

Active Transportation Committee

Focus Areas – 2022



1. **Plan:** continue adoption and refinement of active transportation plans that coordinate local and regional plans **in order to improve the active transportation network**



2. **Build:** encourage funding and construction of priority projects
 - through shared awareness of and advocacy for funding opportunities
 - through agency partnering
 - that incorporate ADA Accessible Design
 - that benefit underserved communities



3. **Educate:** increase support for AT through
 - choosing to bike and walk and inviting others to do the same (e.g. get out of your car challenge)
 - highlighting economic and health benefits
 - highlighting the symbiotic relationship with transit
 - **share the road education for drivers**



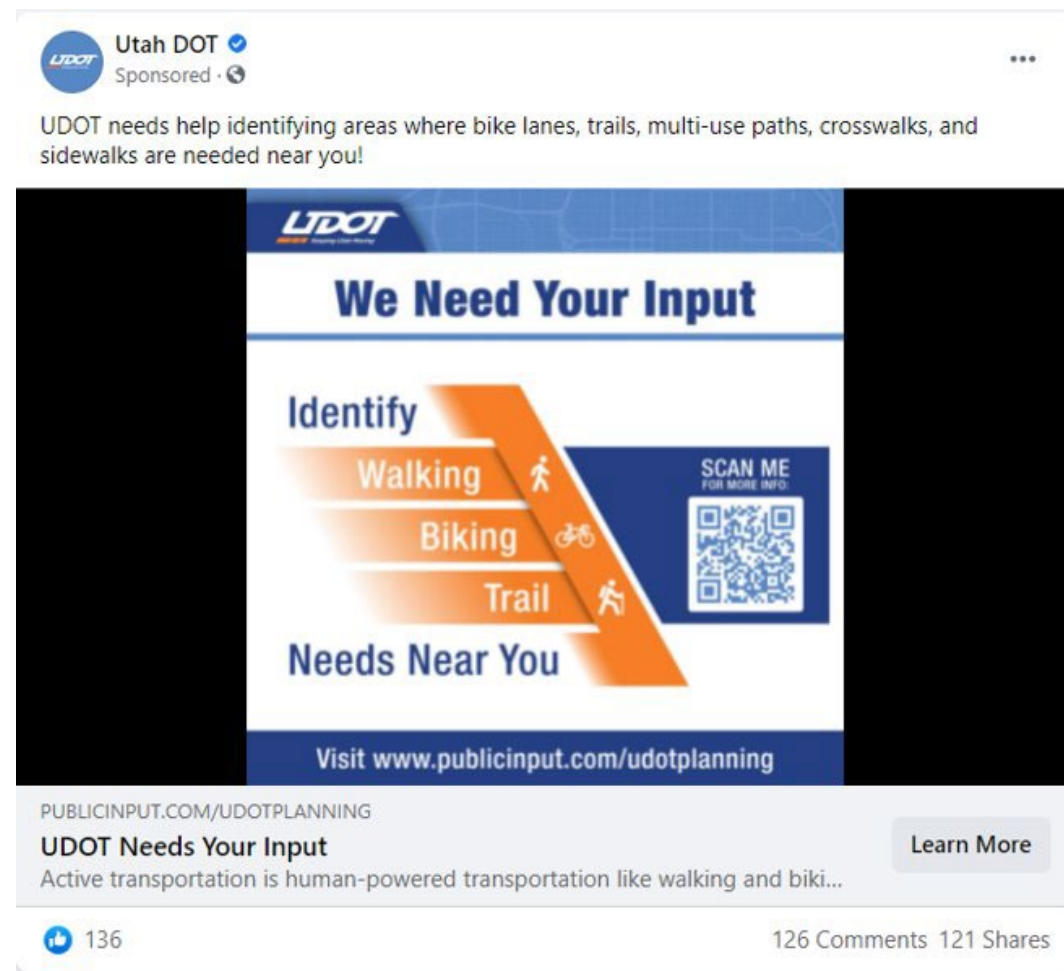
4. **Coordinate:** collaborate on policy issues including
 - micromobility **and e-bike adoption**
 - facility maintenance
 - regional wayfinding
 - facility design best practices



Active Transportation Public Outreach Effort

UDOT Active Transportation Planning Outreach Effort

UDOT asked for the public's input in identifying areas where facilities are needed on state roads. Where are the gaps and what improvements need to be made on existing facilities?



