

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: HELEN ANDERSON

(801) 852-6104

handerson@provo.utah.gov

PUBLIC INVITED TO PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 30, 2010 FOR PROVO WESTSIDE CONNECTOR

PROVO, UTAH – Provo City officials invite residents to attend a Public Hearing to learn about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that has now been released for public comment. The DEIS describes the purpose and need for a potential new roadway between the Provo City Municipal Airport and I-15. Several alternatives were developed for the public to review, and now after further analysis, including environmental consequences of the alternatives, this information is available for review.

The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2010, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Amelia Earhart Elementary (2585 West 200 South, Provo, Utah). Members of the public can attend at any time during those hours to learn about the study, submit comments regarding the DEIS, and talk with Provo Westside Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project representatives.

Provo City recognized the need to address current and projected transportation and community needs between the Provo City Municipal Airport and I-15. Provo City is preparing an EIS to examine these issues, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The EIS study evaluates the need for a potential new roadway, developed and screened alternatives, and evaluated the environmental impacts.

Provo community representatives – in conjunction with the project team, federal and state agencies, and local government – developed more than 30 potential alternatives to address the transportation and community needs within the study area. The initial set of alternatives went through a screening process based on the needs of the project area, to narrow down the alternatives.

The resulting potential alternatives were presented for public review at the Public Open House May 22, 2008. Since that time the issues and concerns identified by the community were addressed in further screening performed by the project team. A refined set of alternatives is shown, including detailed study and documentation of potential consequences, in the Draft EIS. The EIS project team will coordinate with the public, agencies, and other stakeholders as part of the environmental process.

For those who cannot attend the June 30, 2010 Public Hearing, comments can be submitted on the DEIS before August 10, 2010 using any of the following methods:

- **Website:** www.provowestsideconnector.com
- **Email:** provowestsideconnector@pbworld.com
- **Telephone:** (801) 288-3220
- **Mail:** Provo Westside Connector EIS
c/o PB
488 East Winchester Street, Suite 400
Murray, Utah 84107

Additional information is also available on the project website: www.provowestsideconnector.com

###