



Comment Opportunities

We Want To Know What You Think!

Public input is critical to the environmental process. The public is encouraged to share opinions and suggestions that will help determine which transportation alternatives are considered in the Provo Westside Connector EIS. Residents, local businesses, and other stakeholder groups are invited to provide input and suggestions using any of the following methods:

- **Website:** www.provowestsideconnector.com
- **Email:** hyatt@pbworld.com
- **Telephone:** (801) 288-3207
- **Mail:** Provo Westside Connector EIS
c/o PB
488 East Winchester Street, Suite 400
Murray, Utah 84107
- **Comment Form:** available at Public Open House
Thursday, May 22, 2008
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Amelia Earhart Elementary (2585 West 200 South, Provo, Utah)

The project team will post information about the Provo Westside Connector EIS on the project website (www.provowestsideconnector.com) and provide periodic updates to keep the public informed throughout the environmental process.

Comments on the study may be submitted at any time throughout the EIS process.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend an open house to learn about a potential new roadway between the Provo City Municipal Airport and I-15. Several initial alternatives have been developed for the public to review and help the project team narrow down the transportation alternatives considered in the Provo Westside Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Members of the public can come to the open house at any time during meeting hours to learn about the study, submit comments regarding the initial alternatives, identify issues or concerns for the project team to consider, and talk with Provo Westside Connector EIS project representatives.

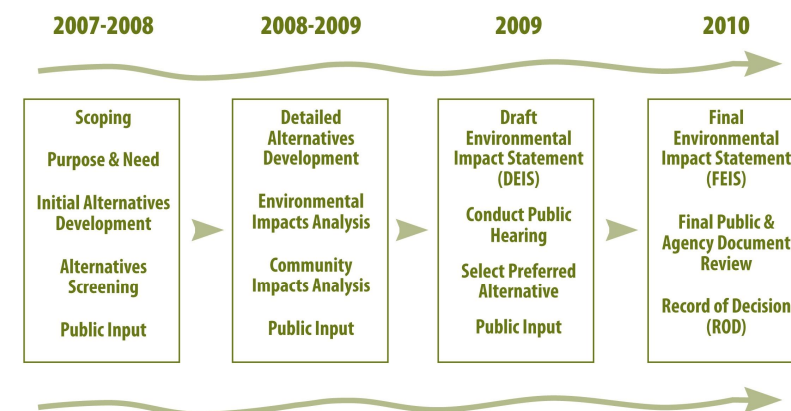
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations during the meeting should notify Bethany Hyatt (hyatt@pbworld.com or 801-288-3207) prior to the meeting.