Public Involvement in Active Transportation Planning



PI Purpose & Goals



Outreach
Plan/Approach



Outreach
Strategies/Methods



Outreach Results



Comment Analysis



Lessons Learned &
Considerations



Put it into Action



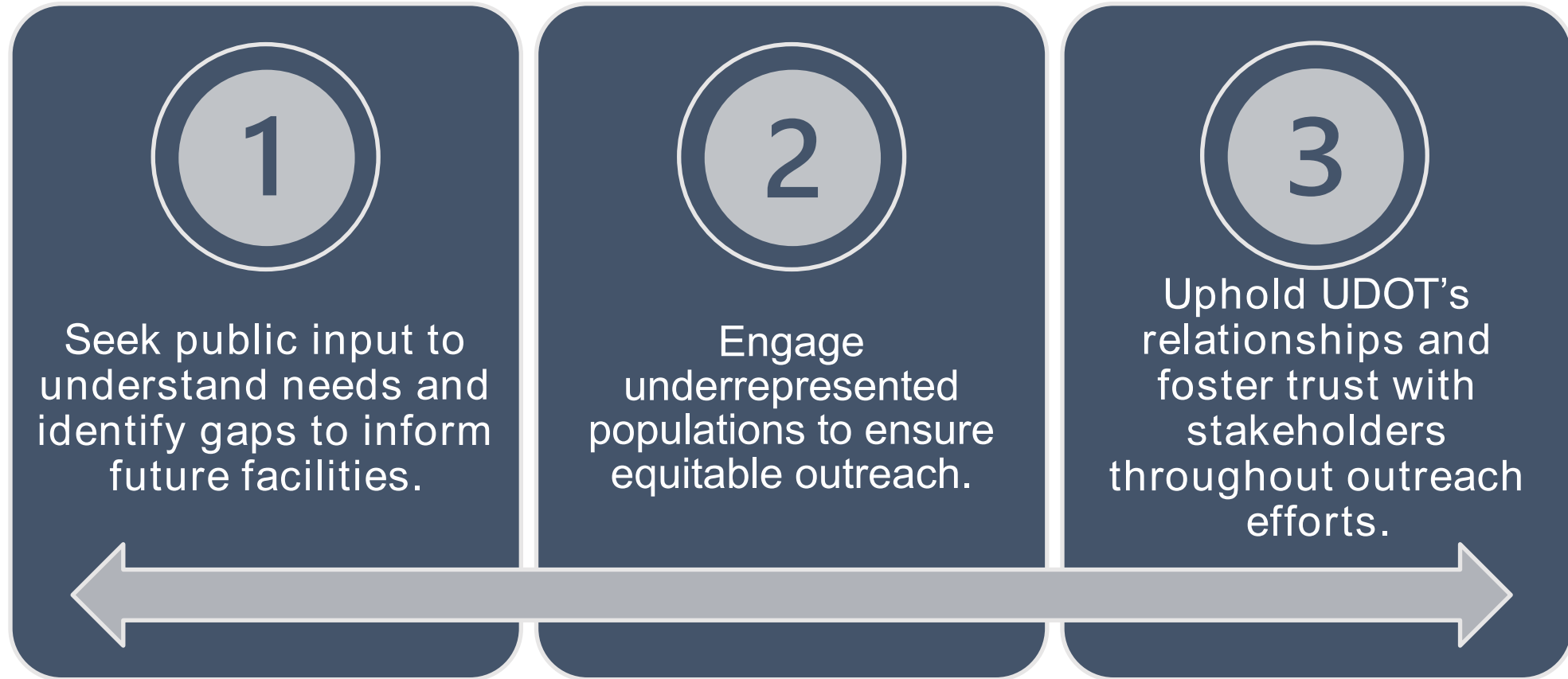
Next Steps

Why is This Important?

"Active Transportation is real infrastructure and we should plan for it."

– Stephanie Tomlin and Bert Granberg @ UDOT Conference

Project Outreach Goals



Key Stakeholders/Audiences

- MPOs/AOGs
 - WFRC
 - MAG
 - Dixie MPO
 - Cache MPO
- Move Utah partner organizations
 - Bike Utah
 - Utah Department of Health
 - Bicycle Collective
- Utah Highway Patrol
- Colleges and Universities in UTA service areas
- Refugee communities
- Tribal Nations
- ESL communities
- Disability Advocates
- Cities/towns/regions identified in mapping exercise
 - Aging populations
 - No-car households
 - Differently abled/those with disabilities
 - Multicultural populations
 - Lower income households

Key Strategies



Target outreach to underserved communities



Develop English and Spanish content



Collaborate with community liaisons



Customize approach for geographic areas based on specific needs



Leverage partnerships

Partners in the Park^{ing} lot

This summer, we're mixing things up again with **community parades**, **drive-thru events**, and an **end-of-summer gathering in the park**.

Watch for the celebratory parades in your neighborhood, join us at one of the safe drive-thru "**Partners in the Parking Lot**" events for a bag filled with helpful and fun resources, and come celebrate with us at Jordan Park in August!



For ADA accommodations, please contact Teresa Molina at (801) 347-5803

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Summer 2021

JUN 14 6:30 p.m.
 Community Parade
Glendale Area

JUN 15 6-8 p.m.
 Drive-Thru Event
Glendale-Mt. View CLC
1388 S Navajo St.

JUL 12 6:30 p.m.
 Community Parade
Rose Park Area

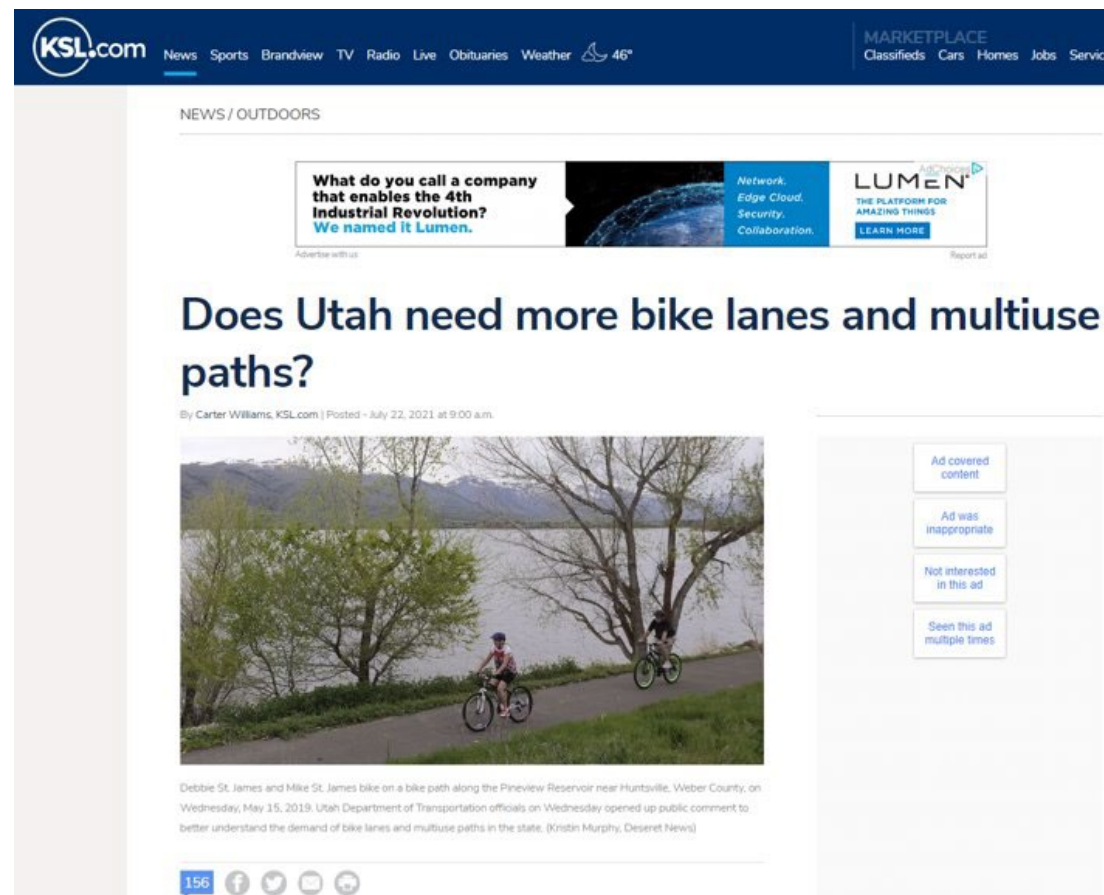
JUL 13 6-8 p.m.
 Drive-Thru Event
Northwest Middle School
1730 N 1700 W

AUG 10 6-8 p.m.
 In-Person Event
Jordan Park
1060 S 900 W

FREE!

