



# WFRC 2023 Utah Legislative Session Review

# 45 Days

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# 575 Passed Bills

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# \$29.4 Billion Budget

*See our 2023 Legislative Session Wrap Up [HERE](#)*



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# Funding and Appropriations



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# Shared Principles for Infrastructure Investment

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Invest in  
Infrastructure

Support Multi-Modal  
Transportation  
Choices

Utilize the  
Professional  
Planning and  
Prioritization Process

Be Fiscally Prudent

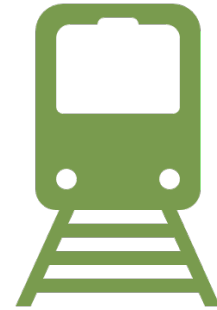
# \$1.6+ Billion for Transportation Infrastructure



**Transp. Debt Repayment**  
\$800B



**Active Transportation**  
\$45M 1x  
\$45M ongoing



**Commuter Rail**  
\$200M for POM  
station +  
doubletracking



**Cottonwood Canyon Transportation**  
\$150M



**Other Projects**  
\$241M



**Rural B&C Roads (RTIF)**  
\$40M 1X  
\$3.5M ongoing

# Key Legislation



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# Priority Transportation Bills

- **SB 185, Transportation Amendments (Harper):** provides a long-term stable source of funding for the Utah Trail Network with a transfer of 5% of the TIF (\$45M ongoing). The bill also allows for local distribution of road usage charge revenues.
- **SB 260, Transportation Funding Requirements (Cullimore)** modifies the .20% local option transportation sales tax, also known as the “5th 5th” by extending the imposition deadline, and allowing counties who impose the tax to divide revenues between the county, city, and transit providers.
- **HB 301, Transportation Tax Amendments (Schultz):** provides temporary gas tax relief by initially (\$55M cut) decreasing the tax rate and allowing for more gradual growth in the rate over time, establishes a 12.5% tax on the retail sale of electric vehicle charging energy, and increases vehicle registration fees \$7.
- **SB 84, Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments (Harper):** amends HTRZ proposal requirements by clarifying the allowable number of HTRZs, eligible stations, and objectives that must be met. It also makes changes to the HTRZ committee and their actions.
- **SB 27, Transportation Revisions (Harper):** Makes clarifying changes to the Station Area Planning (SAP) statute, decreases the TTIF match rate from 40% to 30%, and makes a number of other changes to UDOT code.

# Other Priority Transportation Bills

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- **SB175, Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund (Owens):** creates and funds the Rural Transportation Investment Fund (RTIF) which provides transportation funding for 3rd-6th class counties, distributed like B&C road funds.
- **SB125, Transportation Infrastructure Amendments (Wilson):** designates the ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University as the research center for strategic planning and electrification for transportation infrastructure in the state.
- **HB44, Corridor Preservation Amendments (Christofferson):** allows UDOT to preserve corridors 40 years ahead of the need, as opposed to the current 30 year purchasing outlook allowed, and provides that UDOT can utilize corridor preservation funds to be used for administrative costs of the fund.



# Federal Grants



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# Grant Award: Safe Streets and Roads For All

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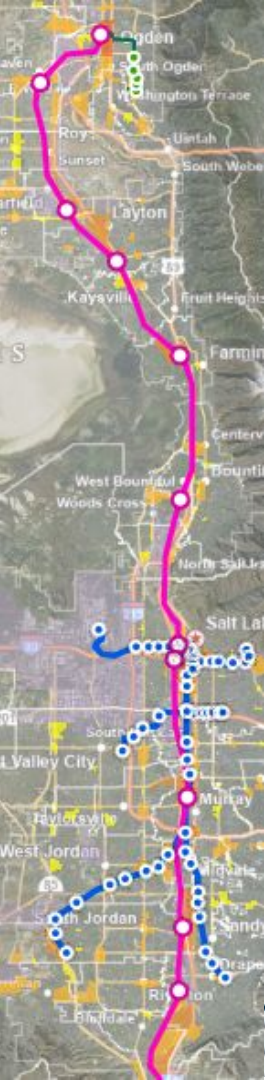
- WFRC Awarded \$775,000
- Funding to create a regional “Safety Action Plan”
- Safety Action plan will include:
  - Identification of risk factors and safety strategies
  - Capital projects to improve safety
- Cities & counties can apply for additional SS4A funding to fund capital projects in 2024



# RAISE Grant: First-/Last-Mile Transit Connections

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- \$25M requested (total \$31.25M)
- 15 Projects in MAG + WFRC area
- Bike lanes, multi-use trail connections, intersection improvements, etc.
- Goal: to provide greater connectivity to transit by improving first-/last-mile connections
- Awards will be announced end of June
- Projects would be constructed 2026 - 2028

