Heber Valley Corridor ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Wasatch County Council Meeting

September 10, 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 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

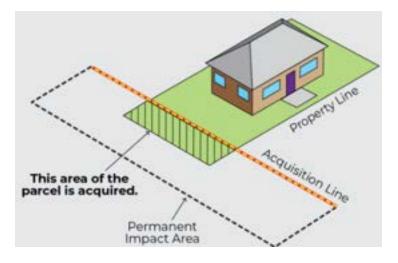




ROW Process



- 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
 - 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



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