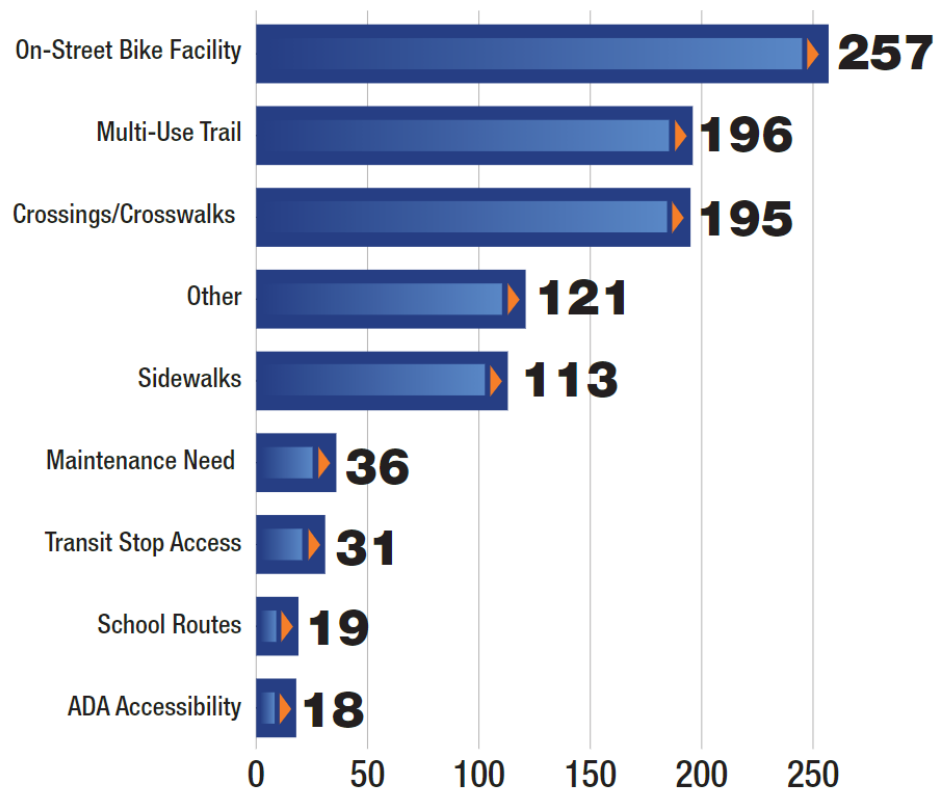
Outreach Methods

- Website (~13,000 views in 2 months)
 - GIS Comment Map
 - Comment Form
 - Survey
- Social Media (Paid & Organic)
- Partner Communication Channels
- Canvassing
- Community Events
- Radio PSAs
- News Media

