

Utah Transportation Funding Overview

WFRC Council Meeting, May 2022



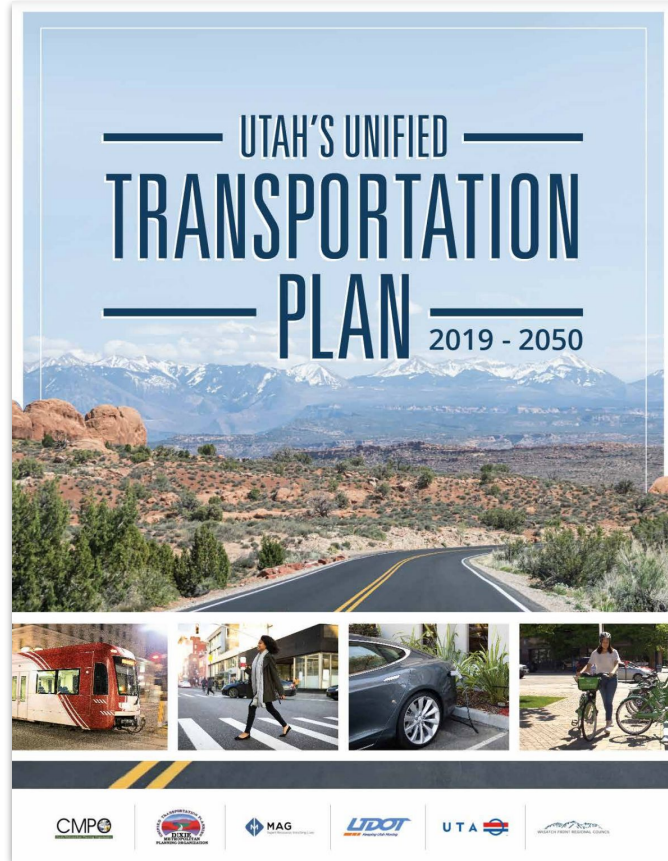
Overarching Goal

*Long-term, stable, adequate
multimodal transportation funding*

The Unified Economic Opportunity Commission passed a motion to:

"Support continued investment in Priority Multimodal Transportation Options."

Utah's Unified Transportation Plan

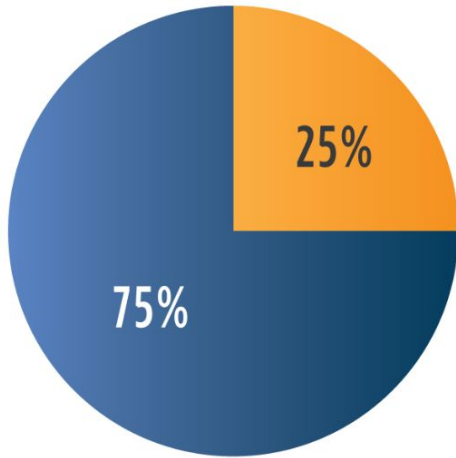


The transportation agencies are evaluating and updating transportation funding for state and local roads, transit, and active transportation, including the adequacy of current funding sources in meeting long-term needs for capacity-enhancing projects, operations and maintenance, preservation/state of good repair.

