

**I-15 MP 11 Interchange Environmental Study**  
**Public Scoping Meeting Report**  
**August 29, 2017**



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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY



## SUMMARY REPORT

The following information is a summary of the preparation and execution of the Public Scoping Meeting for the I-15 MP 11 Interchange Environmental Study in Washington, Utah (Project No. F-I15-1(116)11).

<b>Meeting Type</b>	The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) held Public Scoping Meeting (Open House format) to educate and inform the public about the MP 11 Environmental Study. The Environmental Study will consider transportation solutions (including a potential new interchange on I-15) to address congestion in the Washington City area between Exit 10/Green Spring Drive and Exit 13/Washington Parkway.
<b>When/Where</b>	The Public Scoping Meeting was held on Tuesday August 29, 2017 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Washington Elementary School in Washington, Utah.
<b>Advertisement</b>	<p>A variety of methods were employed to advertise the Public Scoping Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approximately 1,800 mailers were sent to Washington City residents who live within the downtown area</li><li>• Members of the Community Coordination Team (CCT) were given fliers to distribute to their respective neighborhoods (Downtown, Green Spring, Washington Fields, etc.)</li><li>• Washington City mailed an announcement to all City residents in a newsletter that was sent out with utility bills</li><li>• Washington City posted an announcement on its social media outlets</li><li>• The City's reverse 911 system was used to contact residents to inform them of the meeting (there were 3,900 pickups)</li><li>• Fliers were hand-delivered to businesses at the Green Spring Interchange and on Telegraph Street from Green Spring Drive to 300 East</li><li>• UDOT sent a press release to the media which resulted in a news article and radio announcement</li></ul>
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>273 attendees signed in at the front entrance. There were a few attendees who did not sign in and a few who signed in as a household with more than one attendee. It is estimated that approximately 300 people attended the Open House.</p> <p>At sign-in, each attendee was asked to put a sticker on a map to represent where they currently live. The majority of the attendees were from the downtown area with another large portion coming from the Green Spring area. Additionally, a few residents from Washington Fields, Coral Canyon and the areas southeast of Telegraph St attended.</p>
<b>Information Presented at the Meeting</b>	<p>The meeting room was divided into four stations - Transportation, Environmental Study Process, Community &amp; Environment, and Get Involved (comment area). Attendees received a "Tour Guide" at check-in to help guide them through the meeting room, and were free to roam and visit each station at will.</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> - information presented included current 2017 and future 2040 projected traffic volumes (with a no-build option). The Dixie MPO's long-range transportation plan was also included in the presentation materials. Attendees were asked to select their top 3 transportation concerns from 12 categories by placing stickers on a board. Categories included: Safety, Emergency Access, Transit, Travel Delay &amp; Congestion, School Walking Routes, Business &amp; Residential Access, Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Access, Road Widening/New Roads, Frontage Road Development, Commute Times, Regional Growth, Other.</p> <p>The top 3 concerns in order of importance were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Safety</li><li>2. Travel Delay and Congestion</li><li>3. School Walking Routes</li></ol>



**Environmental Study Process** - information presented included a large backdrop of a timeline representing the various phases of the environmental study and the intent of each phase. A board representing the project delivery process to help the public understand the events that took place prior to the environmental study and the events that need to occur after the study in order for a project to be constructed.

**Community and Environment** - information presented included a large map of Washington City detailing the various natural and built environmental resources within the study area. Attendees were asked to select their top 3 community and environmental concerns from 16 categories by placing stickers on a board. Categories included: Land Use, Social Environment, Economic Conditions/Economic Development, Right-of-Way Purchase & Relocations/Property Values, Environmental Justice Populations, Air Quality, Noise, Cultural, Paleontological Resources, Public Resources, Wetlands/Water Quality/Water Resources/Floodplains, Threatened & Endangered Species/Wildlife, Hazardous Materials & Hazardous Waste Sites, Visual & Aesthetic, Construction Impacts, Other.

The top 3 concerns are in order of importance were:

1. Right-of-Way Purchase & Relocations / Property Values (residential and commercial)
2. Social Environment (neighborhood cohesiveness)
3. Land Use (existing and future)

**Get Involved** - information presented included why public commenting was important to the process, comment cards and pens for attendees to leave written comments, information about the CCT members and who they represented, and information on what makes effective comments.

## Comments

Commenting for the public was available in a variety of ways:

- A court reporter was available to record comments (report will be available in 2-3 weeks)
- An open microphone was available for attendees to voice their concerns and thoughts about the study. Each participant was asked to sign up for a 2-minute slot and the court reporter recorded all comments
- Three tables were available for attendees to sit and write their specific comments for each of the areas as well as general comments
- Information on how to provide comments to the study team electronically were given to attendees ([www.mp11.org](http://www.mp11.org), [info@mp11.org](mailto:info@mp11.org), or hotline 435-477-6211)

Approximately 270 comments were received via comment cards, emails, and through the interactive website. Many of the comments included more than one theme. The topics that received the most comments were:

- Recognize traffic congestion is an issue; request a wide range of alternatives be analyzed in place of a new interchange
- New interchange will bring negative impacts (e.g. decreased safety and property values, increased traffic volumes, noise, pollution, and growth, etc.)
- Maintain community heritage, cohesiveness and residences
- General concerns regarding community and transportation planning
- Support new interchange
- Environmental Study places too much emphasis on environmental resources and not the community needs; or general concern about study process
- Amenities at Exit 10 will continue to attract people with no relief to traffic congestion
- Agree with environmental study process
- Concern for relocation compensation