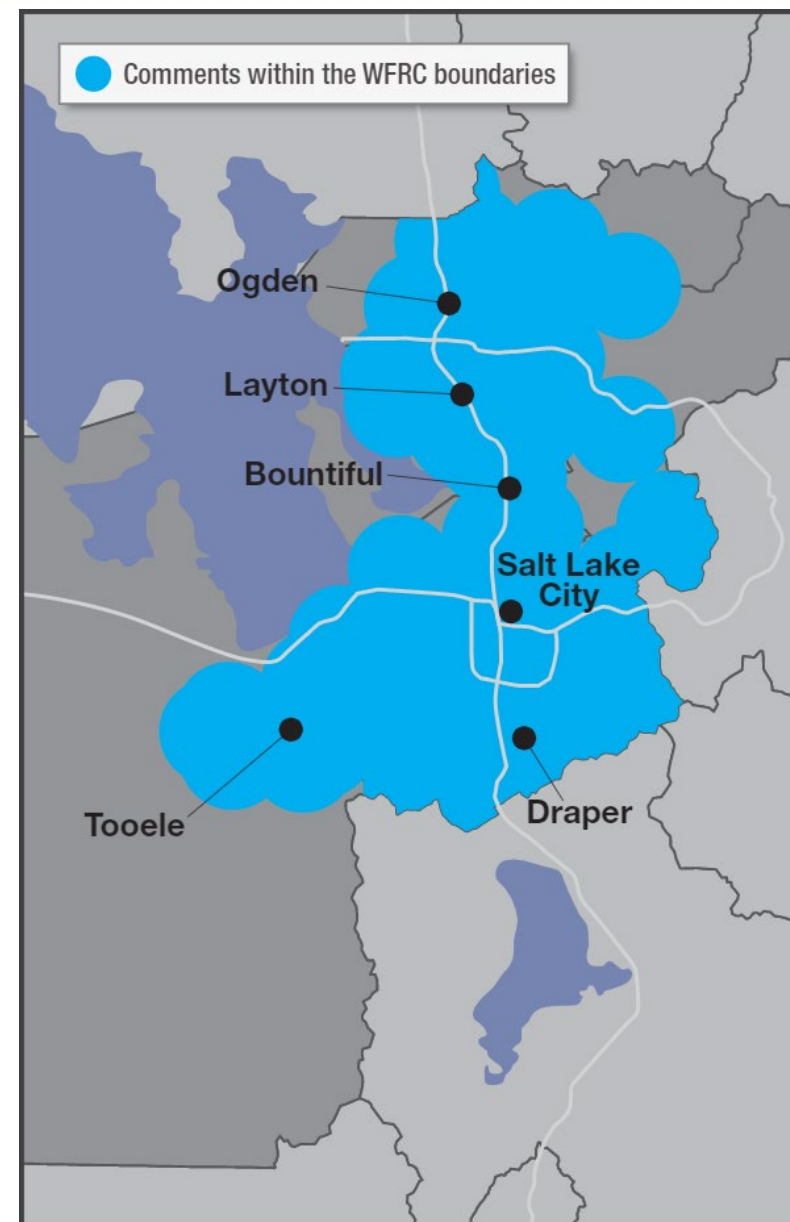


Final Comment Stats for WFRC Area

Comment Map & Form Comments

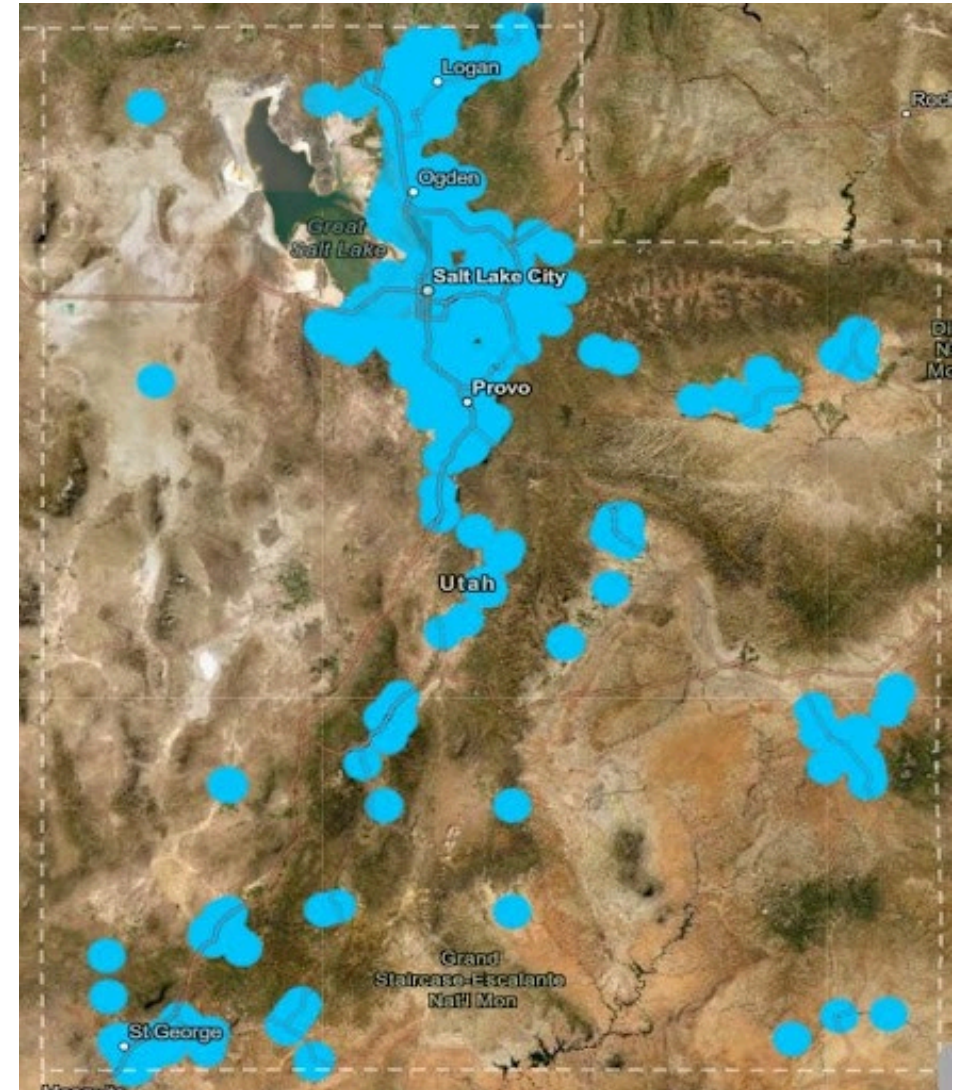


Total comments = 986



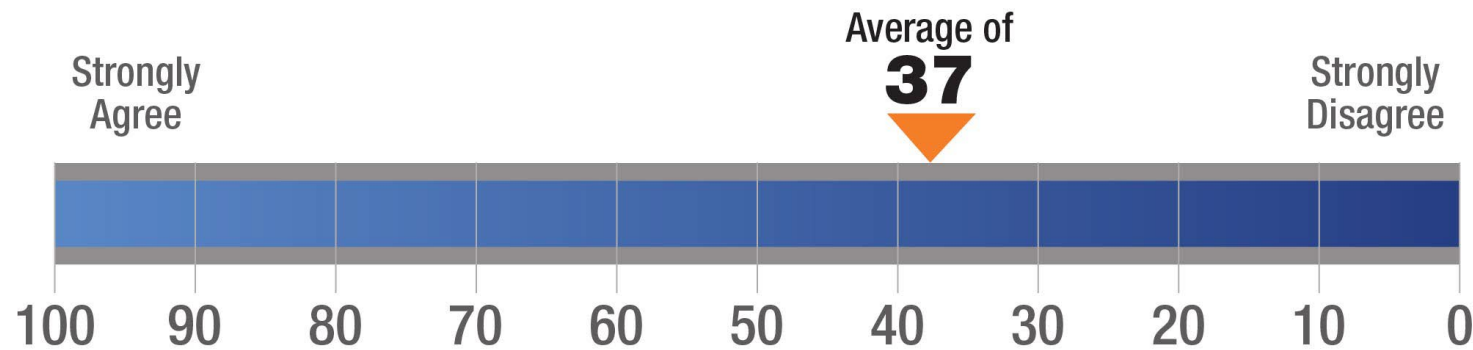
Reach

- Emphasis on geographic diversity
- Analyzed comment map, then did additional touch points
- Leaned on UDOT Communication Channels
- Community Orgs



Survey Results

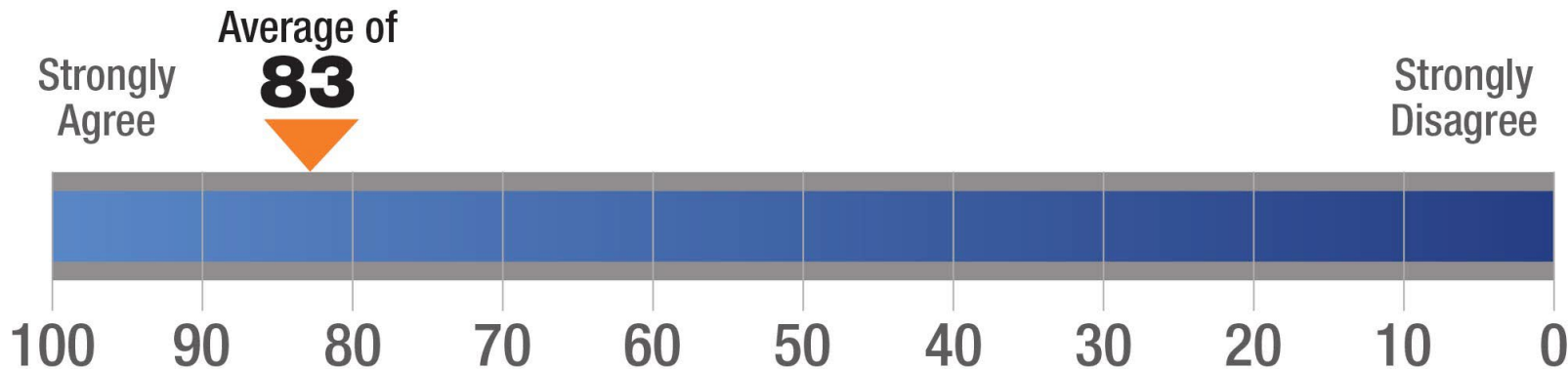
Survey Question 1: My community currently has safe walking, biking, and off-road trail options.