How Today's Transportation is Funded

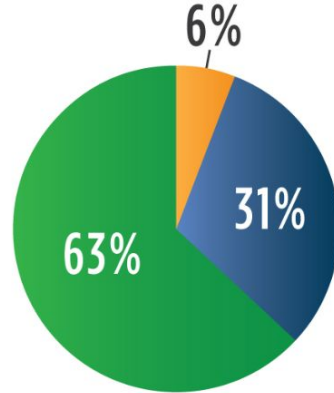
State Roads

\$1,450 Million



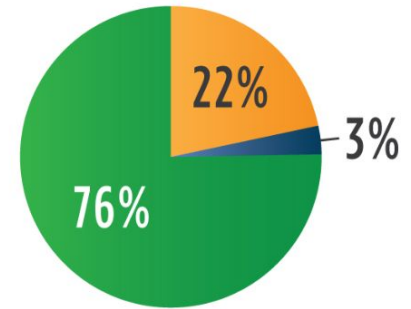
Local Roads


\$640 Million




Transit

\$540 Million

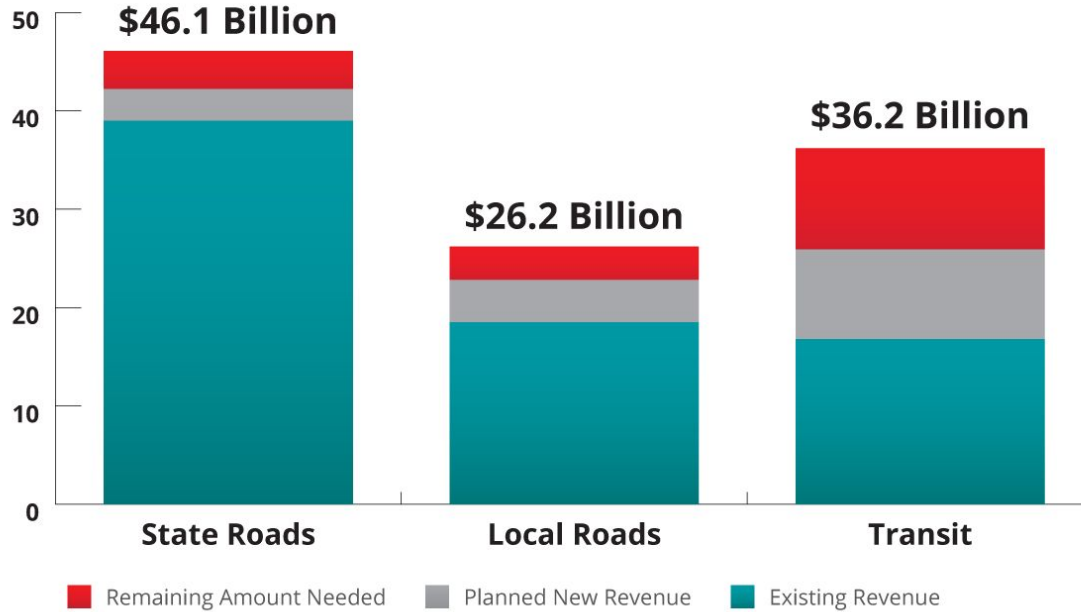


 Federal funding sources include federal motor fuel tax, discretionary grants, and other formula programs

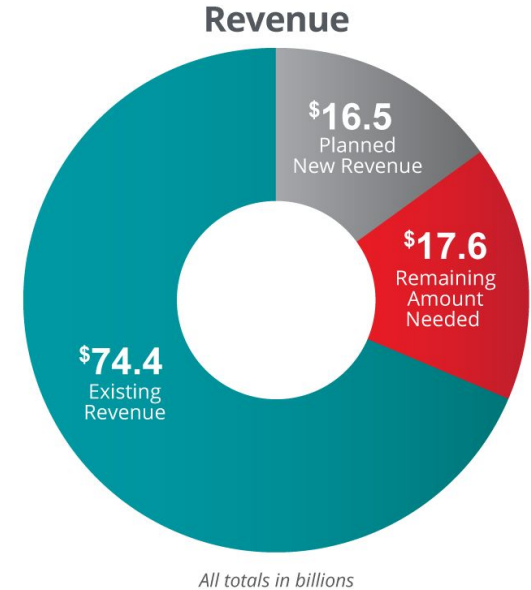
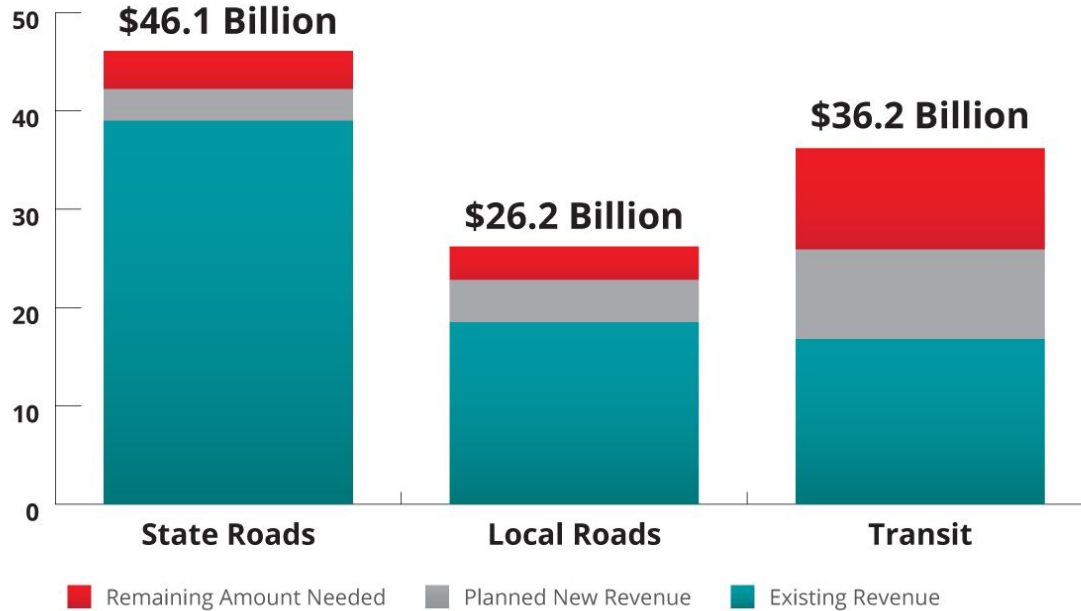
 State funding sources include state motor fuel tax, vehicle registration, and state sales tax

