two public meetings and minimum 45-day public comment period
  - Virtual meeting will include presentation and Q&A session
  - In-person public hearing: ask questions, view project materials, submit a public comment, or speak to a UDOT ROW agent
- Same project materials will be available at both meetings



# What to expect next



#### **Draft EIS: Notifications**

(beginning at least two weeks ahead of meetings)

- ✓ Website
- ✓ Email
- ✓ 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 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 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.