

Prison Relocation Commission

Considerations for a Final Site Recommendation July 16, 2015



As the Prison Relocation Commission considers the four finalist sites for the location of the new Utah State Correctional Facility, the following are criteria the commission may wish to consider in making its final recommendation to the Legislature and governor:

Impact on the Criminal Justice System

- How well will the site location support the state's primary goals of justice reinvestment, reducing recidivism, and producing better outcomes for inmates?
- How will the site location affect access to the facility for visitors, volunteers, staff, and treatment providers?

Costs

- How will site features affect overall construction costs, including site preparation, infrastructure, and facility construction costs?
- What opportunity does the site provide for partnerships to share the costs of infrastructure development?
- How will the site location affect the long-term operational costs of the new facility, including costs associated with the site's proximity to medical and court facilities?
- Will selecting the site have other budgetary implications considering the state's total economic and financial circumstances and existing appropriations for the new facility?

Additional Economic Benefit

- Will the state's investment in infrastructure likely leverage economic development around the site?
- Will selecting the site provide a comparatively greater benefit to the statewide economy than selecting another site?

Timing/Process Difficulties

- What difficulties are associated with procuring the site, including difficulties regarding site ownership and purchase negotiations?
- Are there external processes that could delay the project or make the site unreasonably difficult to develop, including permitting processes?

Environment Effects

- Will the site impact the state's goals to improve air and water quality?
- Will development of the site adversely affect valuable ecological resources?

Public Support

- What level of public support or opposition is associated with the site?

Cultural Resources

- Are there any cultural, historic, or prehistoric resource that could be damaged or degraded if a correctional facility were to be constructed at the site?

Other Considerations

- How will construction of a correctional facility on the site affect other significant state interests, both now and in the future?