 Local funding sources include local options sales tax, general fund contributions, and transit fare box

Needs and Revenues through 2050



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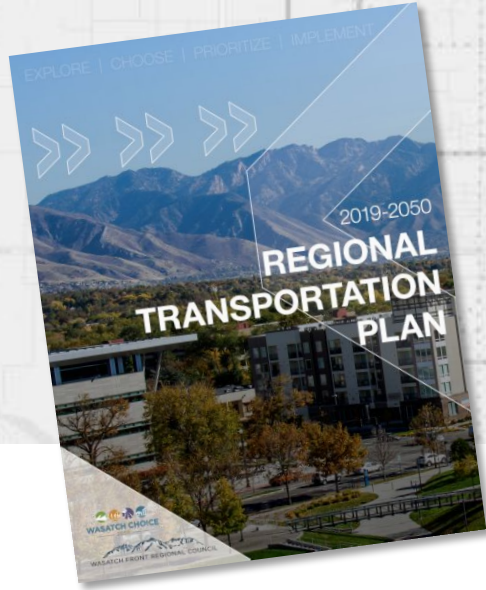


Significant Recent Impacts to Consider

- One-time state appropriations (\$2B+)
- Federal IIJA (\$500M+ over five years)
- Impact of inflation (baseline and projections)
- Viability of motor fuel tax

