

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

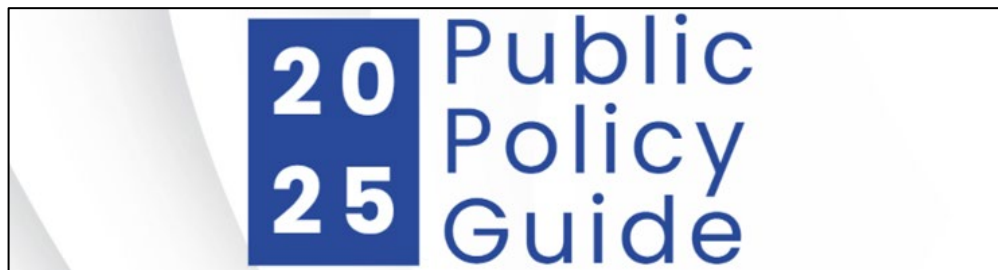
# WFRC Role on Capitol Hill

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- ***Technical Expert*** to aid lawmakers in informed decision-making
- ***Convener*** of transportation agencies, partners, and local leaders
- ***Advocate*** for appropriations and policies that further the Wasatch Choice Vision and Utah's Unified Transportation Plan



# Legislative Priorities

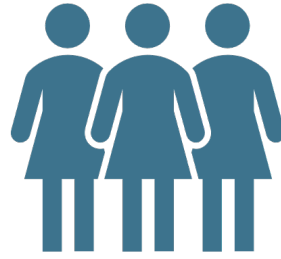


# Legislative Landscape

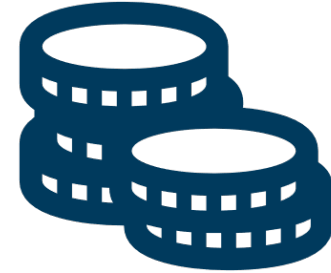
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“Socks and Underwear”



New Members



Tax Cuts



Higher Ed



Housing



Energy

# Looking Back: Multimodal Transp. Investments

2021

\$1.1B

2022

\$1.2B

2023

\$1.5B

2024

\$1.2B

# Looking Back: Key Policy Changes

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- First Home Investment Zones
- Station Area Planning
- Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones
- “5th 5th” Local Option Sales Taxes
- Active Transportation Investment Fund
- Transportation Reinvestment Zones

# What to Know: Legislation

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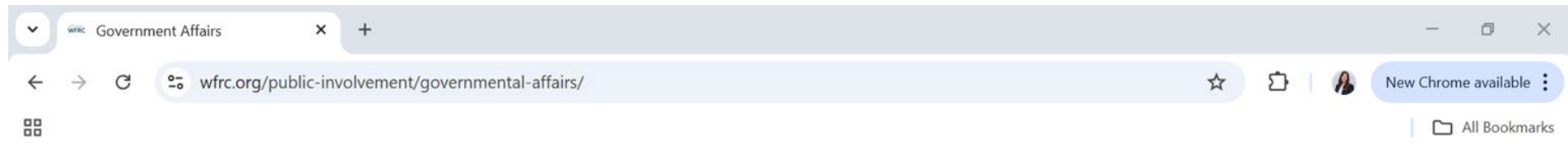
- **Transportation**

- HTRZ and FHIZ technical changes
- Station area planning (SAP) reporting
- Advanced air mobility
- Local option sales taxes
- Corridor preservation
- Transit operations
- Bike lanes

- **Housing**

- State surplus land for housing
- Parking reductions for affordable units
- Overlays for affordable ownership
- MIHP submenu
- Accessory dwelling units
- State and regional plans
- Owner-occupied overlays
- Infrastructure needs
- Condos

# Helpful Resources



- Home
- About
- Committees
- Vision & Plans
- Programs
- Maps & Data
- Studies
- Public Involvement**
- Contact

The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) works closely with local, regional, state, and federal governments to promote legislative priorities and implement policies. WFRC works with its members and partners to support sound policies that are centered around or tied to transportation, such as land use, economic development, and air quality.

For additional information regarding government affairs, please contact [Miranda Jones Cox](#).

