Interstate 15 and Timpanogos Highway, Lehi, UT
DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

THE PROBLEM
The area experienced increasing population growth and traffic demand, leading to backups and delays at the interchange. Alternatives to reduce congestion had to minimize the footprint of the I-15 bridge over the crossroad and keep the interchange within the existing right of way.

THE SOLUTION
Installation of a DDI constructed under the highway overpass.

THE OUTCOME
- Studies show that the renovated infrastructure has resulted in an influx of over 100 new business and 4,000 new jobs.¹
- The DDI design allowed UDOT to easily add two signalized crosswalks, providing safer and more convenient pedestrian facilities.
- The DDI design also integrated provisions for bicycles, including a shared use path and wide shoulders.

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INTERCHANGE LOCATION
40°25'53.0"N 111°53'26.7"W

Background
Located at the interchange of Interstate 15 and Timpanogos Highway, or State Route 92, the new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) was part of a highway expansion project intended to increase throughput and accommodate expected future growth. Before construction of the new DDI, traffic moved through a conventional diamond interchange. Increasing commercial and population growth created a surge in demand on the local road and interchange. Before long, the limitations of the conventional design became apparent in delays and backups.

Challenges
Timpanogos Highway runs below I-15. UDOT wanted to maintain the existing I-15 bridge deck, keep the new interchange within the area of the existing roadway, and minimize the footprint that I-15 would need to span.¹ In addition, the new interchange would need to include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, features that were absent in the original interchange.

Approach
With the DDI located below the highway overpass, UDOT met its construction challenges by using existing asphalt and eliminating the need for extensive renovations to the I-15 bridge. This design also allowed UDOT to retrofit two signals to provide for pedestrian and bicyclist crossings.

Results
With its improved traffic flow and accessibility to foot and bicycle traffic, studies credit the new interchange with an influx of over 100 new business and 4,000 new jobs.² In addition, the DDI has made travel more efficient and accessible for all users.

¹ Interview with Smith Siromaskul, St. Louis, MO, November 2, 2013.
³ Ibid.