Key Funding Questions

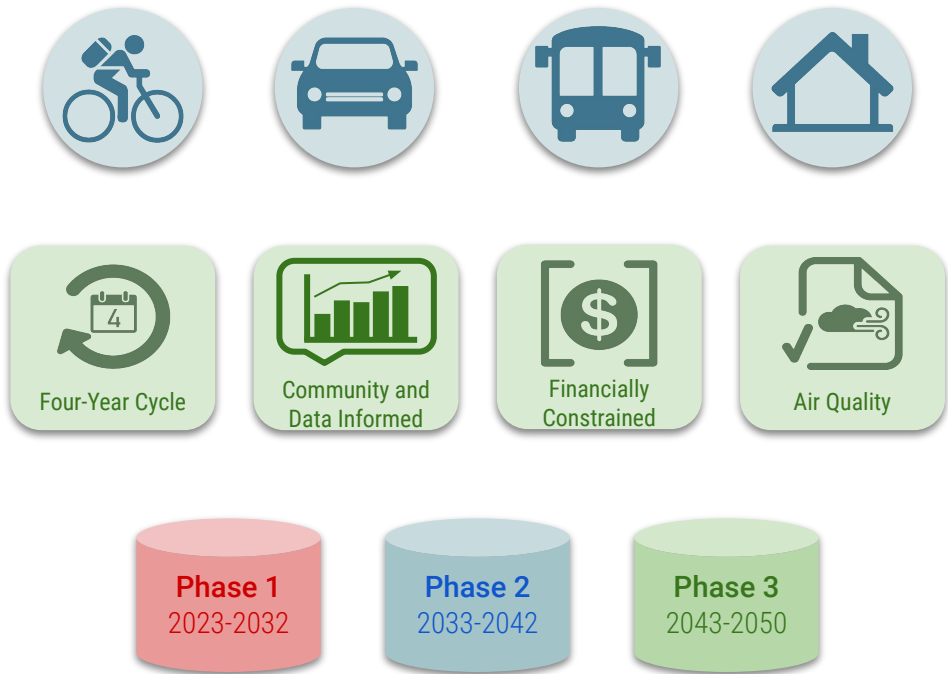
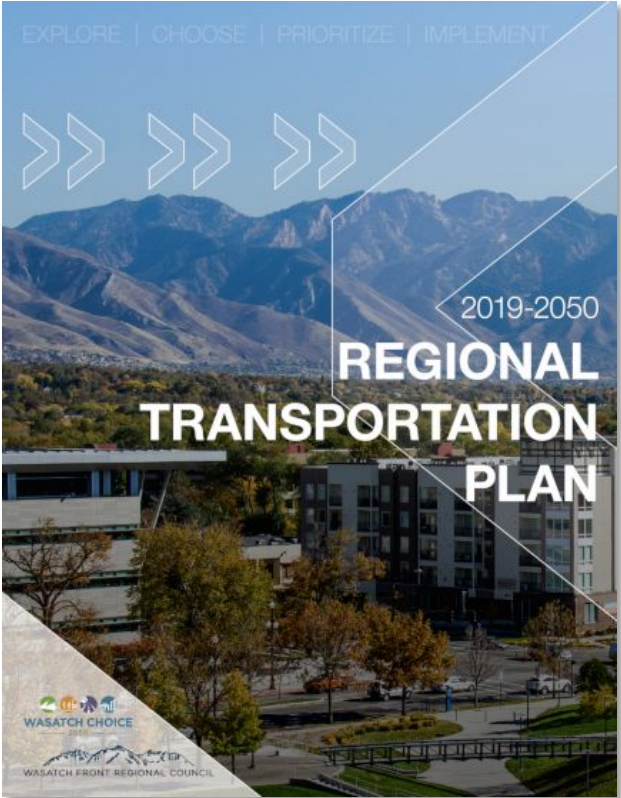
- 1 Is the TIF, plus recent one-time funding, sufficient for **state road** capacity investments?
- 2 What portion of **transit** needs (capacity, operations, maintenance) are covered by the TTIF and local sources?
 - What is the viability of permanently establishing Free Fare transit?
 - What is the status of potential additional local option sales taxes, e.g., 0.20%?
- 3 Should there be an established and stable source of funding for **active transportation**?
- 4 To what extent do the B&C and local option sales taxes cover **local needs**, and what other options are possible, e.g., transportation utility fee?
- 5 What is the viable time horizon for the motor fuel tax, and a feasible schedule for transition to a Road Usage Charge (**RUC**)? Congestion pricing? Tolling?
- 6 How can **federal funds** (formula and discretionary) best be leveraged to support needs?
- 7 Are there **other funding sources** to be explored, e.g., value capture/PPP?
- 8 What is a prudent use of **debt**/financing?



2023-2050 RTP Update: Key Regional Forecasts

WFRC Council // May 26, 2022

Regional Transportation Plan Overview



WFRC/MAG Modeling and Forecasting Partners

Cities & Counties

- Public Works Departments
- Planning Departments
- Tax Assessors

State

- UDOT
- Utah DEQ
- Utah Population Committee
- Workforce Services

Universities

- Utah State Office of Higher Education
- Univ. of Utah - Gardner Policy Institute
- Univ. of Utah - Metropolitan Research Center

