Community Coordination Team - Kick-off Meeting

Date: December 13, 2018
Location: Fruit Heights City Hall
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: 910 South Mountain Road

Attendees:
Greg Hales
Scott Nielsen
Bill Craw
Travis Child
Quin Soderquist
Lance Nelson
Cory Bruestle
Karen Smith
Keith Bennett
Ann Benson
Dave Boothe
Brent Stuart
Arabella Dent
Kristi Spillman
Ross Vellinga
Sam Jeppson
Brandon Green
Michelle Barber
Stephen Jackson
Bryan Griffith
Nick Anderson
Mike Romero
Randy Jefferies
Vic Saunders
Aubry Bennion
Leah Jaramillo

Icebreaker:
As CCT participants arrived, they were asked to provide some thoughts about the road and the project, as well as to rate how informed they feel about the project.

Specifically, participants were asked to identify the first thing that comes to mind when they think about US-89 (the road), what they like about the road and what comes to mind when they think about the US-89 project.
Following these questions, each participant was asked to identify where they felt their level of knowledge about the project fell on a scale from 1-7, where 1 meant “very little” and 7 meant “Very knowledgeable.”

Most participants rated their knowledge at a 4 or higher, indicating that they feel relatively knowledgeable about the project. This indicates that more than half of the CCT participants were engaged during the State Environmental Study process.

This icebreaker activity had joint purposes: 1) to orient the team to the level of knowledge participants felt they had about the project and 2) to share the range of perspectives about the road and the project held by participants in the room.

**Member Introductions:**
Aubry and Leah kicked-off the meeting by thanking the participants for coming, explaining that the intent of the meeting was to orient participants to the CCT process and then asked participants to introduce themselves, share who they represent or where they live in relation to the project (i.e. City employee or resident) and share one thing they hope UDOT will gain from the CCT process. Generally, participants said that they appreciated the opportunity to provide input and hoped UDOT would take public input seriously. Several participants shared that they have concerns about the scope and impacts of the project, including noise and private property impacts, on which they hope the CCT can work towards solutions. Many participants shared that they feel the project is needed, but want to balance the impacts for all parties to create the best possible solution. Finally, several participants expressed excitement at the opportunity to represent their communities to UDOT and to share information between their communities and the project team. Leah and Aubry both reiterated their excitement about the participants’ willingness to attend the kick-off meeting and the common desire for positive and productive communication between the team, the CCT and surrounding communities.
Travis Bates - Past CCT Member:
Travis participated on a CCT for UDOT’s the Riverdale Road project several years ago. He spoke about his experience on the project as a business manager and provided several tips to CCT members about how they might make the best use of this committee.

Project Overview:
UDOT Project Director Michael Romero provided an overview of project activities since release of the State Environmental Study (SES) in March 2018. He explained that the SES preliminary design was conservative in identifying a concept and footprint that UDOT knew would meet the purpose and need. UDOT didn’t want to tell the public something that was less impactful but then find out later that it would need to be changed.

Mike explained that the project is using a delivery method called progressive design-build (PDB), which is new to transportation projects, to help refine the SES concepts based on more technical research as well as public input from the SES phase. Now that a full-scale design team is onboard and they are able to collect more technical data, they are refining the concepts and reducing impacts where possible. He added that the benefit to using PDB is that it provides the time and flexibility for UDOT and the contractor to work together with the community to verify what is feasible, price it, and determine how to build it.

Randy Jefferies, UDOT Region 1 Leadership, also explained that on other projects like I-15 in Utah County, the design-builder makes their proposal based largely on a low price and there is less opportunity for public input along the way. He was clear that UDOT did not want to take a low bid approach, and wants to do it right for this area. Some of the biggest concerns were noise, impacts to private property and residents.

Oak Hills Construction Project Manager Bryan Griffith added that there are over 100 team members currently working on the project, with another 20-30 in the field performing investigative work to inform the design.

Manual Review:
Aubry presented an overview of the CCT goals, member roles and responsibilities, schedule and future meeting topics [slides attached]. Future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month and will be 90 minutes in duration. The group agreed that an evening meeting was the best time.

