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IMPACT STATEMENT

Bike and Pedestrian Design Features

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A secondary purpose of the Mountain View Corridor (MVC) project is to increase the number of bicycle and pedestrian options in the study area. One way to achieve this purpose was to plan for trail crossings as part of the new transportation system. Another way was to design sections of trail in proximity to the new system. Trail locations that would complement existing trails were considered while taking into account environmental impacts.

Trail Approach

To help accommodate existing trails, plan for future trails, and create new sections of trails, meetings were held with local jurisdictions, including the Salt Lake County Trails Advisory Board. Master-planned trails in the affected cities were discussed, as well as suggested trail uses, including pedestrian and bicycle recreational travel, bicycle commuter travel, and equestrian recreational travel.

Trail Features

A continuous multi-use trail running within the freeway corridor for the entire 35-mile length of the project was evaluated. However, the additional right-of-way required for such a trail would impact wetlands as well as existing and planned residential developments. A trail with various segments along the corridor that would connect to existing and planned community trails was considered more viable for the MVC. Each alternative includes a trail system along portions of the corridor and allows for the creation of new trails. To develop trail alignments, many factors were considered, including options for connecting to existing trails as well as ways to avoid homes, businesses, and wetlands. Trail segments will require between 12 feet and 50 feet of right-of-way, but the actual width will be determined during final design.

Each MVC alternative was also designed with trail crossings in mind. All existing and future trail crossings were identified and will be accommodated. The type of trail access across roadways will be considered during final design and could consist of a tunnel, overpass, or crossing at the nearest signalized intersection to maintain the continuity of the trail.

Please see Chapter 2 and 11 of the Draft EIS for more detailed information.

FAQs

Where will the Salt Lake County MVC trails be located?

The MVC trail system will include three trail segments in Salt Lake County (4700 South to 7800 South, 11400 South to 12600 South, and 13400 South to the Utah County line). These segments tie into major existing and proposed east-to-west trails in Salt Lake County to help form a connected trail system.

Where will the Utah County MVC trails be located?

A trail will connect to the existing Jordan River trail near the Salt Lake County-Utah County line and will also be placed along the MVC from the county line down to SR 73 in Saratoga Springs.

When will the final trail design be determined?

Details of MVC trail system will be determined during the final design phase of the project. Prior to final design, the Utah Department of Transportation will coordinate with cities in the study area, as well as Wasatch Front Regional Council, Mountainland Association of Governments, and the Salt Lake County Trails Advisory Board.

Public Hearings

Wednesday, November 14
Hunter High School
West Valley City: 4 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 15
Willow Creek Middle School
Lehi: 4 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 17
Copper Hills High School
West Jordan: 2 - 6 p.m.

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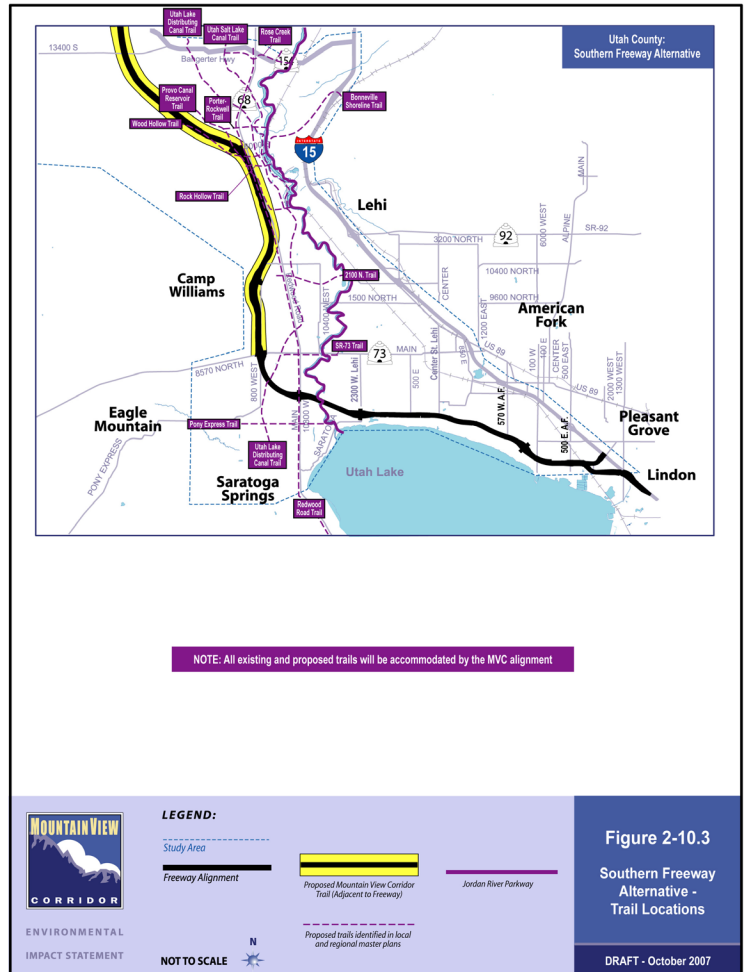
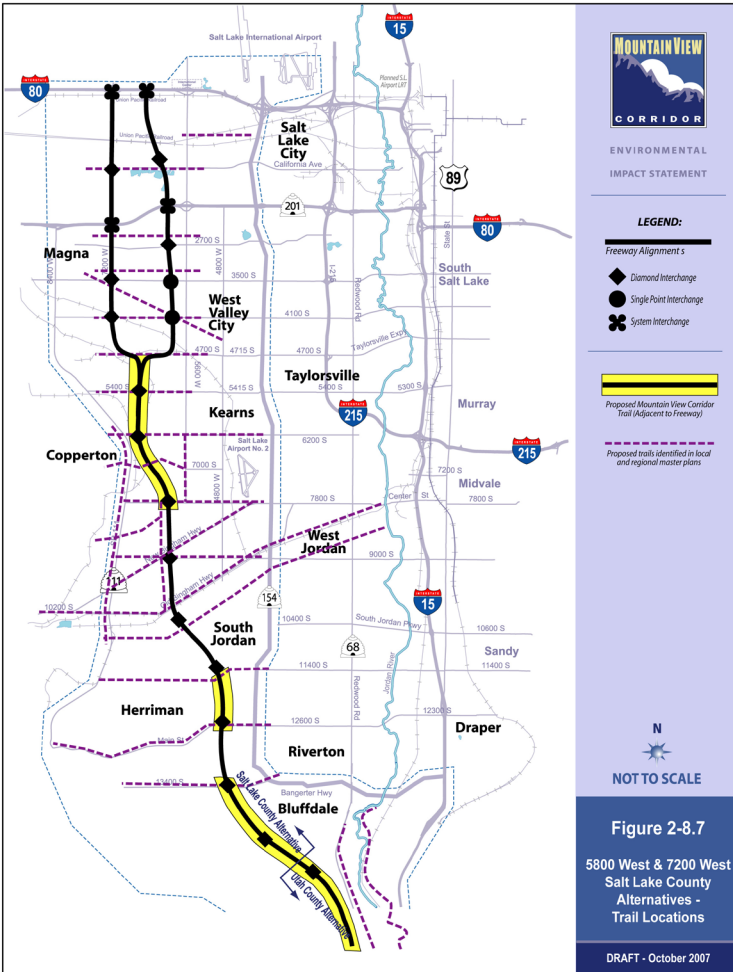
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