Regional

- UTA
- MAG, Cache, & Dixie MPOs

Federal

- Census Bureau
- EPA
- FHWA & USDOT
- FTA

Private

- Consultants
- Data Providers
- Real Estate Professionals

Regional
Future &
Forecasts



Performance
Criteria / Metrics



Project Input

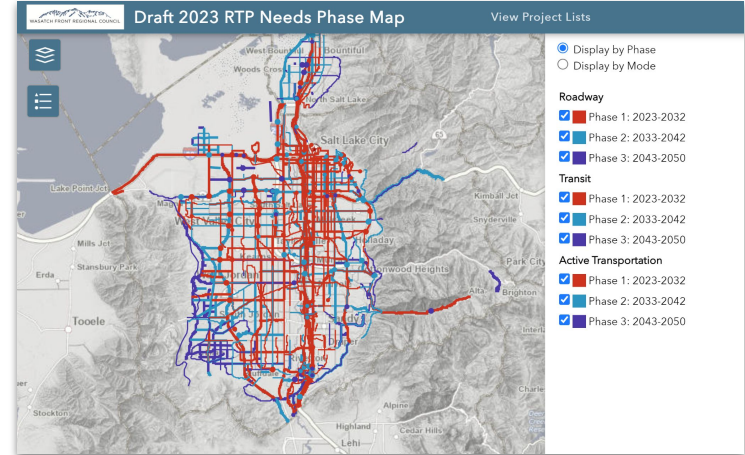
Local
Communities



Key
Stakeholders



Project Phasing

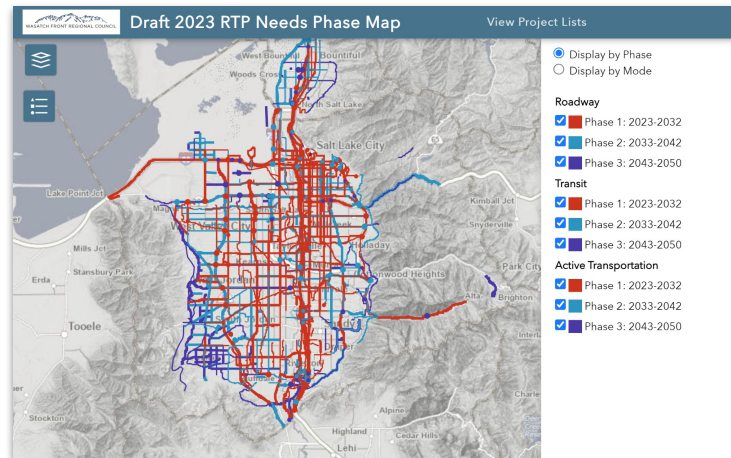




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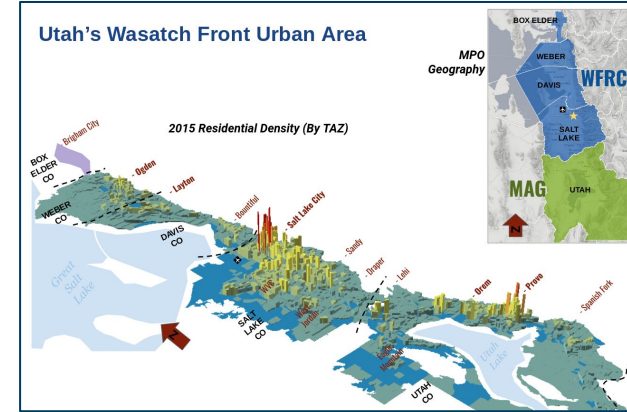
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**Regional
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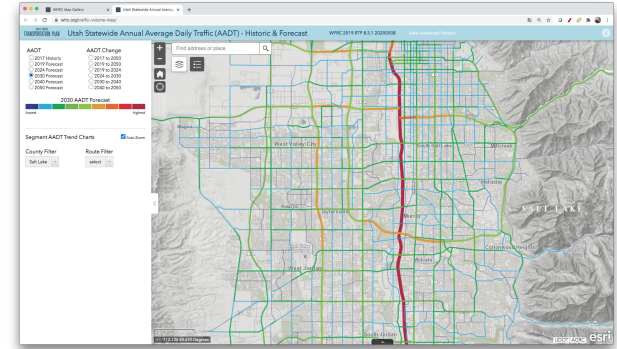