Total Participants = 4,342

Survey Results

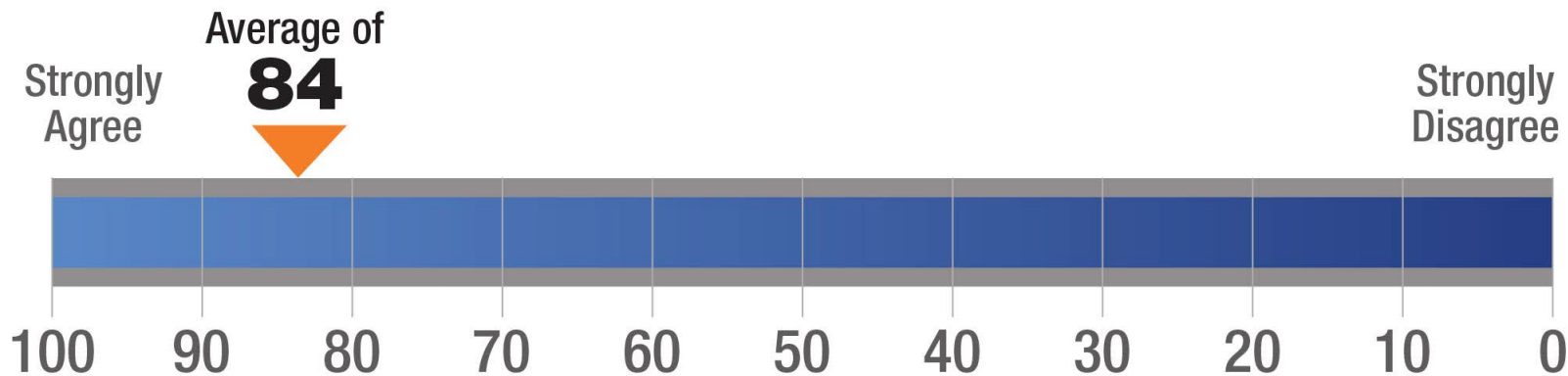
Survey Question 2: Pedestrian walkability on and off-roads is important to me.



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Survey Results

Survey Question 3: Having access to bicycle paths on and off-roads is important to me.

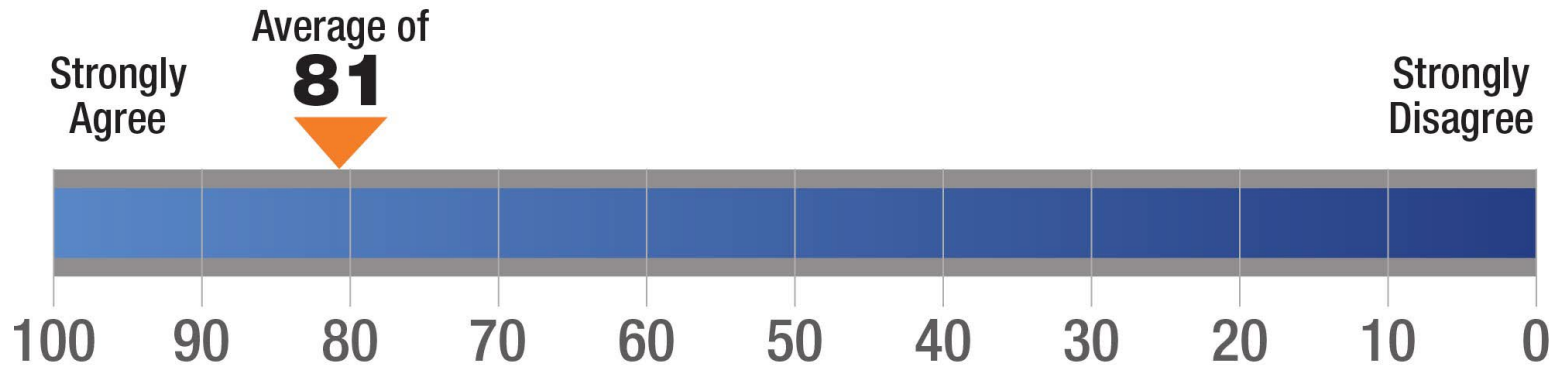


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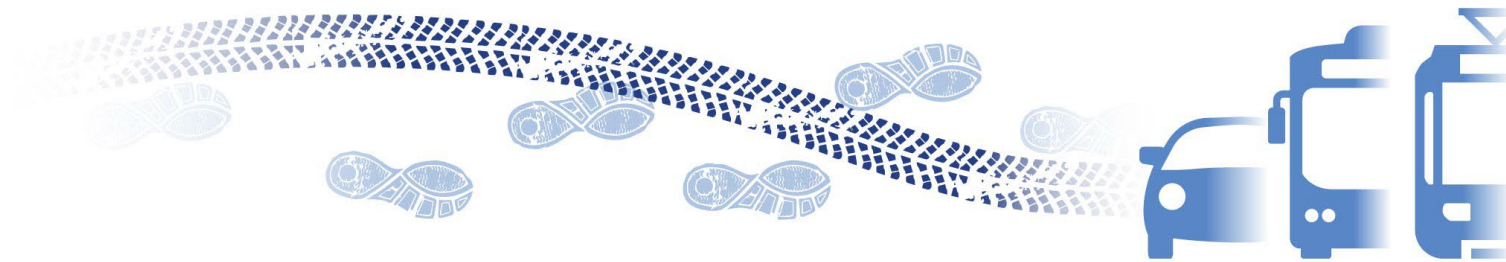


Survey Question 4: Having access to transit on foot or by bike is important to me.

