

# Welcome

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# West Davis Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

## Public Scoping Meetings

February 23, 2010  
Syracuse High School, Syracuse

February 24, 2010  
Legacy Events Center, Farmington

February 25, 2010  
West Weber Elementary, Ogden



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# Why are we here tonight?

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Today's meeting serves two purposes:

1. To share information about the EIS process
2. To listen and learn from you

The displays around the room have useful information. They explain the "ins and outs" of the West Davis Corridor EIS. We hope you leave here today with no unanswered questions.

The comment forms are provided so we can listen and learn from you. Your input is highly valued and will shape the final outcome of the study. Please let us know what you think!

Anyone with a nametag can help answer questions.



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# Haven't we been here before?

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If you have been to a public open house in the past regarding transportation in Davis and Weber Counties, you might be wondering what is different about this study.

All previous studies were planning level studies. This is an Environmental Impact Statement study that will look at a transportation solution in more detail. Planning and environmental are both important steps in the "Project Life Cycle."

## 1) CONCEPT

- Projects start out simply as ideas

## 2) PLANNING

- Resources are dedicated to investigate the concept
- Various options may be studied, and one option may be identified as the "preferred", but no final project is approved. Instead, a study usually makes recommendations
- Planning studies allow communities to plan for possible outcomes

we are here

## 3) ENVIRONMENTAL

- An Environmental Impact Statement is prepared through a rigorous process that requires careful analysis of the impacts of a potential project to both the natural and built environments
- Emphasizes opportunities for public involvement
- Explores a full range of alternatives and a preferred alternative is selected
- One alternative is determined and approved at the end of the process
- Required to provide clearance for construction

## 4) DESIGN

- Engineers design the project
- Right-of-way (i.e. property) is acquired, if necessary

## 5) CONSTRUCTION

- The project is built



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# How we got here

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Previous studies in the area have helped communities plan ahead.

Now, through the Environmental Impact Statement, a final decision will be made about how to meet the transportation need in the study area through the year 2040.

The timeframe for design and construction (if needed) is unknown.



# Results from previous studies

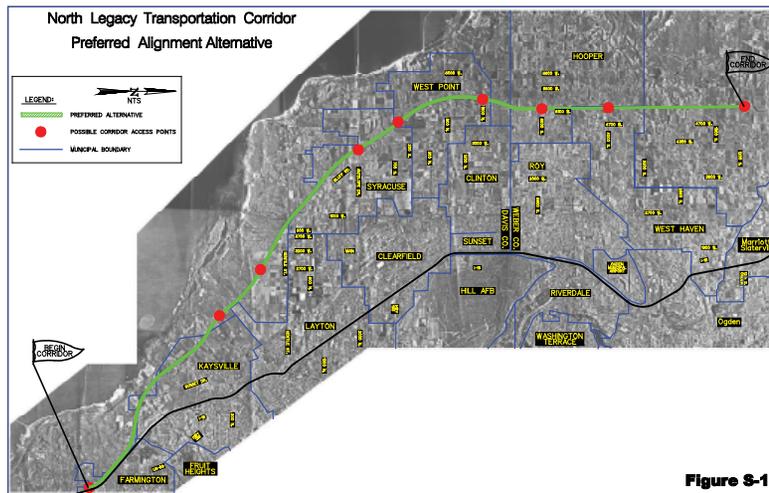
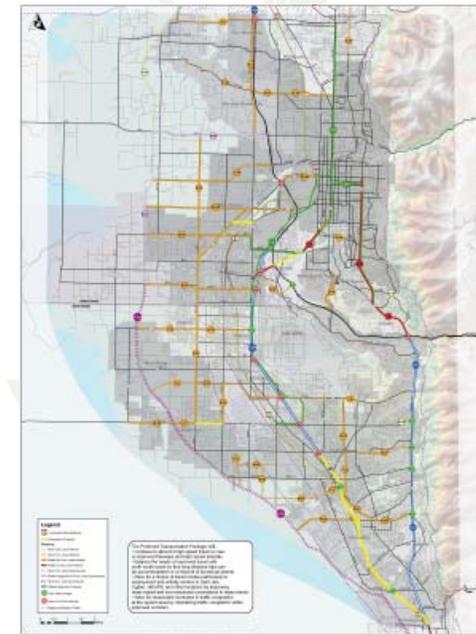
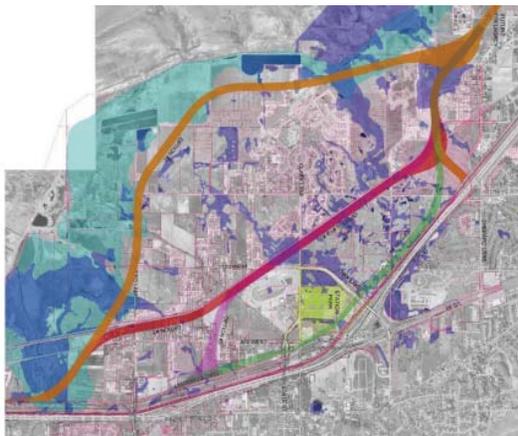


Figure S-1

2001 North Legacy Corridor Study



2008 Davis Weber East-West Study



2007 (supplemental to 2001)



2009 (supplemental to 2001)

While the West Davis Corridor EIS is an independent, objective process, and no final decisions have been made, the work that was done to perform these previous studies is considered in the analysis.



