Utah Transit Authority

Providing the Right Service for Your Community

Salt Lake County Council
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Board of Trustees

Current Board:
- 16 member
- Part-time volunteer board

New Board Under SB 136:
- 3 member full-time paid board

County Executives:
- Submit 2 or more names to the Governor

The Governor:
- Selects 3 trustees

The Senate:
- Consent

New UTA Board in place on or before November 1, 2018.
Board Nominees Awaiting Senate Confirmation

Carlton Christensen
Salt Lake County

Beth Holbrook
Weber/Davis/Box Elder Counties

Appointment Pending
Utah/Tootle Counties
Governance

Nine-Person Local Advisory Board

UTA Advisory Board

- Salt Lake County COG: 3 appointments
- Salt Lake City Mayor: 1 appointment
- Utah County COG: 2 appointments
- Davis County COG: 1 appointment
- Weber County COG: 1 appointment
- Tooele & Box Elder COGS Jointly: 1 appointment
Federal Funding Received by UTA

- FrontRunner North revenue service begins; groundbreaking for Mid-Jordan, Airport, West Valley, and Draper TRAX and S-Line streetcar
- Mid-Jordan TRAX, West Valley TRAX, and MAX BRT revenue service begins
- Draper TRAX, Airport TRAX, and S-Line revenue service begins

Preventative Maintenance
Planning & Operating
Capital
Sales Tax Rate Received by UTA
(by county)

- Salt Lake: 0.69
- Weber: 0.65
- Davis: 0.65
- Utah: 0.53
- Box Elder: 0.55
- Tooele: 0.40
2017 Transit Tax Distribution by County

- Salt Lake: 61%
- Weber: 9%
- Davis: 12%
- Utah: 16%
- Box Elder: 1%
- Tooele: 1%
Regional Transit Equity Analysis

UTA’s commitment is to provide balance between the revenues received from each county and the level of service and capital investment provided to each county.

- All transit modes are evaluated, including paratransit and vanpool services
- Analysis is independently verified by a third party accounting firm
Another Bountiful Every Year!
Challenges of Growth
Wasatch Choice 2050 Regional Vision

- Access to economic and educational opportunities
- Ample parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities
- Clean air
- Manageable and reliable traffic conditions
- Fiscally responsible communities and infrastructure
- Housing choices and affordable living expenses
- Livable and healthy communities
- Sustainable environment, including water, agricultural, and other natural resources
- Quality transportation choices
- Safe, user friendly streets
Access to Opportunity

How many valuable destinations (jobs, education) can be reached in a reasonable period of time?

Freedom Analysis: 30 minute trip
The Role of Public Transit

Public Transit is a tool to:

• Meet the challenges and demands of growth
• To help local governments achieve their unique goals
• Provide mobility choices for individuals
• Fill the gaps that private enterprise does not serve
Collaborative Long-Range Planning
UTA’s Service Area
UTA’s Ridership Trends

Assuming that UTA is funded at a full 1% sales tax, 127 Million boardings per year are projected by the year 2040

Utah Transit Authority is Incorporated (1970)

First Commuter Rail Line Opens (2008)

First TRAX Line Opens (1999)

First Streetcar (S-Line) Opens (2013)

45.6 Million Boardings (2016)
UTA's 2040 Strategic Plan

- Customer Experience
- Workforce of the Future
- Strategic Funding
- Leadership & Advocacy
- Access to Opportunity
A Future of Integrated Mobility
UTA’s Service Vision

Legend
- Blue: Bus
- Purple: Commuter Rail
- Light Blue: Light Rail/Streetcar
- Green: High Capacity - High Frequency Bus

2018
UTA’s Service Vision 2040
The Right Service for Your Community

Urban or Suburban?
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Economic Development or Access to Opportunity?
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Commuter Market or Local Circulation?
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Coverage or Frequency?
Seven Demands of Effective Public Transit

“It takes me *where* I want to go.”
“It takes me *when* I want to go.”
“It’s a good use of my *time*.”
“It’s a good use of my *money*.”
“It *respects* me.”
“I can *trust* it.”
“It gives me *freedom* to change my plans.”
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How many people are near transit?

High Ridership

Low Ridership
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Are there long distances between destinations?

High Ridership

Low Ridership
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How easily can people get to transit stops?

Low Ridership

High Ridership
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Can transit run in straight lines to attract through-riders?

High Ridership

Low Ridership
Two-thirds of transit planning is the role of local governments.
Five-Year Mobility Plan

This rolling work plan will:

- Bridge the gap between RTP and annual service changes
- Apply innovative mobility solutions
- Respond to local goals and objectives
- Result in data-driven annual work plans
Future of FrontRunner

This study recommends investments to:

• Increase frequency to 15-minutes, double-track, and electrify

• Maximize operational efficiency and accommodate future growth

• Prioritize investments where they most beneficial

• Estimate costs of five investment scenarios
The Future of Rail

The 2019 “Future of TRAX” will:

• Build on momentum of the 2017-2018 Future of FrontRunner study

• Help maximize operational efficiency and accommodate future growth

• Prioritize investments

• Plan for major regional changes, e.g. prison, Point of the Mountain
Core Routes

This robust stakeholder engagement process will:

• Help communities articulate their goals for transit
• Distinguish between coverage and frequency services
• Guide future investments
• Result in right service for each community
Questions?