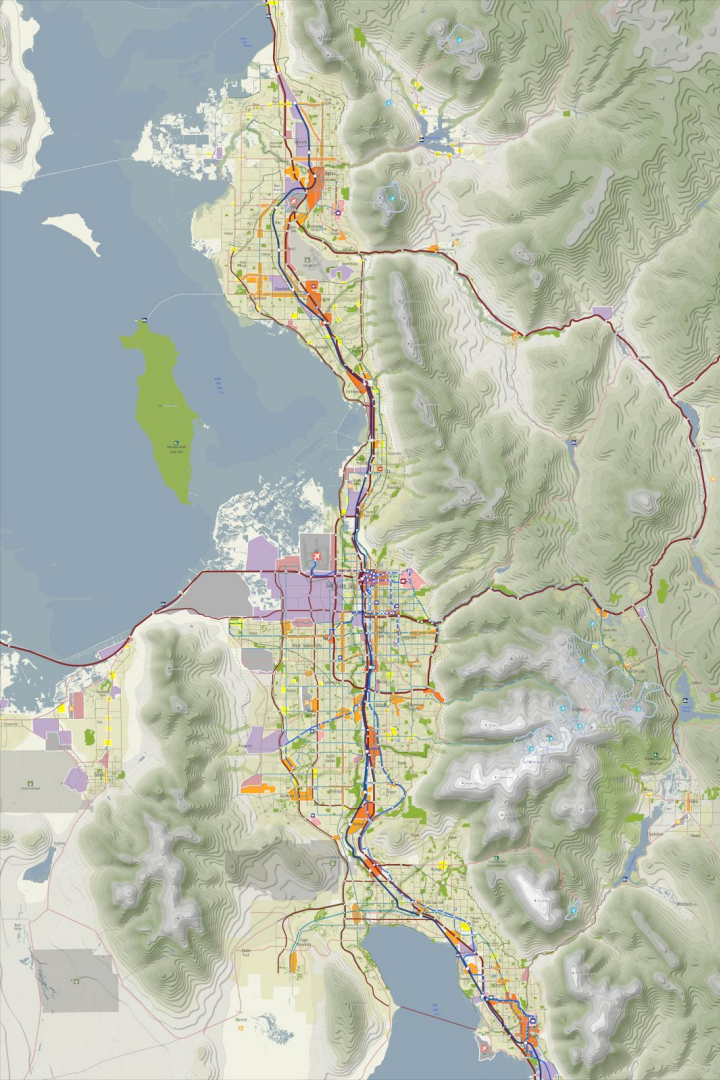


# Amendment to the **WFRC Station Area Plan Certification Policy**

**Wasatch Front Regional Council: March 23rd, 2023**

**Megan Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director**





# WASATCH CHOICE

— VISION —

## Local Vision



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CITY CENTER



NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER



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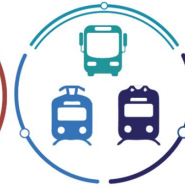


