

**Petition of the Residents of Green Springs, Brio, Warm Springs and Middleton
To the Washington County Commission and Washington City Council
Regarding the Northern Corridor Highway, Summer 2020**

Washington County is seeking permission from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to build the Northern Corridor Highway in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and National Conservation Area (NCA). This highway has not been approved and is open for public comment this summer. The Washington Parkway Extension has been approved and constructed. The Northern Corridor Highway, if approved, would connect to the Washington Parkway Extension, allowing 30-40,000 vehicles per day to drive through quiet Washington City neighborhoods into the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA.

We, the residents of Green Springs, Brio, Warm Springs and Middleton, request that the Washington County Commission and Washington City Council meet with members of our communities to hear how we feel about this project and to learn how it would impact our lives.

Furthermore, we request that the Washington County Commission and Washington City Council support the homeowners represented here by supporting alternatives to the Northern Corridor Highway located outside the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA and away from existing homes. The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA is the main attraction for living in this area and supports our quality of life.

Construction of the Northern Corridor Highway would:

1. Drastically increase traffic on the Washington Parkway Extension, Green Springs Drive and other connecting roads.
2. Decrease property values by damaging scenery and tranquility.
3. Drastically increase air pollution and litter levels.
4. Drastically increase light pollution, negatively impacting desert star gazing and quality of sleep.
5. Drastically increase traffic noise with many homes experiencing 8 times more loudness and 1,000 times more sound intensity than before. (Noise levels at many homes will increase from 30 to 60 decibels at 30,000 vehicles per day, and even more at 40,000 vehicles per day.)
6. Negatively impact health and decrease quality of life.
7. Disrupt access to hiking trails and harm wildlife.
8. Increase potential for development next to the highway.
9. Increase potential for additional highway lanes in the future. (Washington City's Transportation Master Plan shows the Washington Parkway Extension having 6 lanes in the future: 3 in each direction.)
10. Unnecessarily burden taxpayers when effective, cheaper transportation alternatives exist.

Therefore, we the residents of Green Springs, Brio, Warm Springs and Middleton strongly oppose the proposed Northern Corridor Highway route. We expect the Washington County Commission and Washington City Council to protect our land, lives, property values, health and well-being.

Respectfully,

Full Name(s)	Signature(s) and Date	Address
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

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Please sign, fold, stamp and mail this petition to the address printed on the back ASAP! (Or sign, scan and email.)

Please confidentially share your email address and/or phone number below so that we can share important project updates with you. The *only way* we can provide full maps, information on alternative routes, public comment due dates, and invitations to meetings scheduled with your elected officials is by contacting you via email or phone. Thank you!

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Phone Number(s):

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CONSERVE SOUTHWEST UTAH
321 N. MALL DRIVE, STE. B202
ST GEORGE UT 84790

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30,000-40,000 VEHICLES PER DAY? ACT NOW!

ACTION #1

Sign and mail the enclosed petition ASAP to Conserve Southwest Utah (CSU), the local non-profit that is organizing collection and delivery. If you prefer to drop it off or email it, please contact sarah@conservewsu.org

