

COORDINATION PLAN



1800 North (SR-37) 2000 West to I-15 EIS
Project No. F-0037(4)0

In accordance with SAFETEA-LU Section 6002

Lead Agencies:

Federal Highway Administration
Utah Department of Transportation

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to address current and projected traffic demand on 1800 North (SR-37) in the cities of Clinton and Sunset in Davis County, Utah. The proposal may consider an interchange on I-15 at 1800 North. FHWA and UDOT are the lead agencies for this EIS.

The project area extends from 2000 West to I-15 along 1800 North, a distance of approximately 2 miles (see Project Location Map in Appendix A).

FHWA will consider a reasonable range of alternatives that meet the project purpose and need and takes into consideration agency and public input. These alternatives include: (1) taking no action; (2) using alternate travel modes; (3) upgrading and adding lanes to the existing roadway network, including 1800 North; (4) a grade separation at the Union Pacific Railroad/FrontRunner crossing on 1800 North; (5) a new interchange on I-15 at 1800 North; (6) improving adjacent interchanges on I-15; (7) combinations of any of the above; and (8) other feasible alternatives identified during the scoping process.

The public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies will be invited to participate in the environmental review process to ensure that a full range of alternatives is considered and that all appropriate environmental issues and resources are evaluated. The participation process will include opportunities to provide comments on the purpose and need for the project, alternatives, and social, economic, and environmental issues of concern.

1.1 Purpose of Coordination Plan

Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, 23 USC 139) outlines procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1963 (NEPA), as amended, and for implementing the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508. The objective of SAFETEA-LU is to involve the public and appropriate federal, state, and local agencies in the environmental review process and to move the process along expeditiously. SAFETEA-LU requires that lead agencies establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participating and comment during the NEPA environmental review process.

The purpose of this coordination plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public, agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders, and to inform the public, agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders of how the coordination will be accomplished. The project schedule outlined in this coordination plan is required by FHWA, must be provided to all participating agencies and UDOT, and must be made available to the public.

2. LEAD, COOPERATING, PARTICIPATING, OTHER AGENCIES, AND THE PUBLIC

2.1 Lead Agencies

The project joint lead agencies are:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)

Key contacts for the project are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Project Contacts

Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Edward Woolford Environmental Program Manager Federal Highway Administration	(801) 955-3524	Edward.Woolford@dot.gov
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Responsibilities

As specified in CEQ regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1501.5), lead agencies are responsible for supervising the preparation of the EIS. Lead agencies must:

- Provide increased oversight in managing the process and resolving issues
- Identify and involve participating agencies
- Develop coordination plans
- Provide opportunities for public and participating agency involvement in defining the purpose and need and determining the range of alternatives
- Collaborate with participating agencies in determining methodologies and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives

2.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are agencies or tribes with jurisdiction by law or that have special expertise regarding the evaluation of the project. Agencies that accepted cooperating agency status are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Cooperating Agencies

Agency/Contact Person	Phone	E-mail
Hill Air Force Base Sam Johnson	(801) 775-3653	Sam.Johnson@Hill.af.mil
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Tim Witman	(801) 295-8380 x 17	timothy.r.witman@usace.army.mil

Agency/Contact Person	Phone	E-mail
Aniston Army Depot Ken Ingram Environmental Officer	256 235-7943	ken.ingram@us.army.mil

Responsibilities

Cooperating agencies share responsibility for developing information and environmental analyses related to their respective areas of expertise. Cooperating agencies also share the responsibilities of SAFETEA-LU participating agencies, including responsibility to participate in the NEPA process at the earliest possible time and to participate in the scoping process.

2.3 Participating Agencies

Participating agencies are federal, state, tribal, regional, or local government agencies that may have an interest in the project. Agencies that accepted participating agency status are listed in Table 3.