WF Real Estate Market Model

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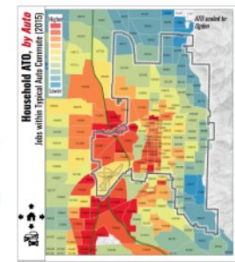
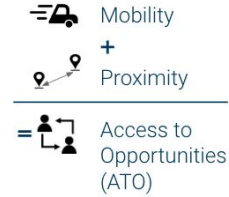
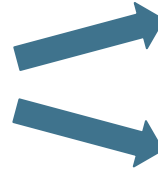
WF Travel Demand Model

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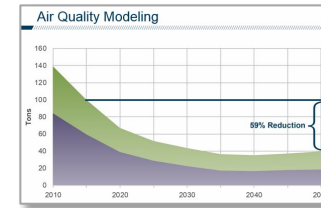
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- ***How will our transportation system perform?***
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Access to Opportunities Metrics



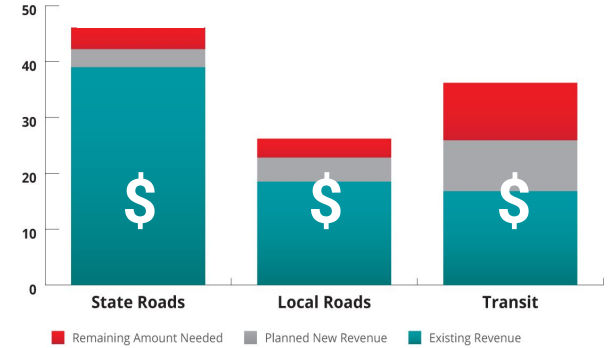
MOVES Air Quality Model



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Unified Plan Financial Model



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- *How much funding will be available?*
- ***What projects provide the most benefit?***



-  Livable and healthy communities
-  Access to economic and educational opportunities
-  Manageable and reliable traffic conditions
-  Quality transportation choices
-  Safe, user friendly streets
-  Clean air
-  Housing choices and affordable living expenses
-  Fiscally responsible communities and infrastructure
-  Sustainable environment
-  Ample open space and recreational opportunities

Project Prioritization Models



**Regional
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Modeling for the 2023 - 2050 RTP Update



Refining population
and employment
projections

Spring / Summer 2022

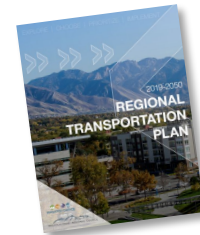


Financial
projections



Financially
constrained
phasing

Fall 2022



RTP and regional
forecasts & tools
officially adopted

Spring 2023



Station Area Planning and WFRC's Role

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting

May 26th, 2022

Station Area Planning and WFRC's Role

Today we will:

1. Summarize the Station Area Plan (SAP) provisions of HB462
2. Discuss WFRC's approach for technical assistance and certification of SAPs
3. Take action on the WFRC SAP Policy

SAP Objectives & Wasatch Choice Vision



Increase the availability and affordability of housing



Promote sustainable environmental conditions



Enhance access to opportunities



Increase transportation choices and connections

SAP Impacted Stations

20 cities with FrontRunner, TRAX / Streetcar, and Bus Rapid Transit Stations to develop SAPs



1/2 mile around Rail stations



1/4 mile around BRT stations

SAP Components

1. Vision

- a. Development opportunities and constraints
- b. Transportation system
- c. Land use (including open space and development standards)

2. Map

- a. Station Area Boundary

3. 5-Year Implementation Plan

4. Explanation of how the four objectives are met

5. Public involvement and stakeholder engagement (MPOs, UTA, public, businesses, etc.)

Technical assistance will be available through MPOs in partnership with UTA and GOEO

SAP Certification

**City adopts SAP,
Land Use Regulations,
and Resolution**

***Technical Assistance
available through
WFRC**

1

**MPO Certifies that
Station Area Plan
requirements have
been met for station**

2

**City includes the
Certificate of
Compliance in the
MIHP Report to DWS**

3

Note: MPO reviews the Station Area Plan, not the zoning changes made by the city to implement SAP

MPO Certification

Why the MPOs?

- **Peer Review:** the MPOs are bodies made up principally of local governments
- **Technical Assistance:** MPOs have subject-matter expertise in transportation and land use planning, including in assisting communities to develop local area and station area plans

Process:

1. **Staff review**
2. **RGC Recommendation**
3. **WFRC Action**

WFRC Certification: RGC Recommendation

Perfunctory

Low level of scrutiny if city asserts that requirements have been satisfied.