ACTION #2

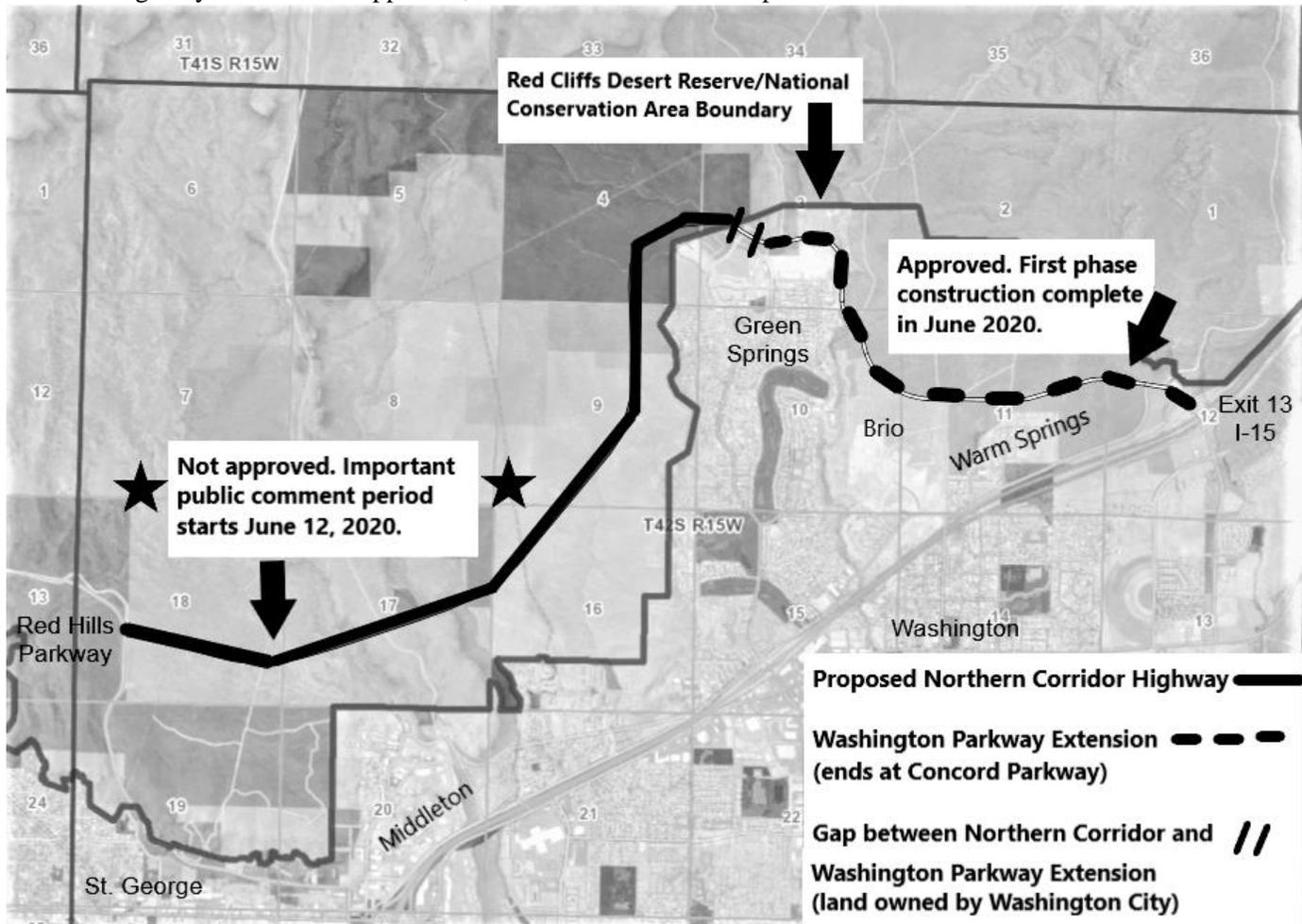
Take part in a **crucial** public comment period beginning **June 12, 2020**. Write a short comment to the Bureau of Land Management supporting transportation alternatives *outside* the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA, and away from existing homes. Details are on the back of this page.

Conserve Southwest Utah (CSU) is the local non-profit that has been fighting the Northern Corridor Highway since 2006. CSU has helped to defeat six previous proposals for this highway. We want to work with you to defeat the Northern Corridor Highway this seventh, and final time, in favor of better solutions that don't sacrifice quality of life.



BACKGROUND

The Washington Parkway Extension (which dead-ends at Concord Parkway) has been built. However, the Northern Corridor Highway has not been approved, and it is not too late to stop its construction.



The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization predicts that by 2040, the proposed Northern Corridor Highway would carry **30-40,000 vehicles per day**. Looking at this map, please note what that would do:

- In north and east Green Springs, Brio and Warm Springs, it would drastically increase traffic on the Washington Parkway Extension, putting **30-40,000 vehicles per day** as close as **29 feet from backyards**.
- In west Green Springs and Middleton, it would put **30-40,000 vehicles per day** as close as **800 feet from homes**.
- Traffic will also increase on Green Springs Drive and all other connecting roads in these four neighborhoods.

The Northern Corridor Highway has NOT been approved! Your efforts will make a difference, so please ACT NOW.

REMEMBER:

ACTION #1 is your petition for our local elected officials which should be signed and mailed immediately (attached).

ACTION #2 is your comment to the Bureau of Land Management, the agency responding to Washington County's request for this highway. Here are the details:

Commenting on the Northern Corridor Highway

On June 12, 2020, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Northern Corridor Highway will be shared with the public. This document will disclose the highway's impacts to the environment and to our communities. It will also study **a range of alternatives to the Northern Corridor Highway** route. There will be an alternative that *does not* negatively impact the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA and the residents of Green Springs, Brio, Warm Springs and Middleton.

It's **critical** that all who would be harmed by this project have their voices heard. Please write a short comment that:
(A) explains how this project would impact your life, and
(B) supports a transportation alternative outside the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/NCA and away from existing homes.

Shortly after the DEIS is released, Conserve Southwest Utah will share comment writing tips, deadlines and information on how and where to submit your comment.

Find this information at **conserveswu.org** after June 12, 2020.
Email sarah@conserveswu.org with questions.