Open Discussion:
• **There were some questions about specific impacts and design by location.** The project team explained that project design is currently being refined based on concerns during the SES and they anticipate having more information in early 2019. The CCT will be actively engaged in discussions as that information becomes available. Mike Romero made the analogy that “if the project were a marathon, we’d be in the first mile.”
• **There was a question about whether the team considered right-of-way impacts to properties where only a piece of the property was taken.** The concern was that properties might be left in an adverse condition due to proximity of the roadway or a roadway feature (like a wall) but that the property owner would not be adequately compensated. The team explained that they had spoken with many property owners, that there are both State and Federal requirements that guide the ROW process, and that the team regularly talks about ROW impacts during design. The team also explained that UDOT’s Noise Wall and ROW policies were on the schedule for deeper discussion at a future CCT meeting.

• **Project Communication** – The project team (was) waiting for an error with the website to be corrected before issuing an email update to the email list from the SES phase. This has been corrected and the email was sent on Monday, December 17.

  o CCT members are encouraged to share the email updates with their lists and to refer questions to the project Communications team at US89@utah.gov or hotline 888-752-US89 (8789). Project business cards were included in the CCT member binders as well.

**Action Items:**

- Leah has set up @US89CCT.org so that CCT members can have a project-specific email address. Email addresses will simply be your first and last name@US89CCT.org unless you specify something else.
  - City staff – please let us know if you would like a project-specific email address or would prefer to use your City-affiliated one.
  - If everyone could please respond to Leah with your preference by January 3 and she will set up your account and forward instructions to you.

**Next Meeting:**

January 17, 2019 at 6pm  
East Layton Elementary School  
2470 East Cherry Lane, Layton

  **CCT members should come prepared to discuss what they hope to achieve by participating on the US-89 CCT**

**Agenda Items:**

- What is Progressive Design-Build
- Interchange and Cross Street Refinement Process
- Project Communications
MEETING AGENDA

Member Introductions
Travis Bates – Past CCT Member

Project Overview

CCT Goals

CCT Member Roles and Responsibilities

CCT Meeting Schedule
Tell us your:

Name

City/where you live

Answer:

What do you hope UDOT achieves by involving community members?
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is currently designing updates to US Highway 89 (US-89) between Farmington and Interstate 84 that will improve regional and local mobility, enhance the system linkage between Interstates 15 and 84 on US-89, address current and future travel demand on this corridor and improve safety. Project design is now underway. UDOT and project design-builder Oak Hills Constructors are collaborating to develop the best transportation solutions for each location. Design is anticipated to be ongoing through 2019.
CCT GOALS

**UDOT and Oak Hills will:**
- Update the CCT on design refinements
- Share technical data used to develop design concepts
- Explain decision-making framework
- Seek input on design concepts
- Share how input is being used

**CCT Members will:**
- Openly engage in learning about the design process
- See to understand technical data and concepts
- Provide input from their personal perspective
- Provide input as a member of a larger community – neighborhood, city, or group
- Acknowledge the technical limitations in which UDOT decisions must be made
- Help share project information and act as a conduit of information between the public and the project team
In order to implement an effective process, team members must be available to attend monthly meetings during project design – which is anticipated to last through 2019.

- Monthly meetings
- Ninety minutes
- Evening
- Future meetings will take place at East Layton Elementary
CCT MEMBER ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

• Attend a minimum of 8 CCT meetings in 2019

• Gather feedback from your stakeholder group on an ongoing basis and report back to the CCT

• Read/review project materials and communications from the US-89 project team in advance of meetings.

• Consider the interests and reactions from larger stakeholder group when making observations and sharing input during CCT meetings.

• Provide UDOT and Oak Hills Constructors with possible solutions or suggested recommendations for improving effectiveness.
CCT MEETING SCHEDULE

Third Thursday of the month
Through 2019
6 – 7:30 p.m.
East Layton Elementary School
2470 East Cherry Lane

Opportunities for public involvement are forthcoming in spring 2019.
U.S. 89 TEAM CONTACTS

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HOMEWORK:
What do you hope to get out of your participation on this CCT?