

## FACTS ON THE

# WASHINGTON PARKWAY

41%

Decrease in Desert  
Tortoise Population  
1998-2003

\$200,000

UDOT Funds Spent  
on 2012 Study to  
Support New  
Highway

## Can a Highway Protect Tortoise Populations?

"a road would compromise the commitments on which the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) was based, is likely to compromise the biological integrity of the Upper Virgin Recovery Unit (already the smallest recovery unit), and may result in an adverse modification of designated critical habitat"

US Fish and Wildlife 2009

## Protect Washington County's HCP

Washington County's Habitat Conservation Plan is facing renewal in 2016.

Failure to adequately protect existing desert tortoise populations may jeopardize this renewal.

"Unlocked" over 350,000 acres of land for development

Millions of taxpayer dollars already spent on land exchanges

Provides cities with protection from the ESA

## Is there a need?



Vision Dixie results anticipate population growth to focus on the south end of the county.



Public transportation was not considered as an option for east west commuting.



65 % of Washington County Residents DO NOT SUPPORT this highway.



An existing east west transportation route currently exists.

## Stop Taxpayer Waste

No Future Funding for UDOT Studies to Undermine US Fish and Wildlife's Standing Decision Against a Highway through Red Cliffs National Conservation Area