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One year until 2000 West completion

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Utah County drivers will be able to use the new 2000 West in Pleasant Grove in about a year, thanks to an interlocal cooperation agreement between the city and Utah County. Pleasant Grove City Council members approved the agreement at a city council meeting on July 3.

"This is the culmination of years of work. About this time next year, 2000 West will be completed," said Mayor Michael W. Daniels, after the agreement was approved.

The new five-lane road will run from 700 North in Lindon to the boundary of Pleasant Grove and American Fork.

"It's important because it will be a major bypass when work is being done on the freeway," said city finance director Gary Clay.

The length of the road is divided into four different segments. According to Clay, the county will acquire the right of way and build all five lanes in the third segment, which runs through current landowners' properties.

The city will repay the county over a period of time — yet to be determined — with impact fees.

"We will own the road and we will reimburse the county the cost of right of way and the cost of the three center lanes," said Clay.

According to Clay, 2000 West is considered a road of regional significance because people other than Pleasant Grove residents will be using it on a daily basis. Because of this, Utah County will cover the cost of two lanes of the road by reimbursing \$2.9 million to Pleasant Grove. That amount was already paid by the city for the two lanes in segments one, two and four.

"The county decided to step in to help," said city attorney

Tina Petersen at the city council meeting. "Several sections are completed or under construction, but this major section is not completed," she said.

"The city simply doesn't have the money to finish the road," said Clay. "Pleasant Grove's section will cost roughly \$18 million."

The road is expected to help commuters drive through the northern part of the county with greater ease.

"It will connect everything together," said Public Works Director Lynn Walker. Without a lot of access points, the road is built for travel.

Community Briefing

PLEASANT GROVE ELECTION — As of Tuesday one had filed to run for the Pleasant Grove City Council in the Nov. 6 municipal election. Interested residents have until 5 p.m. July 16 to file a declaration of candidacy with the city recorder at 70 S. 100 East.

Three seats are available: those of Darold McDade, Cindy Boyd and Bruce Call. If more than six individuals file for candidacy, a primary election will be held Sept. 11.

The city recorder is also accepting letters of interest to temporarily fill Darold McDade's seat for the remainder of this year. McDade recently resigned the council to accept a position as a fourth district judge. Those interested have until July 20 to file a letter of interest with the city recorder. There have been applicants for that position as of today.