## 2025 Legislative Session Resources

2025 Bill Tracker

2025  
Appropriation  
Tracker

Govt. Affairs Email  
List

## 2024 Legislation

HB488 Transportation Funding Amendments (2024)



**Bill Tracker**

WFRC tracks bills that especially impact transportation and communities along the Wasatch Front during the legislative session.

- [2025 WFRC Bill Tracker](#)
- Previous Years: 2024, [2023](#), [2022](#), [2021](#), [2020](#), [2019](#), [2018](#)



**Appropriations Tracker**

WFRC tracks relevant funding item information as



# FEDERAL

POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT



# DRAFT Reauthorization Principles

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- Long-term and timely reauthorization
- Authorize at robust levels
- Enhance formula funding and streamline discretionary programs
- Sustainable funding mechanisms
- Streamline processes

# STATION AREA PLANNING

**ACTION: South Jordan TRAX Stations SAP Certification**

**Council Meeting | January 23rd, 2025**

Meg Padjen, CED Director



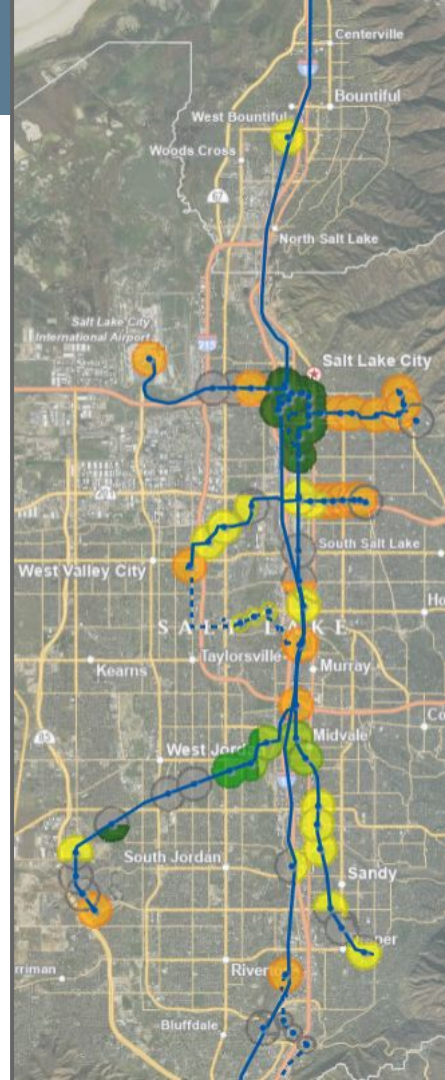
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## GOALS:

- Increase the availability and affordability of housing
- Promote sustainable environmental conditions
- Enhance access to opportunities
- Increase transportation choices and connections

$\frac{1}{2}$  mile around Rail stations

$\frac{1}{4}$  mile around BRT stations



# Station Area Planning Requirements

## SAP COMPONENTS

1. Vision
2. Map (rail: ½ mile radius, or BRT: ¼ mile radius)
3. 5-Year Implementation Plan
4. Statement describing how 4 objectives are met
5. Public / Stakeholder Engagement

MPOs administer technical assistance in partnership with UTA | \$5M from GOEO, shared with MAG



