

## FACT SHEET

### WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Salt Lake City's Westside neighborhoods are separated from downtown and other parts of the Eastside by I-15 and major railroad tracks, like the Union Pacific and FrontRunner. These barriers make it hard for people to get around—especially when trains are stopped on the tracks. That means longer trips, unpredictable delays, and safety concerns. Right now, there are only a few crossings grade separated from the tracks between the west and east sides of the city.

### WHAT'S BEING DONE?

Salt Lake City has launched the West-East Connections Study to find ways to reconnect our neighborhoods. The study is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

This effort will:

- » Focus on listening to the people most affected by the divide.
- » Explore ways to improve travel by **car, foot, bike, and public transit**.
- » Identify and prioritize projects that will make it easier and safer to get around the city.

### WHO'S INVOLVED?

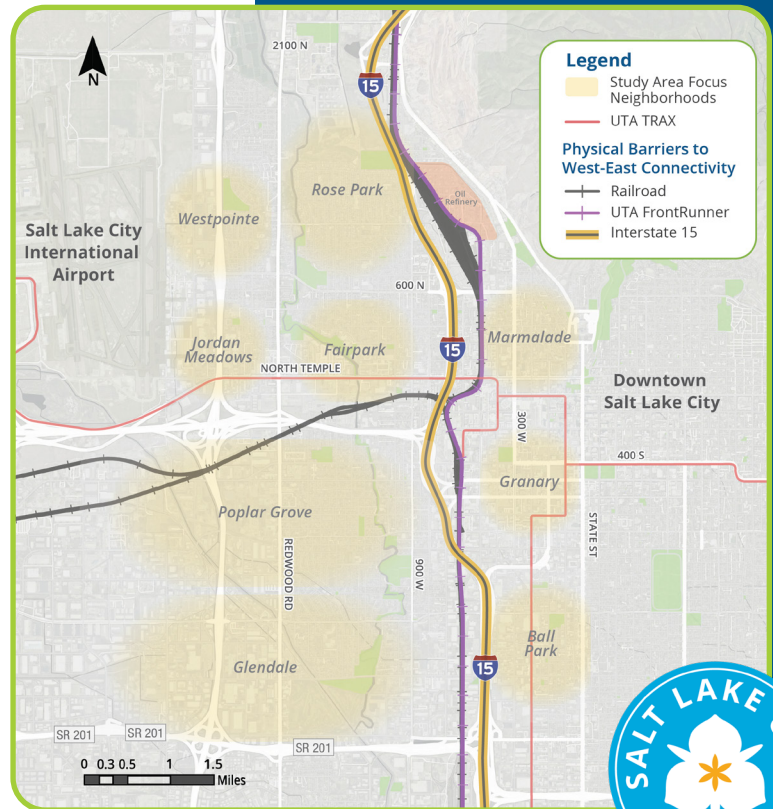
This is a community effort. The outcomes of the study depend on input from **community members, city staff, and partner agencies**. A Community Advisory Board of study area residents is helping guide the process and ensure all voices are heard.

#### Project Partners include:

- » Salt Lake City (Transportation Division, Public Utilities, Mayor, City Council and Community Reinvestment Agency)
- » Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

#### Roles and Responsibilities

- » **Salt Lake City (SLC):** Leads the study and manages the project.
- » **UDOT:** Manages USDOT funds for the study, oversees federal grant rules, and advises on state-owned roads involved in future solutions.
- » **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):** Experts from city departments and partner agencies who provide ideas and advice to keep the study on track.
- » **Community Advisory Board (CAB):** Residents from the Westside who represent different neighborhoods, cultures, and backgrounds. The CAB helps share information, gather feedback, and keep the community involved.



Project Area Map

### THE GOAL

By the end of 2026, the team will publish a list of community-supported projects to help connect Salt Lake City's west and east sides.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

There will be many ways to participate and share your ideas throughout the study. Public events and other opportunities for input will be announced along the way.