



# Public Notice

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Date: November 6, 2001  
Comments Due: November 27, 2001

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**SUBJECT:** Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to discharge fill material to construct a park-and-ride facility to accommodate 500 vehicles as shown in the attached drawings.

**APPLICANT:** Howard Denney, Public Works Director  
American Fork City  
P. O. Box 397  
American Fork, UT 84003

**LOCATION:** The proposed project is located at 630 East 1500 South in American Fork City, within Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 1 East, Utah County, Utah.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of the proposed project is to provide a park-and-ride lot that would address the existing and future shortage of dedicated park and ride stalls in the American Fork area. The project is part of the proposed American Fork interchange at Interstate 15. A study conducted by the Mountainland Association of Governments in 1996 showed that there was a shortage of 176 dedicated stalls in the American Fork area in 1990, and this shortage is anticipated to increase to 295 dedicated stalls by 2015. The new park-and-ride lot would service a variety of mobility needs now and in the future including bus transit, commuter park-and-ride carpool access, and future commuter rail service between Provo, Salt Lake City and Ogden.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is to construct a 500-vehicle parking facility. The project site is approximately 20 acres in size. A total of 3.61 acres of wetlands would be affected, which includes impacts related to the construction of the access road and the detention basin. The stormwater detention basin will receive storm runoff water from the parking facility and related roadways. Mitigation strategy for the wetland impacts is to buy wetland credits in the nearby Lehi wetland mitigation bank. All functions and values of the existing wetlands would be replaced in the mitigation area. Mitigation wetlands are expected to have improved functions and values in comparison to the wetlands that would be filled.

**AREA DESCRIPTION:** The project site is located on the east side of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad tracks and on the north side of 1500 South Street. In general, the project site consists of an agricultural field that is presently cultivated with a grain crop and a separate agricultural field that appears to have been abandoned. A buried sewer line traverses the project site approximately north/south and essentially separates the abandoned field to the west and the cultivated field to the east.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected. Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area; a survey has not been conducted. This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Certification that the proposed work, if permitted, will not violate applicable water quality standards has been requested from the Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

Certification for the project, according to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse sources (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity and where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, Utah Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870, on or before **November 27, 2001**.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **November 27, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**For further information**, please contact Mr. Howard Denney, Public Works Director, American Fork City, telephone (801) 763-3060, or Mr. Shawn Zinszer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Utah Regulatory Office, 533 West 2600 South, Suite 150, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

Written comments should reference Public Notice No. 200050223 and should be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Utah Regulatory Office, ATTN: Shawn Zinszer, 533 West 2600 South, Suite 150, Bountiful, Utah 84010. **Comments are due November 27, 2001.**

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Enclosures: 3 Drawings