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# What is an EIS?

- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a document that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed project in a defined study area
- An EIS is prepared consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- The EIS looks in-depth at impacts to the natural and built environment
- The EIS is developed through a clearly defined process. The West Davis Corridor EIS is at the beginning of the process – in the “Scoping” phase



# What is studied in an EIS?

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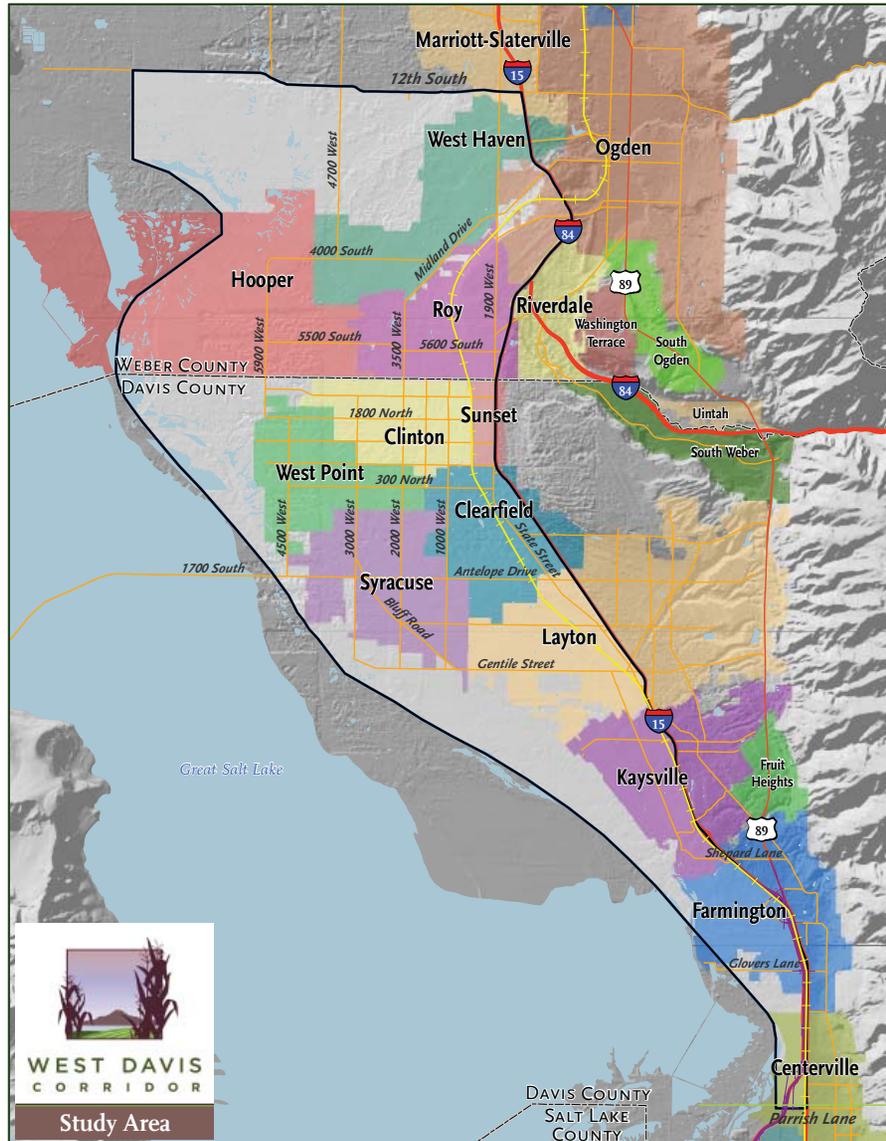
The EIS will evaluate transportation needs while considering community and environmental impacts. Public input is critical to understanding these issues.

Additionally, experts in each of the topic areas listed below study how construction of proposed alternatives could affect each resource.

