

PREFACE

This Final Environmental Study Report (Final ESR) for the Provo to Salt Lake City FrontRunner Commuter Rail project marks a major milestone in the proposal to establish high-capacity transit service between Salt Lake and Utah Counties. The Final ESR documents the engineering and environmental study and related public involvement and agency coordination activities conducted to develop the project's Preferred Alternative. The major sections of the Final ESR are:

Volume One

Executive Summary – Provides a summary of the project's definition, purpose and need, potential impacts from the project, and recommended mitigation measures.

Chapter 1: Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action – Presents a discussion of the corridor transportation goals as they relate to existing transportation conditions in the region; examines the role of the project in meeting transportation goals.

Chapter 2: Alternatives – Describes the Preferred Alternative, other alternatives considered, and the alternatives development process.

Chapter 3: Transportation – Discusses the transportation impacts to a variety of modes and facilities, including roadways, transit, rail, and pedestrian and bike facilities.

Chapter 4: Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, and Planned Mitigation Commitments – Describes the existing social and natural environmental conditions in the study area. Discusses the potential impacts on the built, social, and natural environment and identifies potential mitigation measures.

Chapter 5: Public Involvement and Agency Coordination – Describes the agency coordination and public involvement conducted as part of the environmental analysis phase of this project.

References – Lists the references cited in the ESR.

List of Preparers – Identifies the preparers of the ESR, their titles, and their role in project development.

Distribution List – Identifies the recipients of the Final ESR.

Appendix A, Turning Movements – Shows existing, year 2010, and year 2030 p.m. peak hour turning movements for key intersections near the proposed station locations.

Appendix B, Agency Letters – Contains the agency correspondence developed throughout the ESR process.

Appendix C, Comments and Responses – Contains the public and agency comments received on the Draft ESR and UTA's responses to those comments.

Volume Two

Proposed Action Alignment – Volume Two contains the conceptual plan sheets for the Provo to Salt Lake City FrontRunner alignment. Volume Two was prepared for the Draft ESR in August 2007 and there have been no changes to it between the Draft and Final ESR. Therefore, the August 2007 *Volume Two Proposed Action Alignment* is incorporated by reference into this Final ESR.