Reasonableness

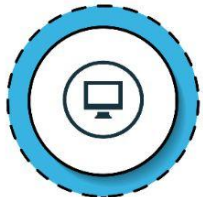
WFRC would utilize professional judgement; would not dictate *how* the city satisfied the requirements, but *whether* the city had reasonably satisfied requirements.

Strict Scrutiny

WFRC would determine how and whether the city met the objectives to the fullest extent.

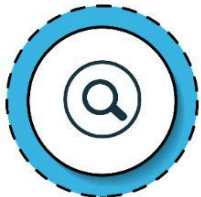
WFRC Certification Proposed Process

Communities
submit SAPs &
resolutions to
WFRC



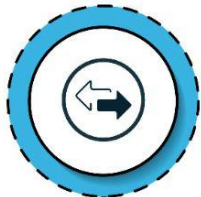
SUBMIT

WFRC staff, in
consultation with
UTA, reviews
SAPs



REVIEW

WFRC staff makes
positive or negative
recommendation of
SAPs to RGC



RECOMMEND

RGC reviews and makes
recommendation
to WFRC on
SAPs to certify



RGC

WFRC votes
to certify SAPs
they deem have
met statutory req's



WFRC

WFRC
provides Certificates
of Compliance



CERTIFY

SAP Technical Assistance

Technical assistance available through MPOs to complete all or part of the requirements for Station Area Plans and Station Area zoning and ordinances

