

WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR

WETLAND AND WILDLIFE MITIGATION PLAN

This handout is intended to inform property owners of the wetland and wildlife mitigation plan that is being proposed in the West Davis Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Background

- The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) & Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have been preparing an EIS to study a transportation corridor in western Davis and Weber Counties since January 2010.
- The Draft EIS was released in 2013 and proposed a four-lane divided highway from Farmington to Hooper to reduce congestion west of I-15 through 2040.
- The Final EIS is proposed to be released July 2017 with a Record of Decision later this year.

What is wetland and wildlife mitigation?

- Over the past 7 years, the study team has collected information, analyzed data and evaluated feedback provided by residents, farmers, cities, counties, state and federal resource agencies, and other interested groups. The feedback included information on wetlands and the unique natural habitat along the shorelands of the Great Salt Lake.
- Throughout the study, the study team has coordinated closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and The Nature Conservancy, to minimize impacts to these precious resources to protect water quality for wildlife and for our Utah citizens.
- Though UDOT has minimized the impacts to wetlands and wildlife habitat, a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be required in order to build the project. Through this permitting process, UDOT will be obligated to mitigate for the impacts of the project by preserving or enhancing existing wetlands or by creating new wetlands. To meet its permit obligations, UDOT is proposing a plan that has identified areas where this mitigation can occur.

MOVING FORWARD



Proposed Mitigation Plan

- UDOT is proposing to mitigate for the impacted wetlands and wildlife by purchasing over 1,100 acres (see map on reverse side) of private property, some of which is not directly impacted by the proposed West Davis Corridor. This will allow for preserving, enhancing, and creating wetlands.
- If the plan is approved, UDOT would be purchasing property for mitigation over the next couple of years. Affected property owners will be contacted by a UDOT right-of-way agent to discuss the property acquisition process. More information on this process is available on the study website at www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/faqs.



PROPOSED WETLAND MITIGATION PROPERTIES



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Mitigation Properties
- GSL Shorelands Preserve
- Legacy Nature Preserve
- Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area
- Front Runner
- Surface Roads
- Freeways

