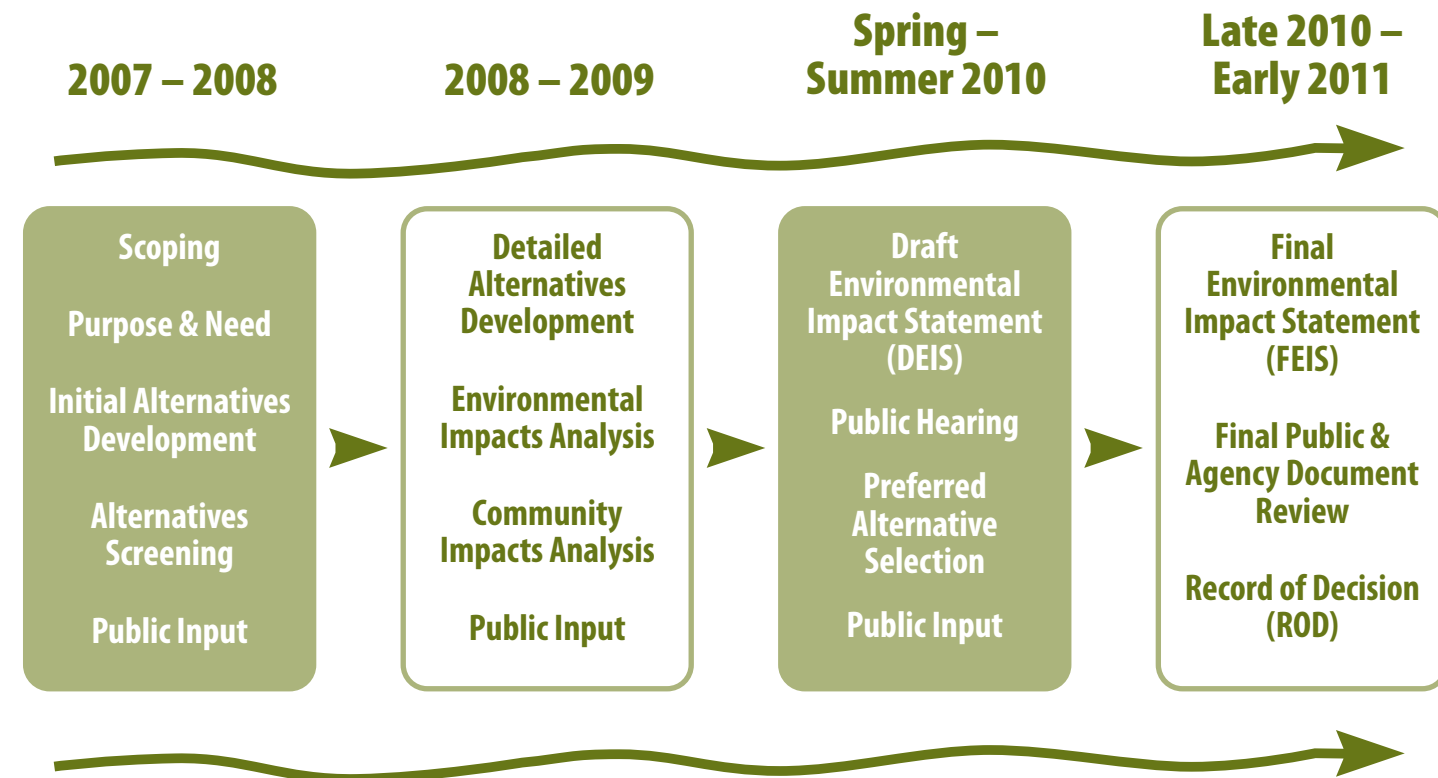


Study Timeline

The Provo Westside Connector EIS is scheduled for completion in 2010. You 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 summer 2010, prior to any final decision.



We Want to Know What You Think!