Of the 127 station areas\*



**21**

Nothing yet



**20**

Pre-date  
HB462



**53**

In-progress



**4**

Submitted for  
certification



**29**

Certified



**25**

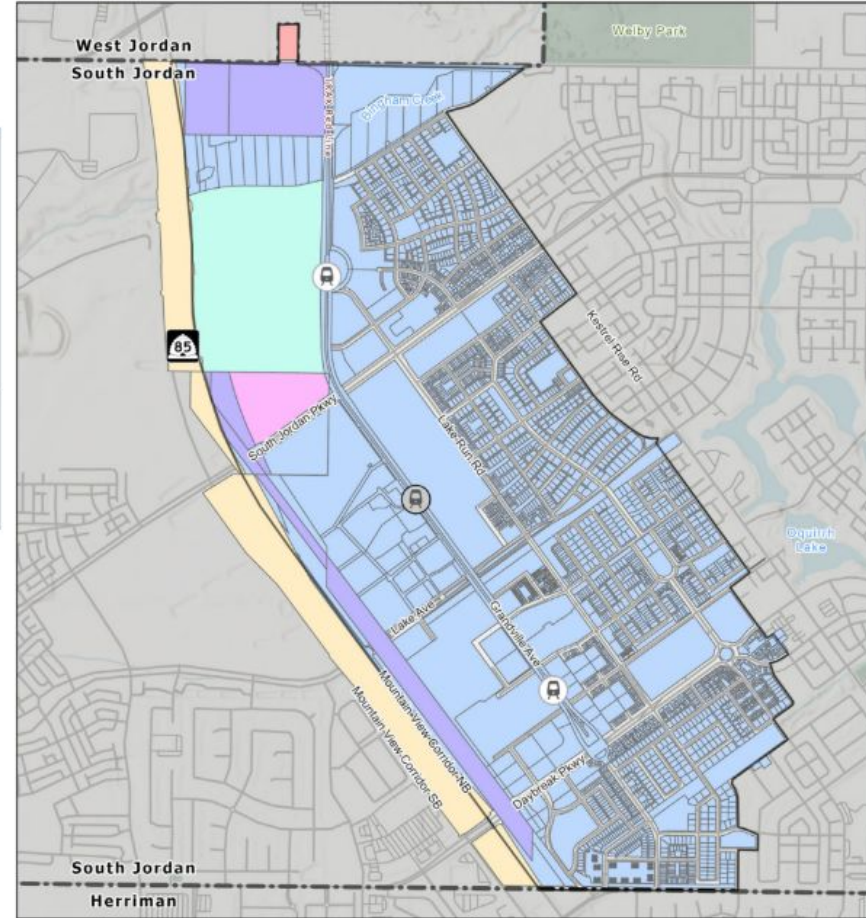
Applications for  
technical assistance

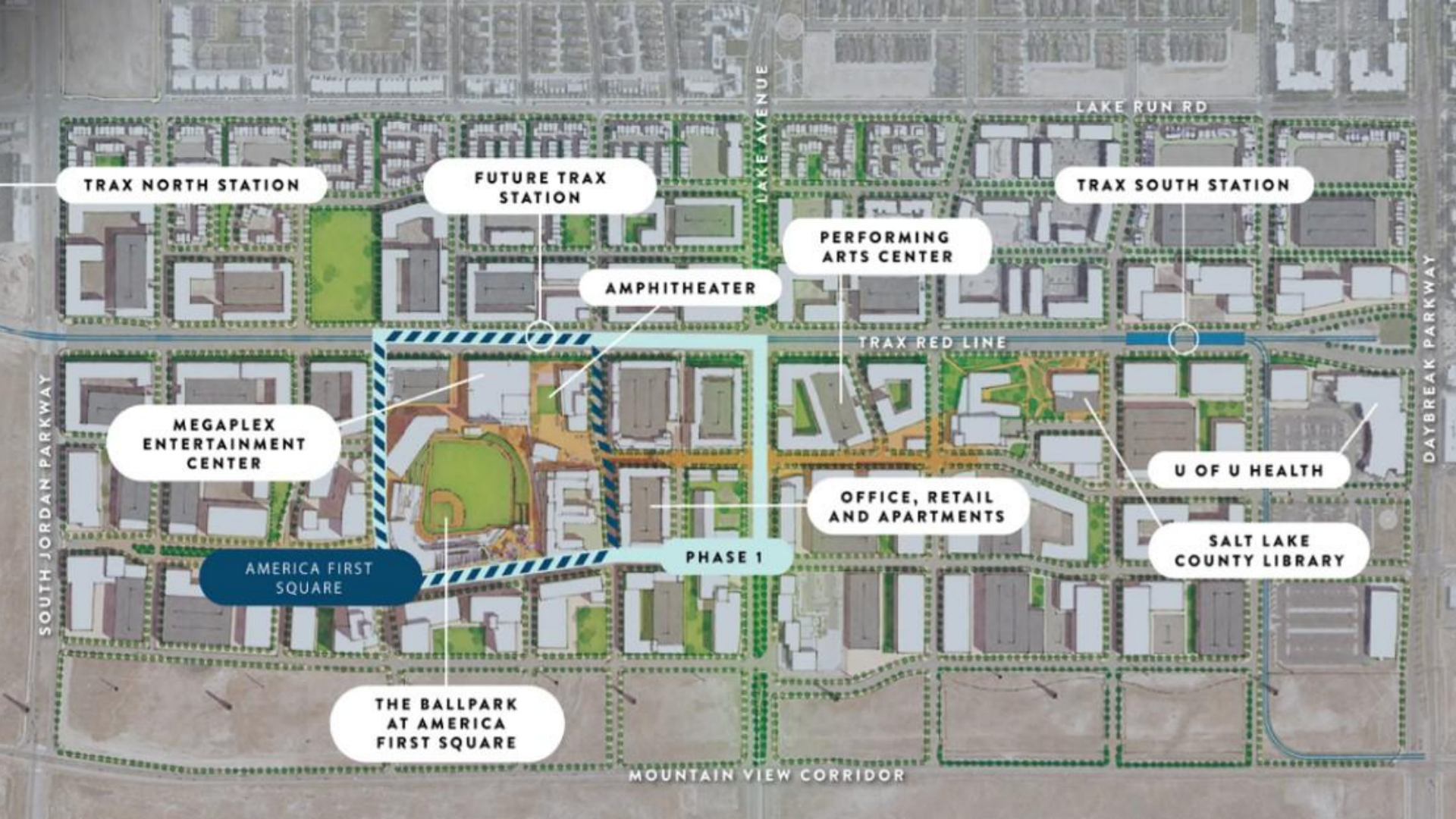
# South Jordan TRAX SAP

1. 5600 W Old Bingham Hwy (South Jordan portion)
2. South Jordan Parkway
3. South Jordan Central (under construction)
4. Daybreak Parkway

**Legend**

- South Jordan City Boundary
- TRAX Stations**
  - Existing
  - Under Construction
- Owner**
  - Larry H Miller Real Estate
  - Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
  - The Last Holdout
  - UDOT
  - University of Utah
  - Utah Power and Light Company





TRAX NORTH STATION

FUTURE TRAX STATION

TRAX SOUTH STATION

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

AMPHITHEATER

MEGAPLEX ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

OFFICE, RETAIL AND APARTMENTS

U OF U HEALTH

AMERICA FIRST SQUARE

PHASE 1

SALT LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY

