

# FAQs

## 1. What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the official document disclosing potential impacts of proposed actions in a study area on the natural and built environment. An EIS is required when federal funds are used on a project and is regulated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It is designed to provide public disclosure of the decision-making process and anticipated impacts associated with a proposed project. The EIS includes looking at impacts of doing nothing, or a “no-build” alternative, as well as “build” alternatives. As a decision-making document, an EIS is the last step in the study process before final design and construction can begin.

## 2. What is Scoping?

Scoping is an official public comment period at the start of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study. Scoping is a process that encourages the active participation of the public, local community groups and government agencies early and throughout the EIS. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to identify issues of concern and ideas for the study. For the Provo Westside Connector EIS, the public scoping period includes a Public Scoping Meeting on **Thursday, June 14, 2007, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Amelia Earhart Elementary** (2585 West 200 South, Provo, Utah). Public scoping comments will be accepted between May 22 and June 30, 2007.

## 3. When will the study be completed?

The Provo Westside Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is scheduled to be completed in 2010. The public will have the opportunity to review the Draft EIS prior to the conclusion of the study. In addition, a public hearing will be held in 2009 prior to any final decisions. If you would like notification of future meetings or updated project information you may request to receive project updates using the contact information below. Information will also be available throughout the study on the project website ([www.provowestsideconnector.com](http://www.provowestsideconnector.com)).

## 4. How can I be involved?

Public input is critical to the environmental process. The public is encouraged to share opinions and suggestions that will help determine the transportation alternatives that are considered in the Provo Westside Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Comments on the study may be submitted at any time throughout the EIS process using any of the following methods:

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Additional information is also available on the study website: [www.provowestsideconnector.com](http://www.provowestsideconnector.com)