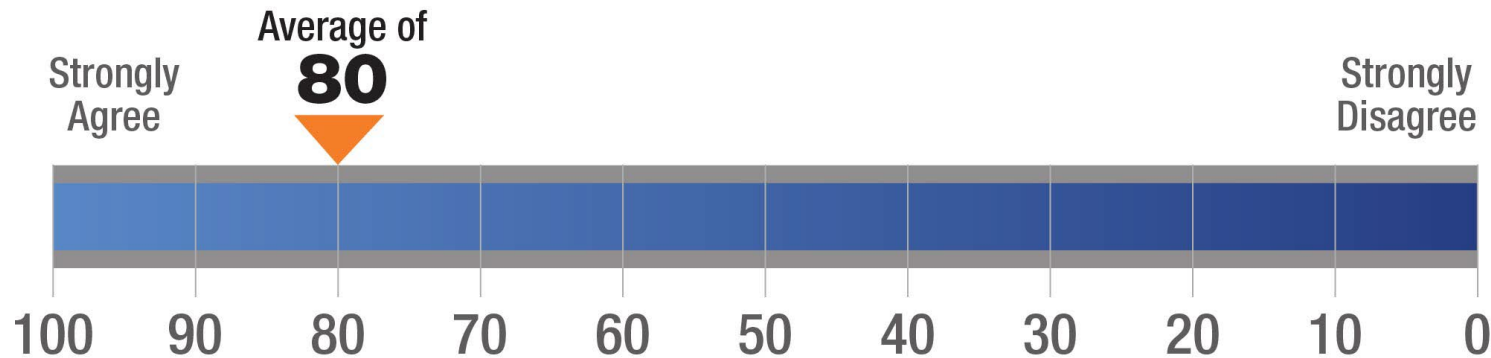


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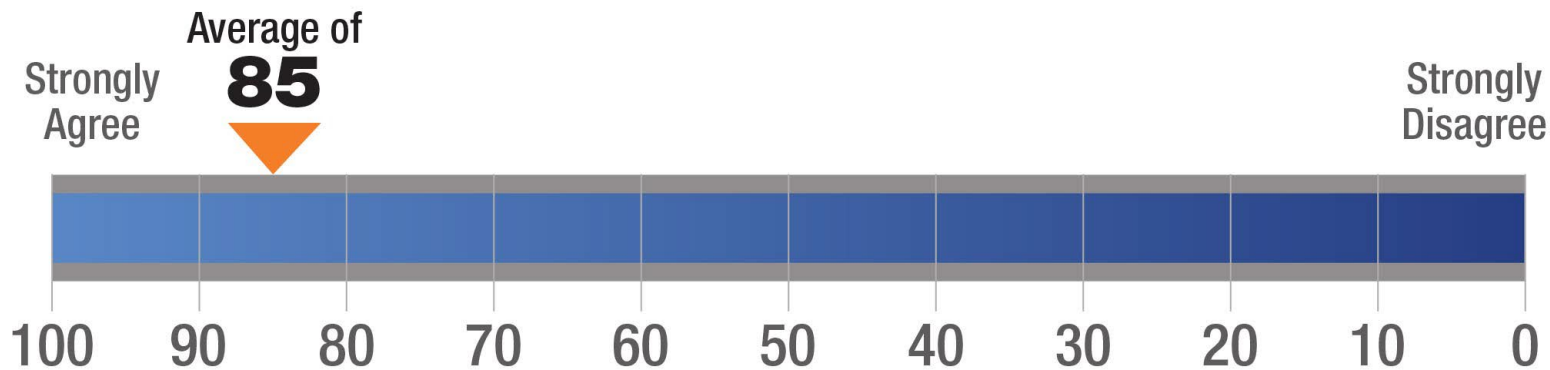
Survey Question 5: Having a variety of transportation choices available to me is important.



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Survey Results

Survey Question 6: UDOT should be innovative with its nonmotorized transportation pathways.



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On-Street Bike Facility Category

Utahns expressed an overwhelming desire for increased bike facilities on roads, preferably separated from the road.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- More bike lanes
- Separated facility on streets
- Increased safety on bike lanes
- Increase shoulder widths
- Dedicated bike lanes for roads crossing I-15



Multi-Use Trail Category

Residents overwhelmingly expressed a desire for multi-use trails that connect cities and counties together.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Connecting cities
- Paving city trails
- Adding multi-use trails to increase safety
- Expand Utah's trail system
- Connect Jordan River Trail to more cities and canyons
- More signage on trails, specifically "Dogs on Leash"



Crossings/Crosswalks Category

Utahns expressed a big concern for pedestrian and biker safety and frequently suggested adding more crosswalks and pedestrian flashing signal.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Add more crosswalks
- Pedestrian flashing signals
- Pedestrian paths/bridges
- 700 E and State St need more crossings/bike lanes



Sidewalks Category

Residents expressed concerns about rough sidewalks and the need for cleanup to increase safety for bikers, along with fixing holes/cracks and repaving the sidewalks.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Lack of sidewalks throughout the cities
- Continuous sidewalks
- Sidewalk repairs



Maintenance Needs Category

Many expressed the need for maintenance and/or repair on existing sidewalks and trails. Residents expressed concerns about rough paths and the need for cleanup to increase safety for bikers. Utahns also referenced the need for fixing holes/cracks, repaving and sweeping trails, including bike lanes, throughout the state.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Clearing debris off sidewalks and paths
- Repaving needs
- Potholes/cracks
- Rough paths



Transit Stop Access Category

There was an expressed desire for public transit access points around the state.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Stops at trailheads
- Paths to transit points
- Install benches at bus stops



School Routes Category

Some residents expressed concerns about child safety when walking or biking to school and agree that there is a need for increased pedestrian safety along with adding more sidewalks and paths around schools.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Pedestrian safety
- Intersection safety
- Adding sidewalks
- Adding crosswalks
- Traffic lights at busy intersections



ADA Accessibility Category

Utah residents expressed a need for continuous sidewalks and lower curbs to be utilized throughout the state for accessibility and wheelchair needs.

Topics frequently mentioned:

- Lack of continuous sidewalks
- Low curbs needed
- Sidewalk slope concerns



Overall Comment Themes

- Safety - expand shoulder width, add signage, clean up debris on exiting lanes/trails.
- Connectivity between counties and cities and existing trails.
- Need for repairs or maintenance on existing facilities.
- Adding designated bicycle lanes to roadways.

Most frequently mentioned areas of trails & connectivity needs

Cache Valley

Add on street bike lanes and multi-use trails that loop around cities in the valley.

Jordan River Parkway

Connect existing trails to the rest of the valley. Trails need repairs/improvements.

Sanpete County

Need more walking and biking options.

Mount Carmel

Need trails from Mt Carmel to Glendale.

Ogden Canyon/Valley

Add dedicated bike lanes to roads; connect existing trails.

Farmington

Add more shoulder on roads for bikes. Additional bike lanes needed.