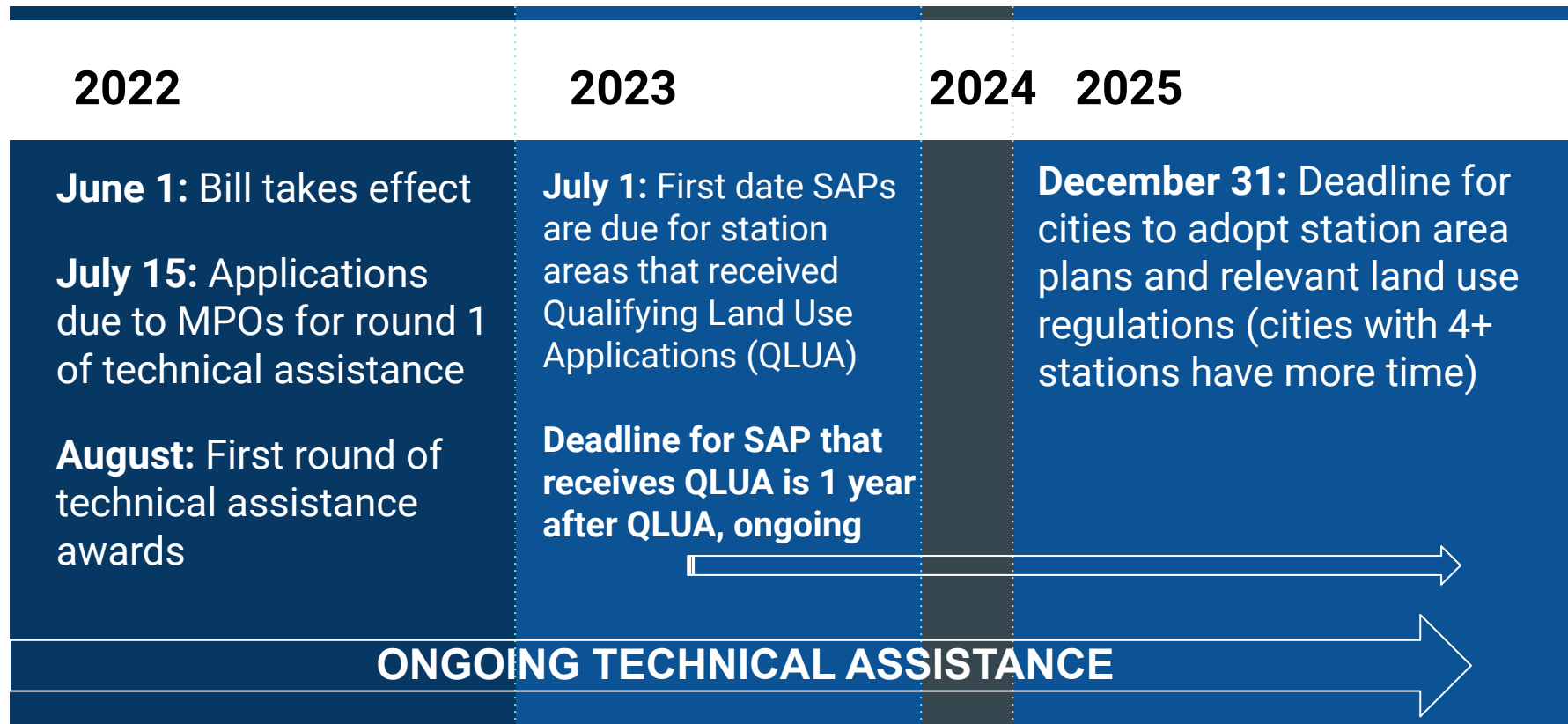
\$5M from GOEO

Local matching dollars

Staff support from MPOs and UTA

Funds will be awarded frequently on a rolling basis

SAP General Timeline



WFRC Certification

For WFRC, the Regional Growth Committee is responsible for the Wasatch Choice Vision and for overseeing TLC; SAP Certification is a related function

Process will allow for:

1. assistance to be provided by WFRC to municipalities as they are developing their SAPs,
2. an objective and professional review of SAPs by WFRC staff, in consultation with UTA, for statutory compliance, and
3. a peer review through RGC, where RGC has the authority to deviate from the WFRC staff recommendation.

Housing Choice & the Wasatch Choice Vision

1. Transit stations are well suited to accommodate and absorb growth, while also preserving community character
2. Providing smaller lot or multi-family housing in strategic centered locations (with reduced parking minimums) can allow for greater affordability
3. Coordinating mixed-use development with transportation infrastructure gives residents more options to bike, walk, or take transit, reducing household housing+transportation costs
4. Linking housing and transportation provides greater access to job and educational opportunities

SAP Elements of the Legislation

Cities prepare, adopt and submit SAP	Technical Assistance	MPO Certification
<p>...as well as relevant land use regulations (timeline to follow)</p> <p><i>A qualifying land use application by a developer may trigger a one-year timeline for completion</i></p>	<p>Cities may request technical assistance through their relevant MPO</p>	<p>Station Area Plans are submitted to relevant MPO for review and certification</p>



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Join the Wasatch Choice Community Advisory Committee



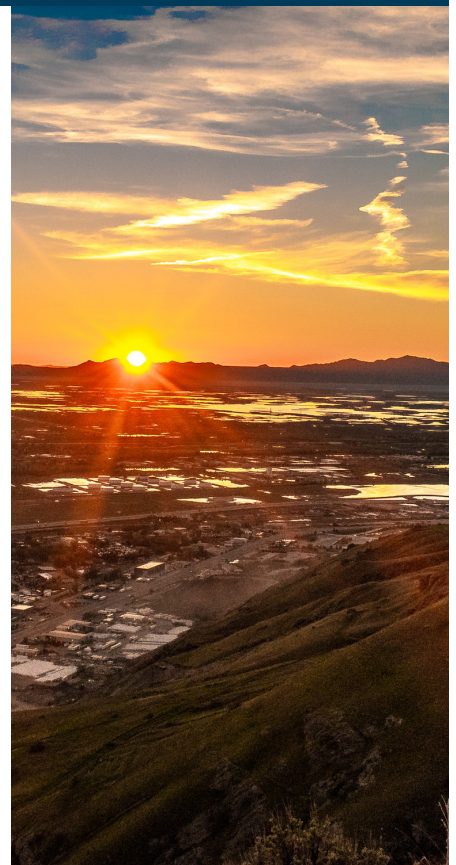
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Help your community thrive by increasing access to opportunities.

Educate your community on future plans & opportunities to participate in the planning process.

1-year commitment to participate in 4 meetings.

\$50 gift card (per meeting) compensation for your time.



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