Alternatives Evaluation Roadmap



Pre-Screening

Step 1: Fatal flaw review

- » Review full range of corridors and modes
 - Does the corridor or mode meet the Purpose & Need?
 - Is there an obvious fatal flaw?
 - Reduce corridors and modes based on pre-screening

Initial Evaluation

Step 2: Evaluate alternatives at a high-level

- » Combine remaining corridors/modes into logical alternatives
- » Reduce alternatives based on initial evaluation

Detailed Evaluation (3)

Step 3: Evaluate alternatives in more detail

- » Provide greater definition (identify service assumptions, stations, alignment details)
- » Further narrowing of alternatives

Preferred Alternative

Step 4: Develop Implementation Plan

- » Select Preferred Alternative
- » Consider potential phasing options

Full Range Corridors + Modes



SOUTH VALLEY TRANSIT S T U D Y

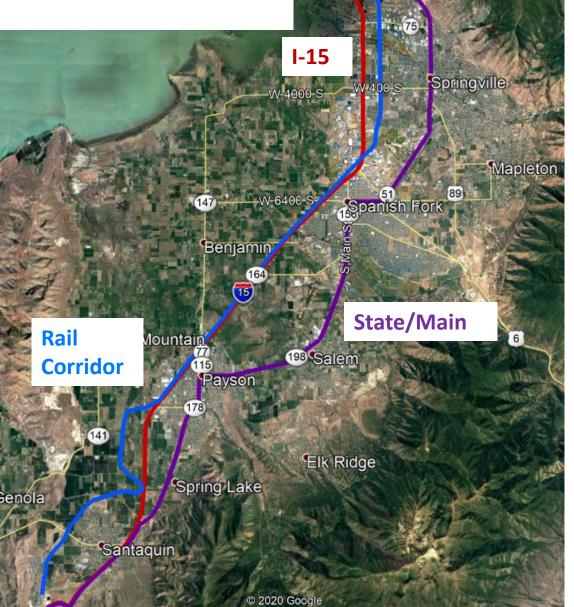
Corridors

- » State/Main Street
 - Multiple options for north and south terminus, will select a representative alignment
- » Rail Corridor
- » I-15
- » Missing anything?

Modes

- » Commuter Rail (exclusive guideway)
- » Light Rail (exclusive guideway)
- » Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (exclusive guideway)
- » Local bus service (mixed flow)
- » Express bus service (mixed flow)
- » Missing anything?

Transit Corridor Overview



Provo







Transit Mode Overview





	BUS RAPID TRANSIT	LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT	COMMUTER RAIL TRANSIT	EXPRESS BUS	LOCAL BUS	
Trip Types	Local and regional	Local and regional	Regional	Regional	Local	
Operating Environment	Exclusive right-of-way or mixed traffic along arterial streets or highways ^a	Exclusive right-of-way within arte- rial streets or in dedicated right- of-way separate from streets	Separate right-of-way	Utilizes existing travel lanes, often on interstates mixes with general traffic	Utilizes existing local streets, mixes with general traffict	
Typical Spacing of Stops	1/2 - 1 mile	1 mile	4-5 miles	Varies, but tends to have longer stop spacing (>1 mile)	1/4 mile	
Typical Peak Frequencies	5-10 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes during AM/PM peak, little or none outside of that	15-30 minutes	
Passenger Capacity per Vehicle	60-90 per bus	180-200 per car ^b	100-200 per car ^b	60-90 per bus	40-80 per bus	
UTA Example						



a - BRT has the greatest flexibility in operating environment. In addition to functioning in a typical street environment, it can also operate along highways, including in high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.

b - Multiple LRT and CRT vehicles can be linked to create a longer train, moving a higher capacity of passengers per trip.



Pre-Screening Step





Does it meet Purpose & Need or is there a fatal flaw?

Corridors

- » State/Main Street
 - May not obviously meet P&N but should evaluate
- » Rail Corridor
- » I-15

<u>Discussion:</u> Did we eliminate the correct corridors and modes?
Are there others to screen?

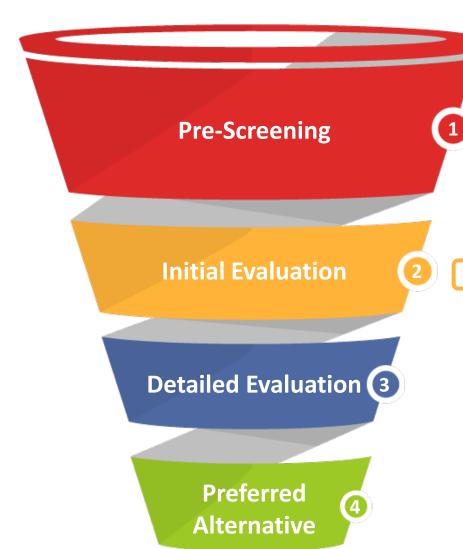
Modes

- » Commuter Rail (exclusive guideway)
- » Light Rail (exclusive guideway)
 - Likely meets P&N but need to show tradeoffs
- » BRT (exclusive guideway)
- » Local bus service (mixed flow)
 - Does NOT meet P&N*
- » Express bus service (mixed flow)

*By eliminating this mode does not preclude provision of local bus to serve the larger capital investment or making other service improvements

Alternatives Evaluation Roadmap





Step 2: Evaluate alternatives at a high-level

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- » Reduce alternatives based on initial evaluation future step



Combining Corridors + Modes into Logical Alternatives





Mode	Definition	State/ Main	Rail Corridor	I-15
Commuter Rail	 Operates in <u>exclusive</u> transit alignment Regional service with longer stop spacing 	No	Yes	No
Light Rail	 Operates in <u>exclusive</u> transit alignment (shoulder-running/median on I-15 or State/Main; rail corridor ROW) Regional service with longer stop spacing 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bus Rapid Transit	 Operates in <u>exclusive</u> transit alignment (shoulder-running/median on I-15 or State/Main; rail corridor ROW) Regional service with longer stop spacing 	Yes	Yes	Yes
Express Bus	Operates in mixed flow trafficRegional service with longer stop spacing	Yes	No	Yes

Discussion: Are these YES responses the correct alternatives to evaluate in Level 1?

Notes:

- Alternatives represent full buildout (2050) and service from Provo to Santaquin
- Frequency of service would be the same for all alternatives



Initial Evaluation – how to decide?



SOUTH VALLEY TRANSIT S T U D Y

→ Potential evaluation criteria:

- Transit speed
- Transit reliability
- Transit connections
- Ridership potential
- Transportation impacts
- Community computability
- Economic development potential
- Cost
- Constructability considerations
- Operational considerations
- Environmental considerations

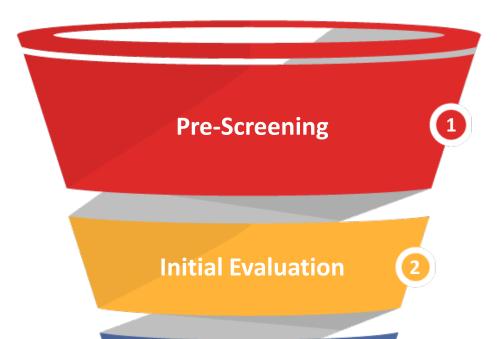
Initial evaluation:

- Planning level analysis
- Minimal engineering

Initial evaluation criteria are:

- ❖ High-level
- Largely qualitative
- Help illustrate key differences

Alternatives Evaluation Roadmap – Future Steps



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