



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Summit County Council  
**From:** Carl Miller, PMP, AICP CTP, Regional Transportation Planning Director  
**Date of Meeting:** October 19, 2022  
**Subject:** Discussion of the upcoming Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Work Session for the Kimball Junction (I-80 at SR-224) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
**Type of Item:** Work Session

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### Background

The Kimball Junction area which includes the interchange at Interstate 80 and SR-224 inclusive of the intersections at Ute Boulevard and Olympic Parkway is a gateway from the Wasatch Front to the Wasatch Back to a major economic engine and regional tourist destination. Increased growth and tourism have caused travelers on SR-224 to experience increased congestion, unreliable travel speeds, and decreased safety for all modes.

The purpose of the Kimball Junction SR-224 EIS is to assess design alternatives which could be “significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.” Specifically, the study will identify and analyze multimodal improvements to address congestion, mobility, safety, access, and travel time reliability at the Kimball Junction interchange and on SR-224.

During previous studies, UDOT, in partnership with Summit County, identified over 30 potential design alternatives for Kimball Junction. After partner and public outreach, the number of alternatives were narrowed to three (3) recommended for further analysis. These are:

- Alternative 1: Split-diamond Interchange with one-way frontage roads
- Alternative 3: Grade-separated intersections
- Alternative 4: Combination of stand-alone surface street improvements

Staff will provide an overview of the salient project issues and discuss how the Council would like to proceed as a partner in this study in preparation for the UDOT workshop on October 26, 2022. At that meeting, UDOT staff will provide an overview of the project, discuss the purpose and needs statement, and review the next steps in the process.