Parley's Canyon

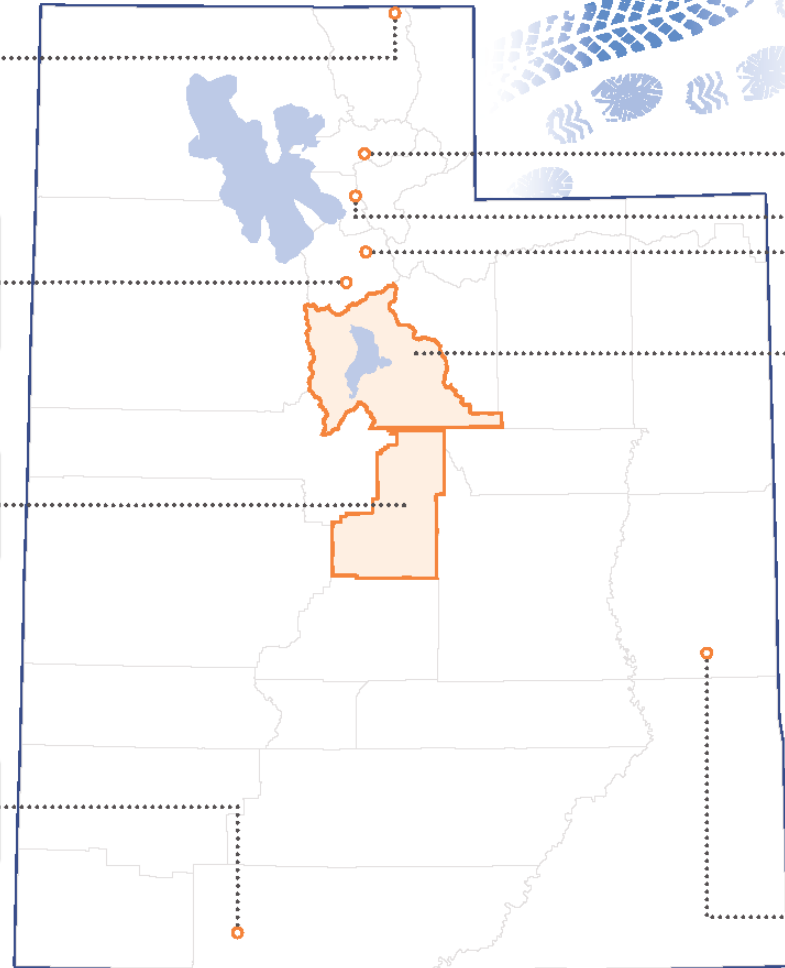
Connect exiting Parley's trails to the rest of the valley and existing trails. Connect Parley's Summit and East Canyon. Need trails along I-80 corridor.

Utah County

Need dedicated bike lanes; connect Utah County to existing trails.

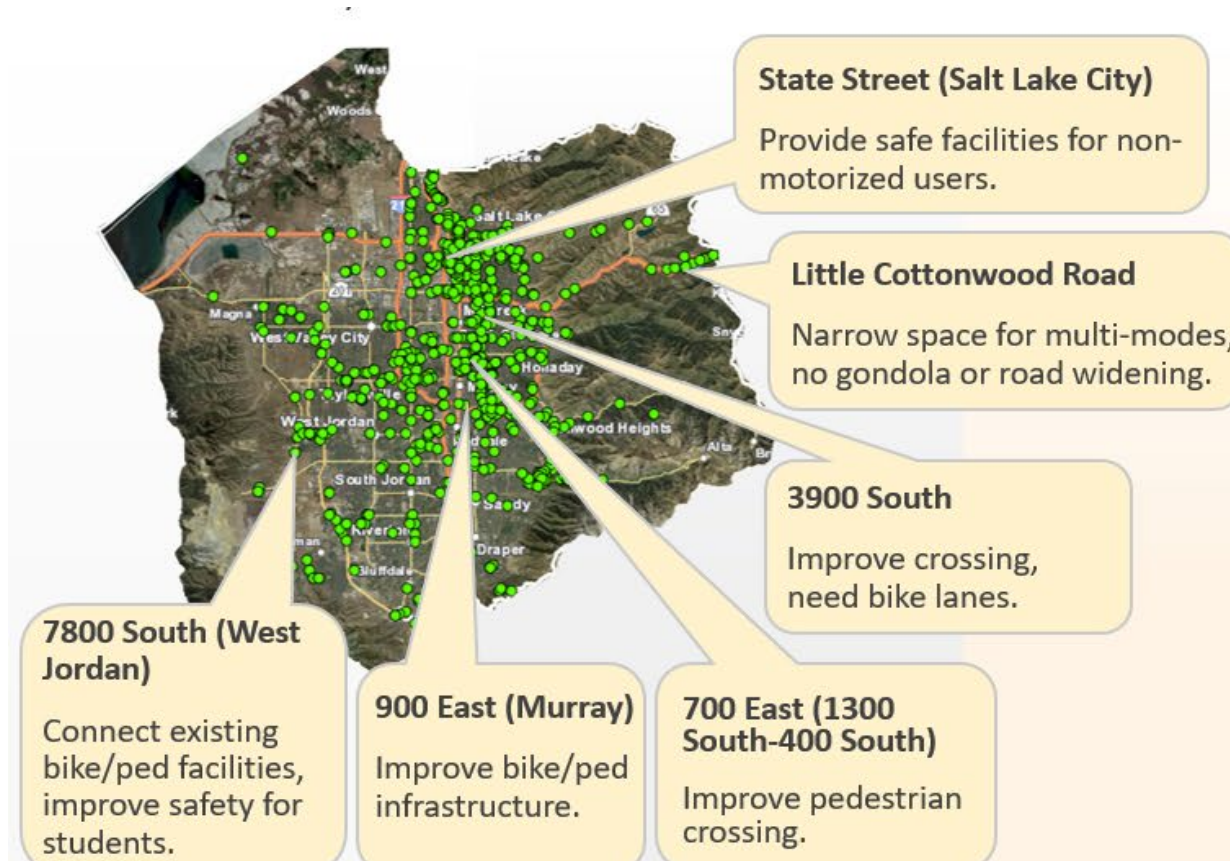
Moab

Need pedestrian/bicycle friendly routes and dedicated lanes. More trails to connect current bike trails.