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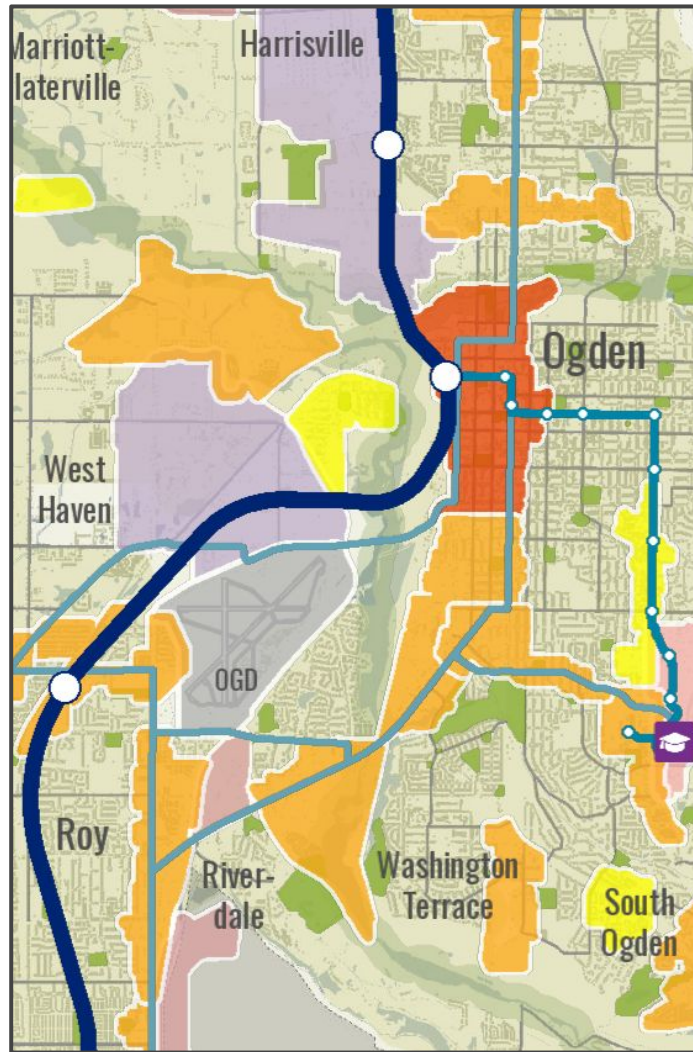
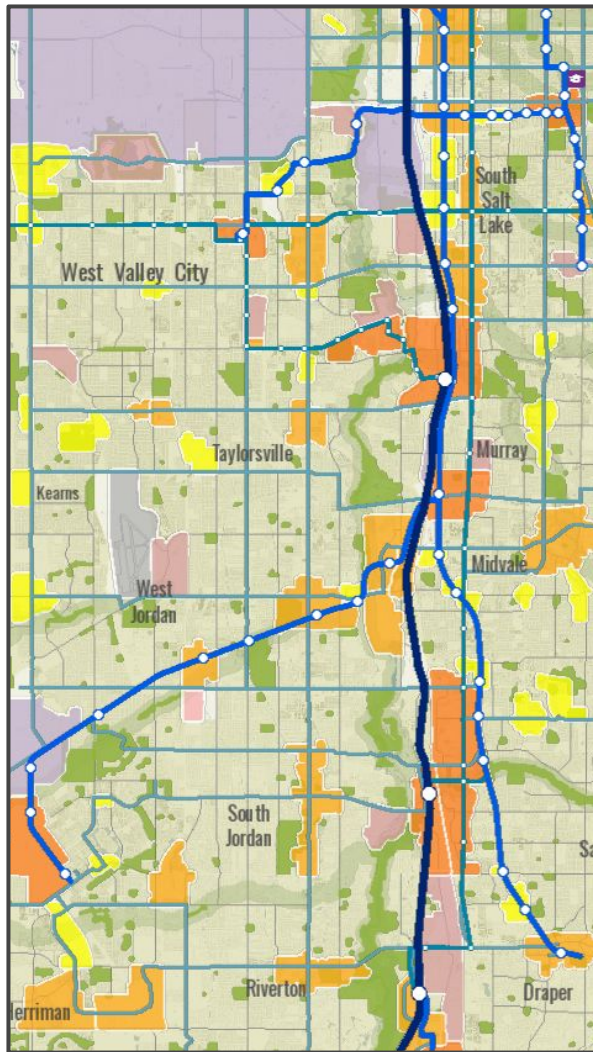


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## Regional Transportation Plan







## WASATCH CHOICE VISION



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# SAP Update

## Of the 91 station areas:



**21**

*Stations where station area planning has not yet been initiated*



**38**

*Stations with plans that pre-date HB462*



**29**

*Stations with plan(s) being prepared for adoption*



**1**

*SAPs adopted by municipality, pending SAP certification submission*



**0**

*SAPs submitted for certification review*



**2**

*SAPs certified by MPO  
**Farmington  
FrontRunner Station  
SLC Ballpark TRAX  
Station***

**40/91**

**Station areas have received technical assistance\* to fund planning activities around their station areas.**

*\*Funded through the existing WFRC Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program or the new, GOEO-funded Station Area Plan Technical Assistance program.*

# SAP Policy Change: SB27 and Prior Actions

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## ***“Substantially promote”* STATION AREA PLAN GOALS:**

1. **Increase** the availability and affordability of **housing**
2. Promote **sustainable environmental conditions**
3. Enhance **access to opportunities**
4. Increase **transportation choices** and connections

And... demonstrate that prior actions are ***“still relevant”*** to promoting the goals going forward

# SAP Policy Change

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## SUGGESTED MOTION

“I make a motion to amend the Station Area Plan  
Certification Policy”

# 2023 CDBG Awarded Projects

Community	Project	CDBG Award Amount
Tooele City	Sewer Improvement	\$400,000
Washington Terrace	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	\$164,814
Washington Terrace	Fire Equipment	\$57,838
Tooele County	Boys and Girls Club	\$149,908