Table 3. Participating Agencies

Agency/Contact Person	Phone	E-mail
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U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Jason Gipson Chief, Nevada-Utah Regulatory Branch	(801) 295-8380	jason.a.gipson@usace.army.mil
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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Larry Svoboda Director, NEPA Compliance and Review Program Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation	(303) 312-6004	svoboda.larry@epa.gov
Federal Transit Administration Terry Rosapep Regional Administrator for Region 8	(720) 963-3320	Terry.Rosapep@dot.gov
Department of the Air Force Sam Johnson Hill AFB NEPA Manager	(801) 775-3653	Sam.Johnson@Hill.af.mil
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Aniston Army Depot Mike Mathews Deputy PW	256 235-4148	Michael.mathews@us.army.mil

Responsibilities

Participating agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. A participating agency's role is to:

- Participate in the scoping process
- Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis
- Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate
- Review and comment in a timely manner on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents
- Provide meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues
- Participate in meetings to resolve issues that could delay completion of the environmental review process or result in denial of approvals required for the project under applicable laws

3. AGENCY COORDINATION, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AND SCHEDULING

Lead agencies are responsible for preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement, including coordination of agency and public involvement. SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 states that as part of the coordination plan, the federal lead agency may establish a schedule for completing the environmental review process for the project. The schedule should be developed in consultation with participating agencies and UDOT. Table 4 summarizes key coordination points, timeframes for project milestones, and expected completion dates.

Table 4. Summary of Project Activities, Participation, and Scheduling

Project Activities	Participants	Actions	Time-frame	Expected Completion
Project Initiation	Lead Agencies	UDOT notifies FHWA to initiate EIS.	---	April 28, 2010 (completed)
Notice of Intent (NOI)	Lead Agencies	Lead agencies collaborate on drafting NOI. FHWA submits NOI to <i>Federal Register</i> for publication.	---	October 2010 (completed)
Coordination Plan	Lead Agencies	Develop coordination plan to disclose the agency and public involvement plan. The coordination plan may be updated as the project progresses.	---	November 2010 (completed)

Project Activities	Participants	Actions	Time-frame	Expected Completion
Scoping	Lead Agencies	Send letters to federal, state, and local agencies to inform them about the project, solicit comments, inform them about the scoping meeting, and invite them to be participating agencies.	---	Oct/Nov 2010 (completed)
	Participating Agencies	Agency Scoping Meeting, followed by 30-day scoping comment period.	---	Nov/Dec 2010 (completed)
	Public	Public Scoping Meeting, followed by 30-day scoping comment period.	---	Nov/Dec 2010 (completed)
Collaboration on methodologies, assessments and impacts	Lead and appropriate Participating Agencies	Following scoping, lead agencies will collaborate with appropriate agencies on information and analyses necessary for drafting the Purpose and Need, developing alternatives, and analyzing existing environmental conditions and impacts.	---	February 2011
Purpose and Need	Public	Public Meeting to gather input on Purpose and Need.	---	November 2010 (completed)
	Participating Agencies	Provide input on Purpose and Need.	---	Nov/Dec 2010 (completed)
	Lead Agencies	Develop Purpose and Need, with input from the public and Participating Agencies.	Participating agencies to provide comments on the proposed Purpose and Need statement within 30 days of receipt.	March 2011 (completed)
Alternative Development	Public	Request public input on range of alternatives via postcard.	---	March 2011 (completed)
	Participating Agencies	Provide input on range of alternatives.	Participating agencies to provide comments on the initial range of alternatives within 30 days of receipt.	March 2011 (completed)
	Lead Agencies	Develop range of alternatives, with input from the public and Participating Agencies.	---	June 2011
	Lead Agencies	Analyze alternatives.	---	August 2011
Draft EIS	Lead Agencies	Draft EIS Notice of Availability (NOA).	---	February 2012