Salt Lake County

- Better crossings needed, unsafe facilities



Davis County

- Better east/west connection, dangerous intersections



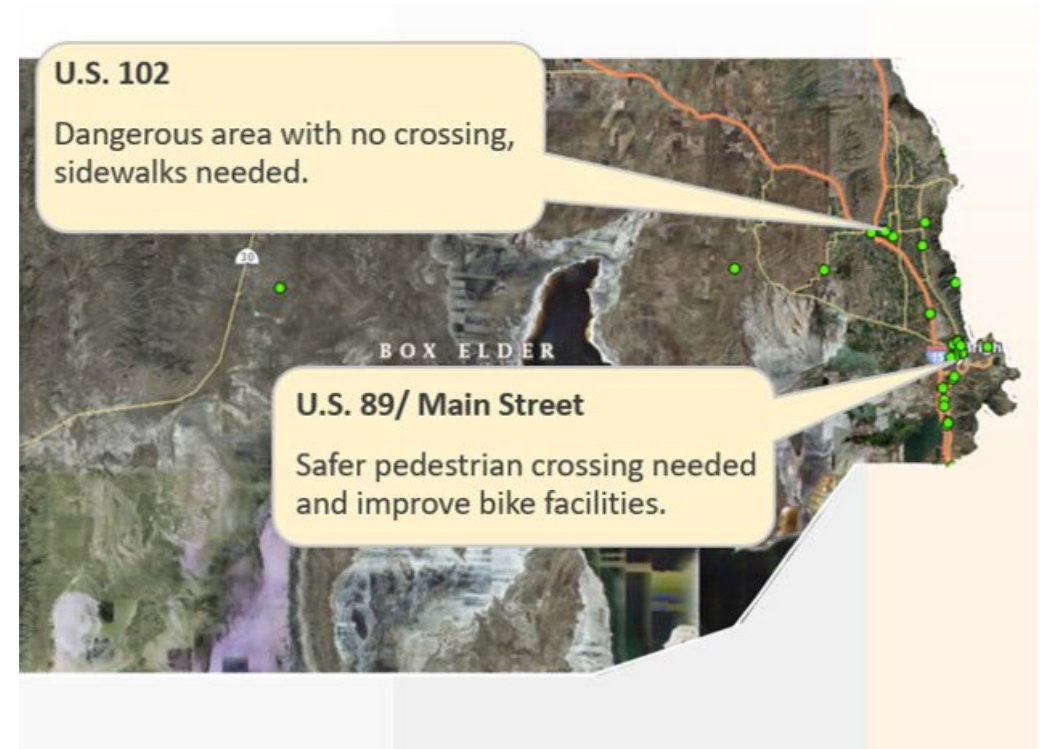
Weber County

- Provide safe facilities



Box Elder County

- Safety concerns

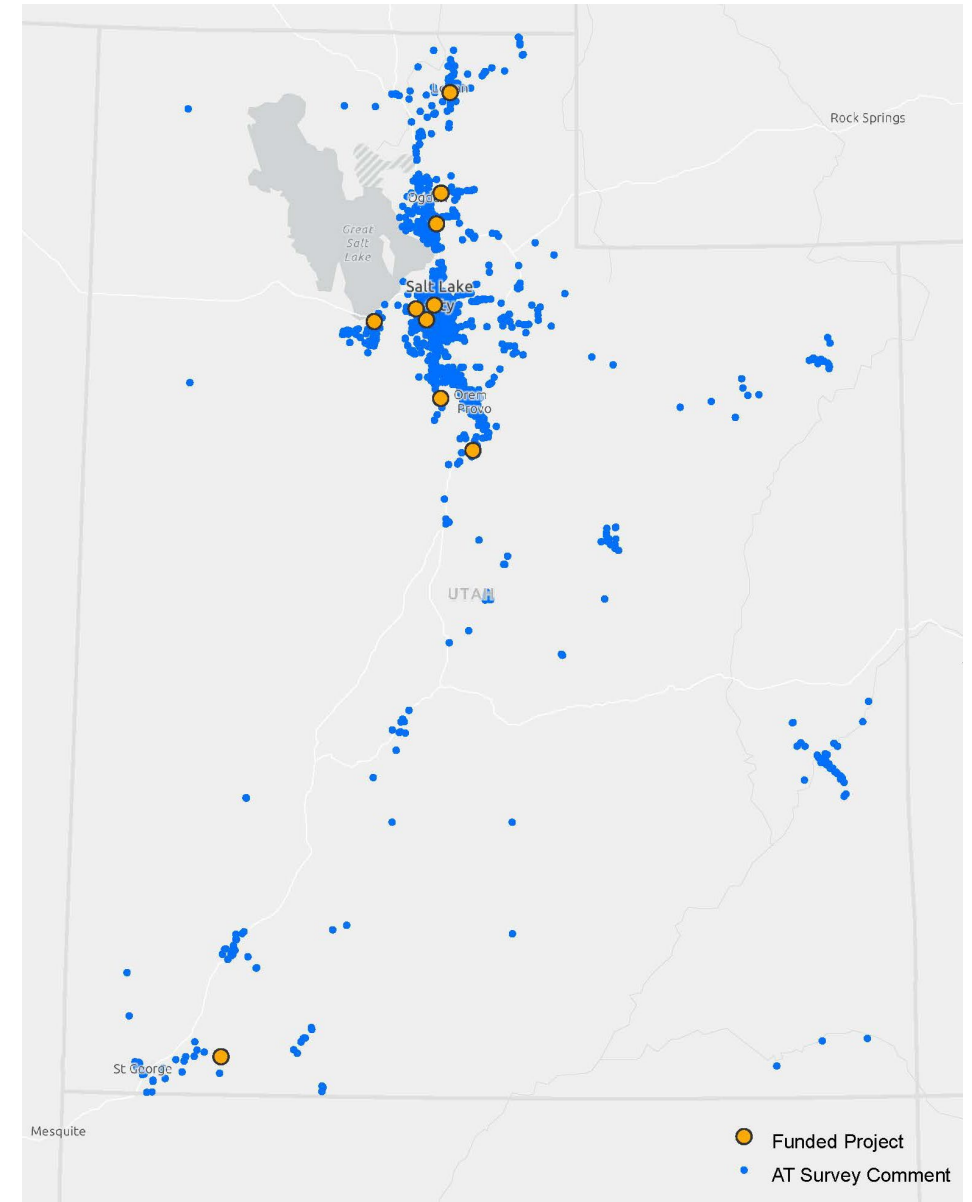


Applying this to your Community

- Needs extend beyond State routes
- Overlay comments with existing or future AT networks, are there gaps?
- We know how people want to communicate, what tools they are comfortable using
- Overlay comments with:
 - Air quality data
 - Crash data
 - Health indexes

Survey Comments & UDOT Funded \$35 Million Projects

- UDOT awarded \$35M for active transportation
- Scenic pathways, underpasses, buffered bike lanes
- Correlation between need and investment



For Consideration

- Are these findings helpful to you now?
- How might you use this information?
- What other information can we capture next time?
- What questions do you have for us?

Next Steps



Share the Findings



Utilize the Input in Planning
& Prioritizing Projects



Determine the Need for
Future Outreach

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Thank You!