

Davis-SLC Community Connector Study

Study Overview

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is partnering with Bountiful, North Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, Davis County and the Wasatch Front Regional Council to conduct an Alternatives Analysis (AA). The focus of the AA is to better understand current and future transit needs of residents in southern Davis County through the planning horizon of 2040.

The study area includes Bountiful, North Salt Lake, downtown Salt Lake City and connections to the Woods Cross FrontRunner station. Considering the nature of the corridor and extended potential transit needs further north of the study area, the cities of Woods Cross, West Bountiful, Centerville and Farmington are included as a planning influence area. The area of influence reflects regional considerations in the analysis and selection of future transit options for the study area.

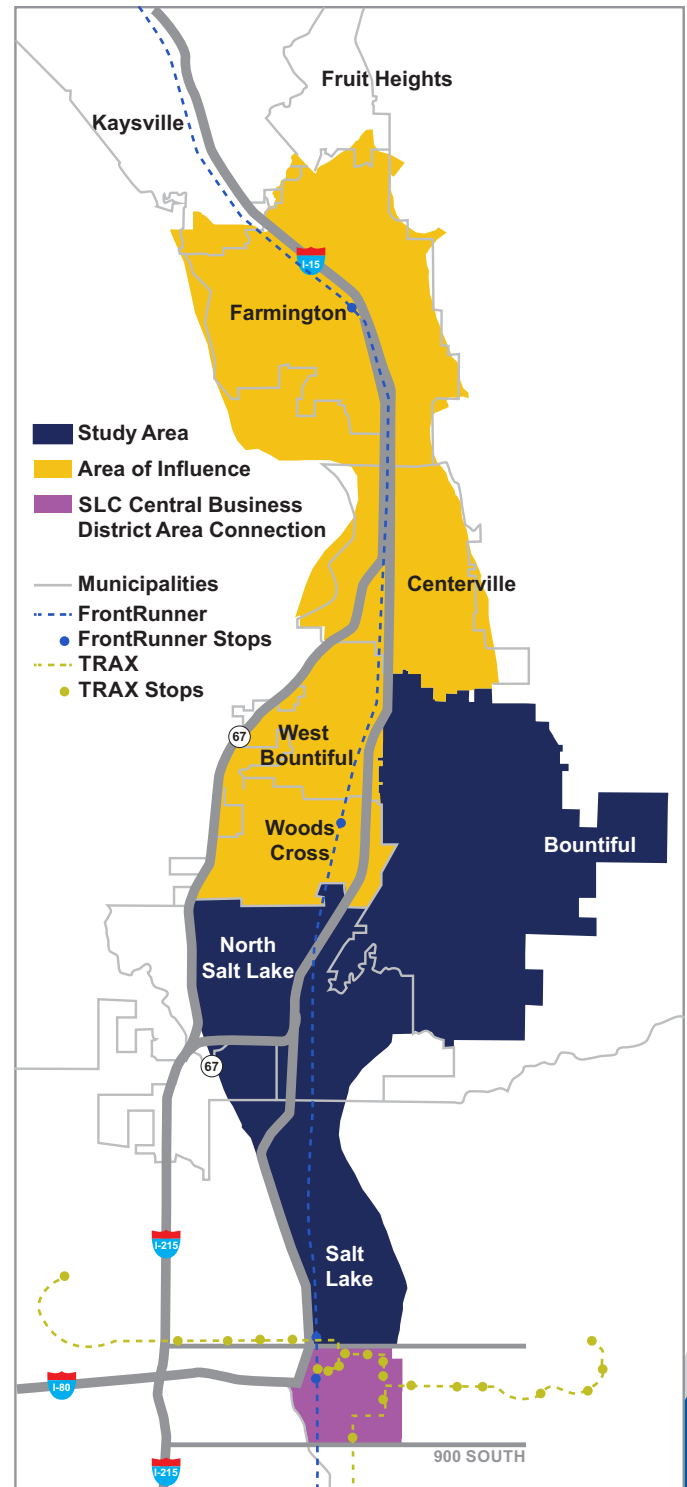
Public Involvement

UTA has gathered extensive public input during previous studies and is considering comments received as it moves into the current study. Expanded opportunities for public involvement are part of the current study, including regular advisory committee meetings with local government representatives, updates to elected officials, a series of community focus groups, meeting with and feedback from the local business community, presentations to interest groups and public and online open houses.

Study Timeline

Study completion is anticipated by spring 2014.

Study Area



Project Development Process

CURRENT PHASE						
Vision	Systems Planning	Pre-NEPA (Feasibility Study)	Project Development/ NEPA	Engineering/ Design	Construction	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long range and strategic planning • Political • Existing transit service • Local master plans • Utah Department of Transportation / municipal plans • Land use plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus versus rail • Local bus service • Travel demand • Mode • Alignment • Identify project corridors 	Evaluation criteria inc.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit markets • Ridership • Land use • Preliminary costs • Available funds • Prioritization • Partnerships • Feasibility study • Alternatives • Public involvement • Select Locally Preferred Alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public involvement • Metropolitan Planning Organization action • Select mode • Conceptual engineering • Complete National Environmental Policy Act process and decision document • Capital and O&M costs • Funding scenarios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine financial plan • Communication • Commitment of non-federal funding • Construction plans, right-of-way acquisition • Before/after data collection plan • Federal Transit Administration evaluation for Full Funding Grant Agreement • Begin negotiations 		
		12 - 18 months	1 - 2 Years	1 - 2 Years	2 Years	

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What was the cost of the previous study? What were the results of the study?

- Total Cost: \$2.4 million
- Deliverables: 2008 Alternatives Analysis Final Report, 2010 Draft Environmental Study Report (DESR), and travel demand data
- Under the 2010 DESR there was no stakeholder consensus on alignment and streetcar was the selected mode. Based on these outcomes, a future project was not eligible for federal funding.

2. How is this study different from the previous study?

- Total Cost: \$450,000
- The transit market has changed. Completion of the 2015 projects provide improved access to the overall transit system.

3. What are the expected outcomes of the new study?

- To understand the transit travel market and provide transit options, which will ultimately better serve the market.
- To gather public input to assess transit needs and desires of the community.
- To recommend land use changes needed to encourage transit-friendly economic development.
- To select a preferred alignment and mode based on stakeholder consensus.
- To provide the following deliverable: final report recommending a locally preferred transit alternative that will qualify for future federal funding.

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