Project Activities	Participants	Actions	Time-frame	Expected Completion
	Public	Public Hearing on Draft EIS and 45-day comment period.	---	March 2012
	Participating Agencies	Submit comments on draft EIS (45-day comment period).	Participating agencies to provide comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days of receiving the NOA.	April 2012
Identification of Preferred Alternative	Lead Agencies	Identify Preferred Alternative.	---	June 2012
Final EIS	Lead Agencies	Review public comments and responses.	---	June 2012
	Public	Information on Public Hearing and Final EIS made available to public through website.	---	August 2012
	Lead Agencies	Final EIS Notice of Availability (NOA).	FHWA and UDOT to complete the FEIS within 90 days of the close of the Draft EIS comment period.	August 2012
	Participating Agencies	30-day comment period prior to ROD.	---	September 2012
Record of Decision (ROD)	Lead Agencies	Submit Record of Decision (ROD).	FHWA and UDOT to complete the ROD within 30 days of project approval.	October 2012
Permits	Lead Agencies	Coordinate with appropriate agencies on completing the necessary permits.	---	

3.1 Cooperating and Participating Agency Coordination

Cooperating and Participating Agencies will be asked to submit comments during scoping that summarize their interest related to the project area. Following scoping, lead agencies will coordinate with all appropriate agencies on methodologies of documenting environmental conditions and assessing impacts. All agencies will be notified of the availability of draft and final EIS documents and given appropriate comment opportunities (see Table 4). Lead agencies will also coordinate with appropriate agencies on completion of necessary permits following the Record of Decision (ROD).

3.2 Public Involvement

Specific study elements will be directly influenced by public involvement. Public involvement will focus around three key public involvement meetings:

- Public Scoping /Purpose and Need:** The public scoping meeting will identify key project concerns and possible solutions that the lead agencies can use in developing the Purpose and Need, alternatives, and gathering data for impacts analysis. This meeting will have a special emphasis on receiving input from the public and participating

agencies on developing the Purpose and Need. This public meeting, as well as others, will be widely advertised through direct mailings, roadway signs, news releases, and fliers distributed throughout the project area and at key business locations.

- **Development of Alternatives:** The alternatives meeting will seek input from the public and participating agencies in developing the range of alternatives to be considered.
- **Public Hearing:** A public hearing will provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS prior to a Record of Decision (ROD).

Methods of communication with the public throughout the project will include:

- **Project Website:** A website (www.udot.utah.gov/1800North) will be developed by the lead agencies for the project which will contain project information, coordination plan, comment form, and contact information. Information presented during public meetings and the public hearing will be available on the website. The project website will be updated monthly or as needed.
- **Project Hotline and E-mail:** A project hotline (801-773-8073) and e-mail account (1800North@utah.gov) has been established to respond to stakeholder inquiries and concerns.
- **Permanent Message Signs:** Approximately four permanent message signs will be installed along the 1800 North corridor and will be used to help direct public inquires to the hotline and website.
- **Project Newsletters:** Newsletters/fact sheets will be mailed and emailed by the lead agencies to those on the mailing list quarterly, or as needed. The newsletters/fact sheets will also be available on the project website and at other public meetings or gatherings.
- **Press Releases:** Press releases will be prepared by UDOT prior to each public meeting or as warranted. News articles will be prepared quarterly, or as needed, for existing publications such as the local papers, special interest publications, agency publications, chambers of commerce newsletters, outlying communities, etc. All media releases will be approved and released by UDOT.

A Stakeholder Committee will be formed to conduct research, provide input, and disseminate information.

3.3 Public Officials

Sunset and Clinton City officials will be kept informed of project progress and outcomes by providing information to their designated contact person and through presentations made at city council meetings.

4. REVISION HISTORY

Table 5. Revision History

Mod #	Date	Name	Description
1	1/28/2011	Nicole Tolley	Added Hill Air Force Base as a Cooperating Agency.

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2	3/10/2011	Nicole Tolley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as a Cooperating AgencyAdded TACOM LCMC and the Anniston Army Depot as Participating Agencies
3	3/28/2011	Nicole Tolley	Added the Anniston Army Depot as a Cooperating Agency
4	4/6/2011	Nicole Tolley	Updated the USACOE point of contact to Tim Witman
5	5/28/2011	Nicole Tolley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changed consultant Public Involvement Manager to David FierroUpdated Table 4. Summary of Project Activities, Participation, and Scheduling

APPENDIX A