

# **Foothill Drive Corridor Study**

## **Project Fact Sheet**

Foothill Drive is a vital corridor along the east bench of the Wasatch Mountains in Salt Lake City. The thoroughfare extends from the I-80 and I-215 freeways on its south end to the University of Utah along 500 South on the north. It connects people to the University of Utah, Research Park, shopping areas and surrounding neighborhoods. Proper planning and decision-making are vital to preserving the neighborhoods surrounding Foothill Drive and in ensuring that the corridor continues to meet the travel demand for years to come.

### **What is the study?**

The Foothill Drive Corridor Study will identify and analyze the current and future transportation needs of the area. The study will provide specific recommendations for transit and roadway improvements and will carefully look at the potential impacts to transportation demand caused by any changes in land use along Foothill Drive.

Public feedback and input is vital to the success of the study and in determining current and future needs so that they may be planned for and accommodated.

### **Who is sponsoring the study?**

This project is a joint effort of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), Salt Lake City and the University of Utah. The study is being conducted by DMJM Harris, a national consulting firm with an office in Salt Lake City. Study results and recommendations, including public feedback, will be presented to these agencies for their use in future transportation and community planning. The study will be completed by fall 2008.

### **What area is being studied?**

The study covers the length of Foothill Drive, from the I-80/I-215 interchange near Parleys Way to the intersection of 500 South and 1300 East near Rice-Eccles Stadium.

### **What will the Transportation Study include?**

Currently, Foothill Drive experiences congestion during peak travel times of the day. Congestion is anticipated to increase based on the projected future travel demand. The project team will identify concepts that will reduce congestion, improve the roadway, increase safety for pedestrian and bicycle use and recommend improvements for transit service.

### **How will land use issues be incorporated into the study?**

The study will review current land uses and zoning as well as proposed or potential developments in the area. The study will focus on potential development areas likely to impact travel demand along Foothill Drive and may include: K-Mart, Foothill Village Shopping Center, Foothill Place Apartments, Lamplighter Square and Research Park. Other potential sites may be identified during the public involvement process. The study will not result in a definitive land use plan for the East Bench area, but rather will demonstrate how land uses affect the transportation needs within the study area.

### **How can I provide feedback?**

Public input and participation are key components of the study. Four community workshops and two open houses will be held to identify and address public issues. Public feedback will play a crucial role in defining and evaluating project alternatives.

The community workshops will include representatives from the local community councils, businesses and other organizations directly affected by Foothill Drive. These working sessions will delve into land use, traffic, pedestrian and growth issues, providing the project team with specific issues and direction for the study. Information from the workshops will be formally presented at two public open houses, where attendees will be encouraged to comment on the project. The first open house is tentatively scheduled for sometime in September.

### **Where can I find more information?**

Project information can be found at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org). If you have further questions, or would like to receive information from the project team, please contact Bethany Matsumori, the public information contact for the study, at (801) 364-0088 ext 109 or [bethany@wfandco.com](mailto:bethany@wfandco.com).