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Utah Transportation Agencies Awarded Highly-Competitive Grant
Grant is an important investment on critical Wasatch Front corridor

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (Sept. 11, 2014)- The Utah Department of Transportation, the Utah Transit Authority, the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Mountainland Association of Governments have been awarded a highly-competitive, national grant to study the I-15/FrontRunner corridor along the Wasatch Front between Utah County and Weber County.

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant will provide \$820,000 for the study entitled, 'The Pioneer Corridor Plan.' This plan is an innovative transportation study developed in close collaboration with local and regional partners to address the critical needs in the region's primary transportation corridor.

"We are very pleased to have this additional investment in our community," said Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council Executive Director. "The close collaboration between our agencies has been and will continue to be essential in providing a comprehensive approach to addressing our transportation needs."

The I-15/FrontRunner corridor along the Wasatch Front is among the most heavily-congested areas in the state. With Utah's population in this area expected to increase 60% by 2040, the study will provide a much-needed plan to look at all modes of transportation and the connectivity between them, including how roads, public transportation, biking and walking can provide choices for getting around.

The Pioneer Corridor Plan will provide a framework to enhance regional mobility and strengthen the economy through proactive planning that improves access to jobs and facilitates the movement of goods and services.

"By working together we can improve air quality, promote economic development and further enhance the quality of life for all Utahns through an integrated transportation system," said Gruber. "We appreciate the support from our congressional delegation, particularly Senator Hatch, on this effort."

It is anticipated that the study will begin this fall and will take approximately one and a half years to complete.

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