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Lynda,

Mel Kaku asked me to respond to your questions relating to the Salt Lake Blvd and the Fixed Guideway development schedule. My responses are in caps.

Your question No. 1:

- When is construction expected to begin on the transit alignment through Salt Lake Boulevard? (or a tentative timeline?)

WE HAVE NOT DEVELOPED THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE. ONE WILL BE DEVELOPED DURING THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROJECT. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE INTENSE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN THE AREA BEFORE 2012 THOUGH.

I'd also like to confirm what we discussed yesterday:

- The design for the mass transit alignment through Salt Lake Boulevard is expected to be completed around 2011-2012 (not within 18 months from now as mentioned earlier).

THAT IS A REALISTIC EXPECTATION. THE DESIGN WORK COULD START IN THE 2010 TO 2011 TIME FRAME AND BE COMPLETED 2011-2012 SO THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CAN START AFTER THAT.

- Any construction on the Salt Lake Boulevard widening requires inclusion in the TIP (in order to get federal funding)? And DTS submits recommendations to the TIP every two years (which means DTS will submit a recommendation two years from now for the 2008-2011 TIP)?

INCLUSION IN THE TIP IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING. IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE IT. THERE ARE MANY HOOPS BEFORE ACTUAL FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR A PROJECT, EG. DESIGN MUST MEET ALL FEDERAL STANDARDS, ETC.

TIP CAN BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE PROJECTS AT ANY TIME BUT THE FORMAL TIP UPDATE OCCURS EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE 2008-2011 WAS JUST APPROVED BY THE OMPO THIS WEEK SO DTS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTING NEW PROJECTS ANY MORE, OTHER THAN AMENDMENTS. SALT LAKE BLVD IS LIKELY TO BE PROPOSED FOR 2011-2015 TIP WHEN THE CALL FOR PROJECT IS ISSUED BY OMPO.

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