- Rare, threatened, or endangered species
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Invasive species
- Water pollution, floodplains, stream encroachments
- Wetlands
- Hazardous waste
- Visual resources
- Cultural resources
- Air quality
- Energy
- Historic and recreation properties
- Noise
- Relocations and property impacts
- Prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland
- Socioeconomics
- Right-of-way
- Land use/urban policy

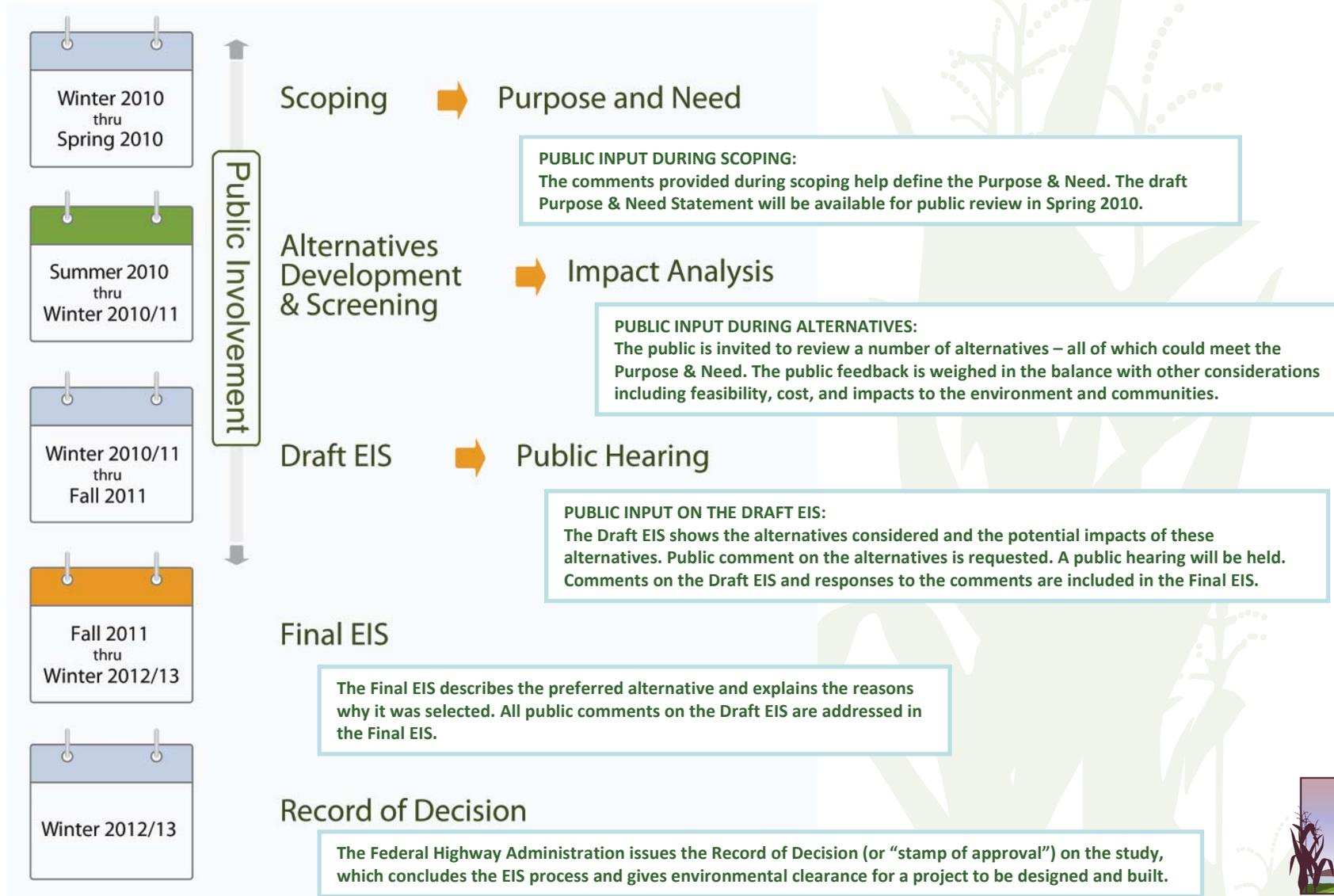


# West Davis Corridor EIS Study Area



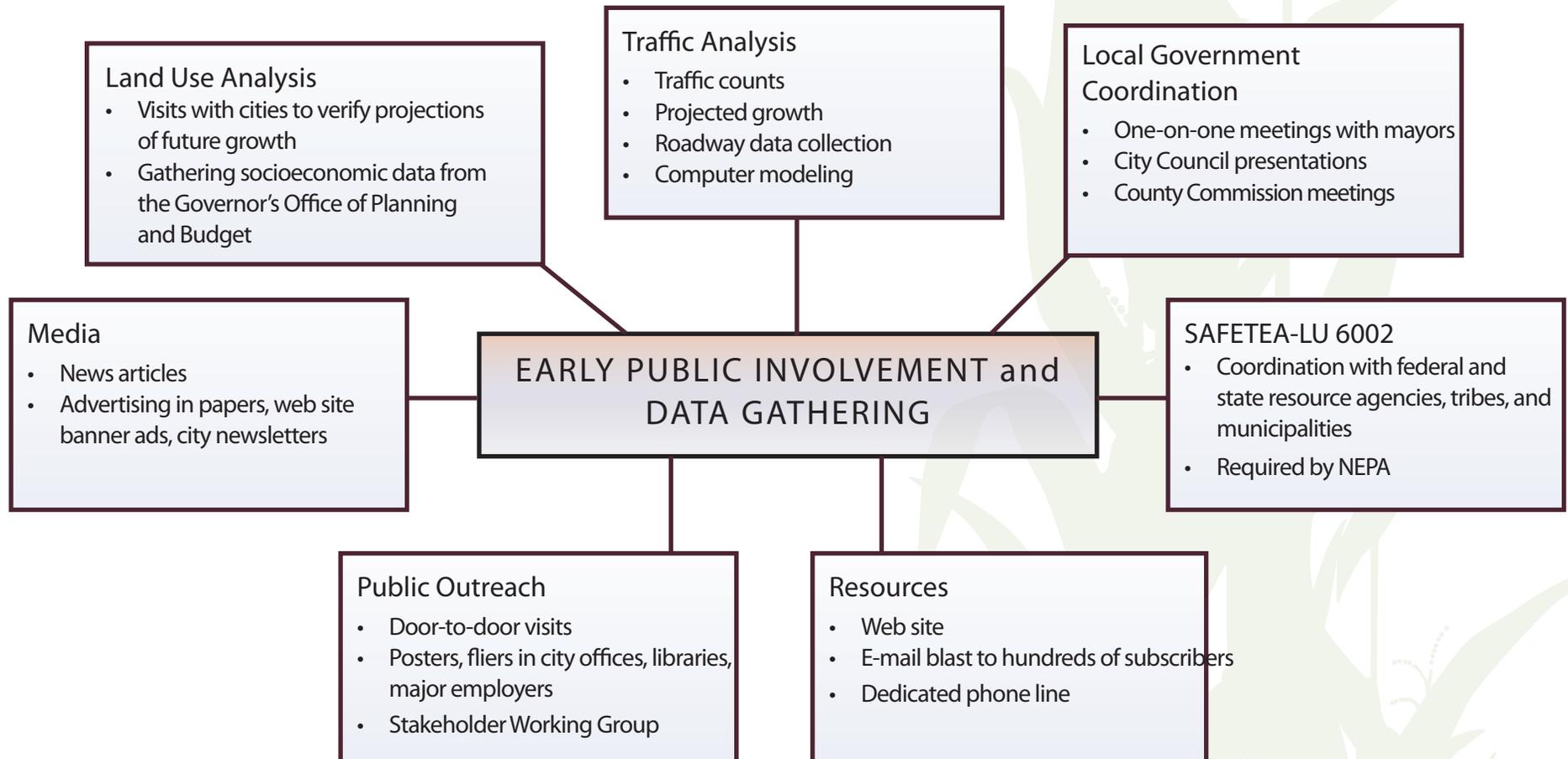
- Our study area includes western Davis County and extends into a portion of western Weber County. Cities included in the study area:
  - West Haven
  - Ogden
  - Hooper
  - Roy
  - Clinton
  - Sunset
  - West Point
  - Clearfield
  - Syracuse
  - Layton
  - Kaysville
  - Farmington
  - Centerville
  - Riverdale
- The study limits were determined by expected population growth. By 2040, the area west of I-15 (between Centerville and 12th Street) is expected to grow by 78%.

# What is the schedule?



# How has the team collected information to date?

- The West Davis Corridor EIS Team has worked hard to start the EIS off on the right foot by getting the word out, meeting with local leaders, and gathering as much information as possible about previous work in this area.



# What should I comment on?

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For scoping, we want to know what you are concerned about and what you think needs to be studied.

- What issues in your community are important to you?
- What environmental resources in your community are important to you (air quality, noise, wetlands, etc.)?
- What alternatives should we consider (i.e. roadway, buses, trains, bike facilities, trails, etc.)?
- Where should any new transportation alternatives be located?
- What else should we study?

Your comments will help the study team identify key areas of focus for the rest of the study.

## SUBMITTING COMMENTS

### TONIGHT

- > Laptops
- > Hand-written comment cards
- > Court reporter
- > Survey

### LATER

- > Mail in a comment form
- > Send a comment by email to [westdavis@utah.gov](mailto:westdavis@utah.gov)
- > Submit a comment through the form on the Web site: [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis)
- > Take the survey online

\*\*Comments are due by March 22, 2010 to be considered in the scoping process.



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# What's next?

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Please follow the Web site and/or sign up for monthly email updates to stay informed of the progress on the study, and your next opportunity to participate.

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Get progress updates, notice of public events and info about comment periods. If you provided your email address at the door, you are automatically added to the list.

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