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## **UDOT ADVANCES REDWOOD ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN SARATOGA SPRINGS TO 2017**

*Funds to widen and reconstruct Redwood Road scheduled one year earlier due to rapid growth*

**WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah** (Dec. 11, 2015) – Due to rapid population growth west of Utah Lake, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has decided to accelerate its upcoming widening project on Redwood Road in Saratoga Springs.

The schedule change was announced Friday during the monthly business meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission, a governor-appointed body that administers transportation funding. UDOT officials recommended restructuring the funding of the project so it could be completed in 2017, a year ahead of its original schedule.

“Saratoga Springs is seeing rapid growth along Redwood Road west of Utah Lake,” said Matt Parker, UDOT project manager. “This widening and reconstruction project will provide two travel lanes in each direction and a center turn lane that will keep traffic moving through Saratoga Springs.”

UDOT and Saratoga Springs City had been in discussions about potential interim solutions to ease congestion on Redwood Road south of Pioneer Crossing prior to the full reconstruction project. As engineers evaluated the cost-benefit of short-term solutions, UDOT determined that it was better to build the full solution sooner.

Preconstruction activities such as design and property acquisition will occur in 2016 in anticipation of bidding the project next fall. A construction contractor will be selected in early 2017. The project is expected to take one construction season to build.

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