

Memorandum

Utah Federal Aid Division

Subject: Strong Federal Transportation Interest Concurrence Mountain View Corridor
Salt Lake County, UT

Date: June 16, 2022

From: Mr. Ivan Marrero Division Administrator Salt Lake City, UT

Reply to Attn of: HDA-UT

To: Mr. Nicolas Thornton, Director, Office of Real Estate Services (HEPR-1) Washington, D.C.

Purpose: The Utah Division has received a request from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to transfer Federal lands, currently understood, as administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) but managed by the Department of Defense and the Utah National Guard under President Woodrow Wilson's Executive Order 1922 dated April 24, 1914, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §317, codified 23 C.F.R. §710.601, for the Mountain View Corridor (MVC) in Salt Lake County, Utah. The request consists of 3 parcels of land and approximately 35 acres.

Federal Interest: The MVC is a new 40-mile National Highway System (NHS) highway functionally classified as a principal arterial connecting Interstate 15 to Interstate 80. Construction is phased over 20-years. The project is initiating Phase 2 (phasing is from outer ROW boundary inward) although this segment crossing federal lands is the final segment of Phase 1. These parcels will be needed for construction in approximately 18 months. UDOT is constructing the roadway with 100 percent State funding although they have maintained Federal-aid eligibility requirements to date as a risk-based approach due to the final design's \$3.4 billion cost estimates. FHWA was the lead agency and issued the Record of Decision on the project in 2008 and the Interchange Access approvals shortly after. FHWA anticipates that final design will meet all agency standards.

Need for FHWA Action: Pursuant to regulation and policy, the Division is submitting this request for HEPR-1 concurrence on the Division's determination that a strong Federal Transportation Interest exists in the MVC thus authorizing the Division to submit the request on behalf of UDOT to our partnering Federal Land Management agencies.

Your concurrence in the UT Division Office's determination is respectfully requested by signature below:

Nicholas Thornton

6/29/22

Nicholas Thornton, Director
Office of Real Estate Services (HEPR-1)