Citizens give input on future roadway plans

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Thomas said the conceptual plans included in the study have not been formalized, so comments at the open house will reflect the draft plan. At this point, the conceptual plans include a number of high-profile proposed projects to create new roads, modify existing roads or expand existing ones, are included in the draft plan.

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While the plan includes proposed projects through 2040, he said there will likely be another update to the long-range transportation plan for Tooele County in the future.

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Another note suggested connecting the Oquirrh Expressway to Smelter Road.

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