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Study Timeline

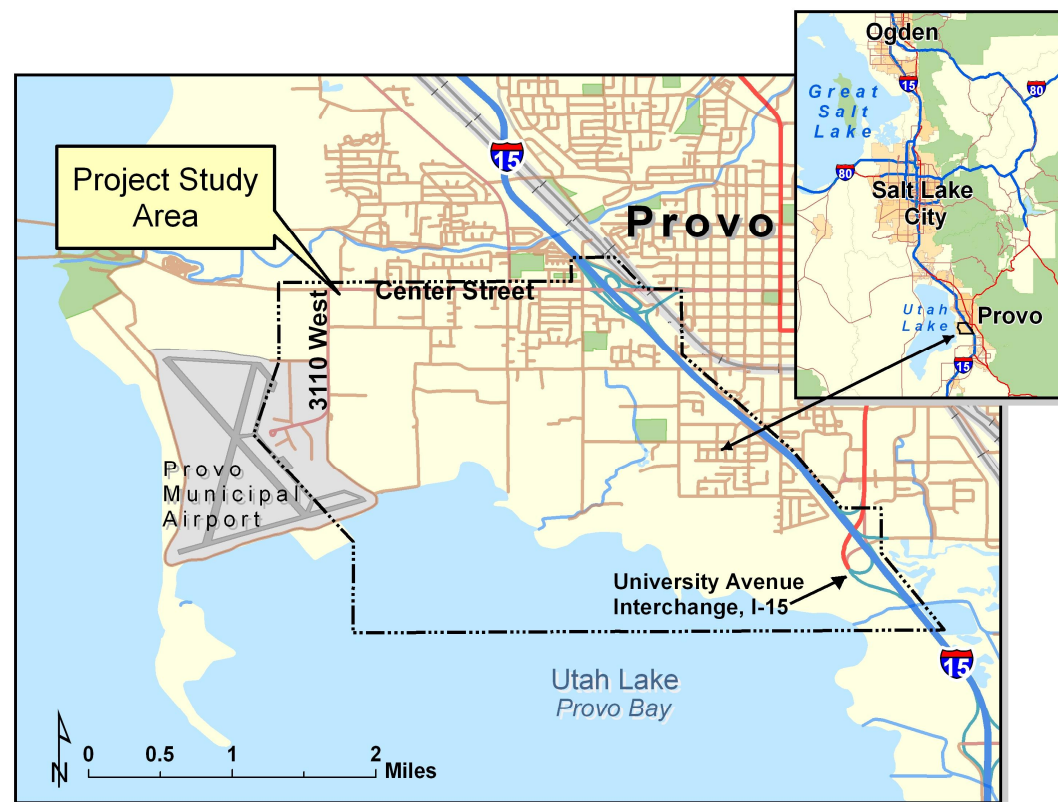
The Provo Westside Connector EIS is scheduled for completion in 2010. The public will have the opportunity to review the Draft EIS prior to the conclusion of the study. In addition, a public hearing will be held in 2009 prior to any final decision.

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Study Description

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 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to examine these issues, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The proposed study area extends for approximately three miles between the Provo City Municipal Airport and I-15. Currently, Provo's Center Street provides the main connection between the airport and I-15. The EIS study will evaluate the need for a potential new roadway, develop and screen alternatives, and evaluate the environmental impacts. The EIS project team will coordinate with the public, agencies, and other stakeholders as part of the environmental process.



Stakeholder Forum

The Stakeholder Forum is a group of key study area representatives. The project team invited representatives from the following groups to participate in the Stakeholder Forum:

- Regional Neighborhood Chairs
- Study Area Residents
- Environmental Interest Groups
- Orem-Provo Chamber of Commerce
- Utah Valley Homebuilders Association
- Provo Municipal Council
- Provo Municipal Airport
- Provo City Community Development Office
- Provo City Economic Development Office

The purpose of this group is to keep the public informed of project progress, provide regular input to the EIS process, and represent the community. The Stakeholder Forum is not a decision-making group, but provides valuable input to the decision-making process.

Scoping

More than 100 residents and interested stakeholders attended the Public Scoping Meeting held Thursday, June 14, 2007. This open house provided members of the public an opportunity to learn about the study, suggest issues and ideas for the team to consider, and talk with project representatives. The project team has reviewed all comments and data gathered during the Scoping process. A Scoping summary is available on the project website (www.provowestsideconnector.com).



Alternatives

Provo community representatives – in conjunction with the project team, federal and state agencies, and local government – developed potential alternatives to address the transportation and community needs within the study area.

The project team, Stakeholder Forum members, and federal and resource agency representatives identified more than 30 potential alternatives during several brainstorming sessions. The initial set of alternatives went through a “screening” process to narrow down the alternatives, based on the needs of the project area.

Purpose and Need

The team has prepared the Purpose and Need statement for the EIS, based on the data collected during the scoping process. A statement of Purpose and Need is the foundation for identifying issues of concern in the study area. The following needs were identified for the project study area:

- The project area does not currently support the goals and objectives of the transportation planning processes.
- The area lacks an alternate east-west transportation facility supporting planned local and regional growth, economic development, and land use changes.
- The area lacks sufficient emergency vehicle access and evacuation routes; trail, walkway, and bicycle path connectivity; access to recreation areas; and public transportation service routes.

The narrowed down set of potential alternatives are available for public review and comment at the Public Open House May 22, 2008 at Amelia Earhart Elementary. Issues and concerns identified by the community will be addressed in further screening performed by the project team. A refined set of alternatives will be carried forward for detailed study in the Draft EIS.