Public input is critical to the environmental process. You are encouraged to share opinions and suggestions regarding the Provo Westside Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As a resident, local business or other interested party, you are invited to provide input using any of the following methods:

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

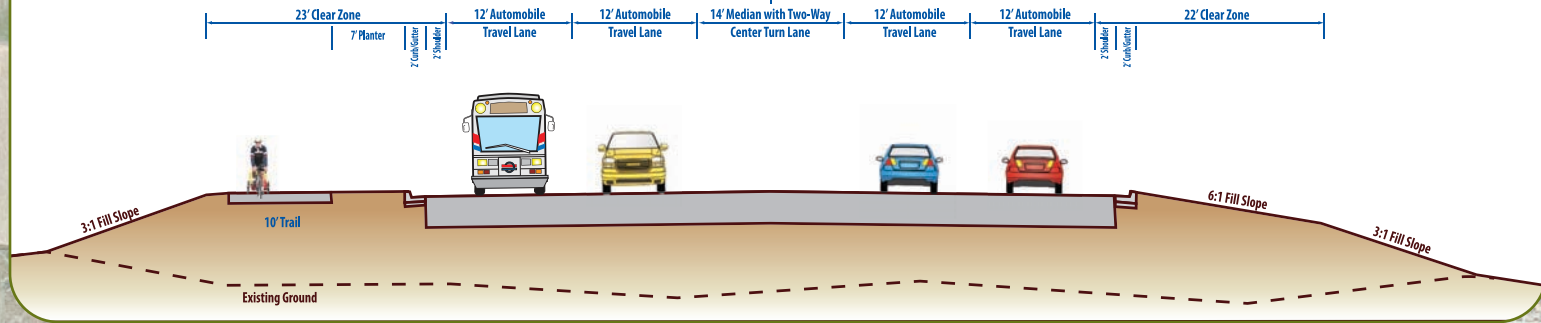
The project team will post information about the Provo Westside Connector EIS on the project website and keep you informed throughout the remainder of the study period. Comments on the study may be submitted at any time throughout the EIS process.

Project Update: Alternatives Selected for Detailed Analysis

Look inside for more information

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Typical Cross Section



Where Are We Now?

Based on new engineering designs, three alternatives will be discussed in detail in the forthcoming Draft EIS. Each of these designs uses the cross-section illustrated at left that includes two travel lanes, a center turn lane, and a trail. In addition to the three build alternatives, a No-build alternative will be evaluated in detail and will serve as a base-line for comparing the build alternatives.

The project team is currently evaluating the environmental impacts of the alternatives. A complete Draft EIS is expected in late May 2010, and following the release of the Draft EIS, a public hearing will be held to obtain comments. The project team welcomes comments or questions regarding these alternatives at any time throughout the EIS process.

University Avenue B Alternative

University Avenue B Alternative will only differ from the University Avenue A Alternative by following the same southerly "loop" as the 1860 South Alternative.

University Avenue A Alternative

This alternative would be shifted northward from the 1860 South Alternative, with the major differences occurring on the eastern and western ends of the project area. On the eastern end, the new roadway would connect to University Avenue, crossing I-15 just north of the interchange. On the western end, University Avenue A would take a more direct path to the airport entrance and the existing terminus of 3110 West.

Project Background

The City of Provo, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), is proposing to construct a four-lane east-west arterial street connecting Interstate 15 (I-15) and the 1860 South/University Avenue Interchange to 3110 West near the Provo Airport. Because this proposed project would utilize federal funds, Provo City is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose possible impacts to both the natural and built environments resulting from the project.

The 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. As part of the EIS study, the project team has evaluated the need for a potential new roadway, developed and screened alternatives, and is currently evaluating environmental impacts. The EIS project team is coordinating with the public, agencies, and other stakeholders as part of the environmental process.

Revised Alternatives

As Provo City, UDOT and FHWA were preparing to release a Draft of the EIS last year, resource agencies requested that project sponsors take another look at possible alternatives to determine if there were any that could meet the needs of the project and avoid more wetlands. Because the current interchange at 1860 South/University Avenue/I-15 is completely bordered on the west by wetlands, this proved to be a challenging task. However, after multiple iterations, project personnel engineered additional alternatives that would still meet the needs of the project while avoiding more wetlands. The possible effect of these alternatives on the natural and built environments is the subject of the Draft EIS that will be available in late May.

More information regarding the alternatives and screening process is available on our project website:

www.provowestsideconnector.com

1860 South Alternative

This alternative would connect directly to the I-15 interchange at 1860 South/University Avenue. It would be located as far south as possible while avoiding wetland areas. Near the airport, the 1860 South Alternative would make a southerly "loop."