NEWEL AVENUE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Agency: Hildale City, Water Canyon Elementary, & Community Partners

Grant Program: UDOT Safe Routes to School – FY 2027



Project Overview

- Location: Hildale (Rural Washington County), Newel Avenue, from Canyon Street to Hildale Street (~1,230 ft corridor)
- Scope Includes:
 - o 800 feet of new 5-ft sidewalk
 - o 2 ADA-compliant curb ramps (at school frontage and Memorial Street)
 - o Minor curb/gutter work and driveway tie-ins
- Will create a continuous, predictable pedestrian path on the school/library route





Collaboration & Community Support

- Community-driven project with support from:
- Parents and residents
- PTA
- Short Creek Outdoors
- Creek Valley Health Clinic
- Hildale Library staff

Formal letters of support included



Project Budget & Funding Request

• Construction (sidewalk, ramps, curb, drives): \$68,140

• Construction engineering & admin: \$26,000

• **Contingency:** \$15,000

• Total Project Cost:

\$109,140

OR \$101,751.23 After HC Match of \$7,388.79



Project Schedule

• **Design & Permitting:** July 2026 - February 2027

• **Bid & Award:** May – June 2027

• Construction: July – October 2027

Project Completion: November 1, 2027

Health & Demographical Context

• Healthy Places Index score: 26.6th percentile

• Poverty rate: 28.6%

• Median household income: \$62,727

Water Canyon Elementary is a Title I school;
46.1% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch

Safe infrastructure encourages physical activity and addresses transportation equity



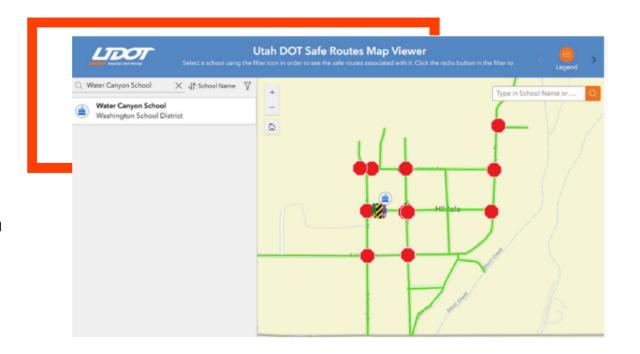


Why This Project Is Needed

- Connects kids to an Elementary School and High School on a high-traffic pedestrian corridor.
- Connects schools to a highly used library.
- Supports families with limited vehicle access or rigid work schedules.
- Improves safe access to Hildale Library the most visited rural library in Washington County.
- It would help kids not walk in the street.
- Supports participation in after-school and community programs.

Alignment with Safe Routes Utah Plan

 Newel Avenue is designated as a primary school walking route





Expected Outcomes & Evaluation

- 150+ students will have a safe, direct route to school & library
- Reduced pick-up/drop-off traffic and calmer school frontage