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# Growth Choices

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Early in the Mountain View Corridor (MVC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) requested that Envision Utah facilitate a process referred to as "Growth Choices." Envision Utah is a nonprofit organization based in Salt Lake City, Utah, that has been working with local jurisdictions since 1997 to preserve the quality of life for our growing communities through land use and transportation planning.

### Land Use and Transportation

The MVC Growth Choices process was an opportunity for the communities in west Salt Lake County and northwest Utah County to consider how changing their existing land use plans could help solve the area's transportation challenges. The goal was to ultimately bring the cities together on a formal agreement regarding the vision of future development in the MVC with unified land use and transportation goals. Growth Choices Stakeholder Committee members included Salt Lake and Utah counties, 14 cities, four nongovernmental organizations, a school district, two chambers of commerce, and five landowners in the MVC study area.

At the conclusion of the Growth Choices process, committee members signed the MVC Vision Voluntary Agreement, which contained a map of proposed MVC transportation and land use in the study area and outlined the following principles: 1) Work toward a common vision, 2) Implement pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use town centers and corridors, 3) Provide a variety of housing choices, 4) Provide a balanced transportation system, 5) Protect the environment by planning for more open space, 6) Support the MVC Vision EIS Alternative, and 7) Include elements of the Vision in future long-range plans.

### Growth Choices and the EIS

The Growth Choice process has played an important role in the development of the MVC EIS. Results of the process were considered in refining the project's purpose, identifying the alternatives, studying impacts, and selecting the preferred alternative. Ultimately, elements of the Vision were incorporated into all of the alternatives.

### FAQs

#### ***How did the Growth Choices process change land use plans in the MVC area?***

*As a result of the Growth Choices process, cities in the MVC expressed a willingness to pursue land use plans that would support transit, such as larger town centers, village centers with mixed-use developments, transit- and pedestrian-oriented developments, and denser residential development near anticipated transit stations.*

#### ***Were Growth Choices Stakeholder Committee members also involved in the EIS?***

*After initial meetings to develop the Mountain View Corridor Vision Voluntary Agreement, UDOT continued to coordinate with the Growth Choices Stakeholder Committee. Committee members were updated on the progress of the EIS and were invited to further discuss local and statewide transportation issues.*

### 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.**

Please see Chapter 3 of the Draft EIS for more detailed information.

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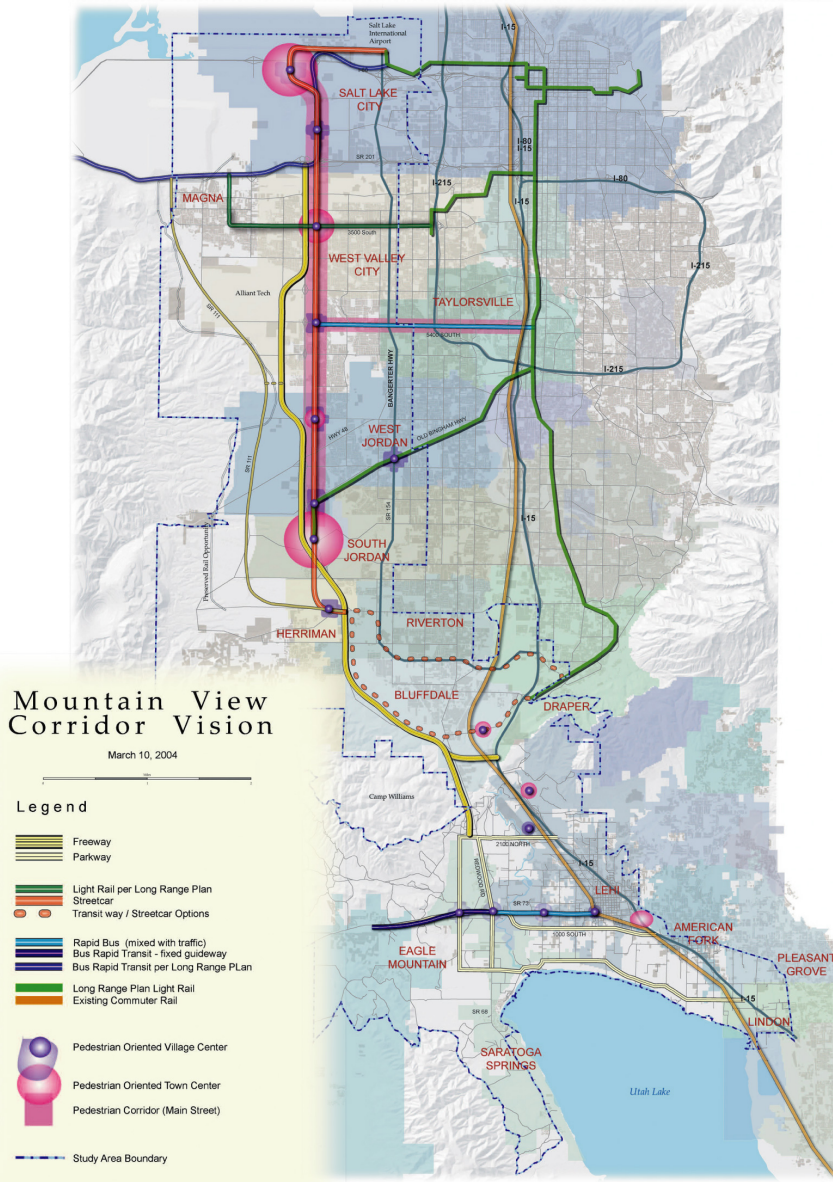
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Mountain View Vision Map from "Mountain View Corridor Growth Choices Study," EnvisionUtah, 2004

Figure 2-2

Growth Choices  
"Vision" Scenario

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