The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is preparing the Parley’s Interchange Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the short- and long-term needs of the I-80/I-215 eastside interchange. The purpose of the study is to improve safety, reduce congestion, increase regional mobility and update the current design of the interchange.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by UDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 2017, and executed by FHWA and UDOT.
SAFETY
Parley’s Interchange has not had a capacity or major safety upgrade since its completion in the mid-1960s. Parts of the interchange have accident rates above the state average for similar facilities.

TRAFFIC FLOW
Parley’s Interchange is congested during the morning and evening peak commutes, with traffic backing up onto the freeway travel lanes.

REGIONAL MOBILITY
Travel delay through the interchange has reduced regional mobility for passenger and freight traffic that use this critical local and national link of the interstate system.

UPDATED DESIGN
Parley’s Interchange does not meet design and safety standards.

Alternatives
UDOT will consider a range of alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the project, and are based on public and agency input. The study only evaluates potential alternatives; no funding for construction has been identified.

1. No action (no build)
2. Alternate travel modes (transit, active transportation)
3. Improve efficiency of the existing road network using transportation demand management
4. Upgrade the interchange, including added capacity to the interchange, ramps and surrounding road network
5. Combination of any of the above

Schedule and Process

Ongoing Agency Coordination and Public Involvement

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