THE BALLPARK AT AMERICA FIRST SQUARE

MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR

SOUTH JORDAN PARKWAY

LAKE AVENUE

LAKE RUN RD

DAYBREAK PARKWAY







## **Suggested Motion:**

**“I move to certify the South Jordan TRAX Station Area Plan.”**



# Wasatch Choice Vision Status Update

Wasatch Front Regional Council  
January 23, 2025

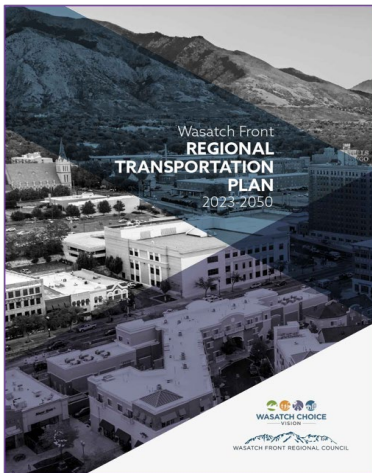


# WASATCH CHOICE

— VISION —

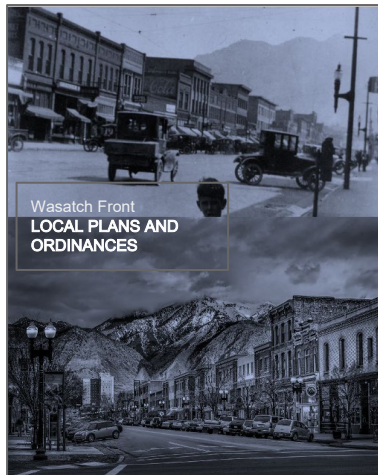
Transportation

Regional Transportation Plan



Land Use

Transportation & Land Use Connection



Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



# 4 Key Strategies



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Transportation  
choices



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Housing options




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Parks and  
public spaces

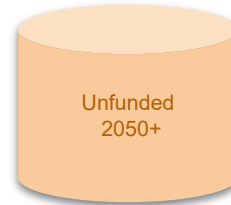


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City and town  
centers



# Regional Transportation Plan Overview

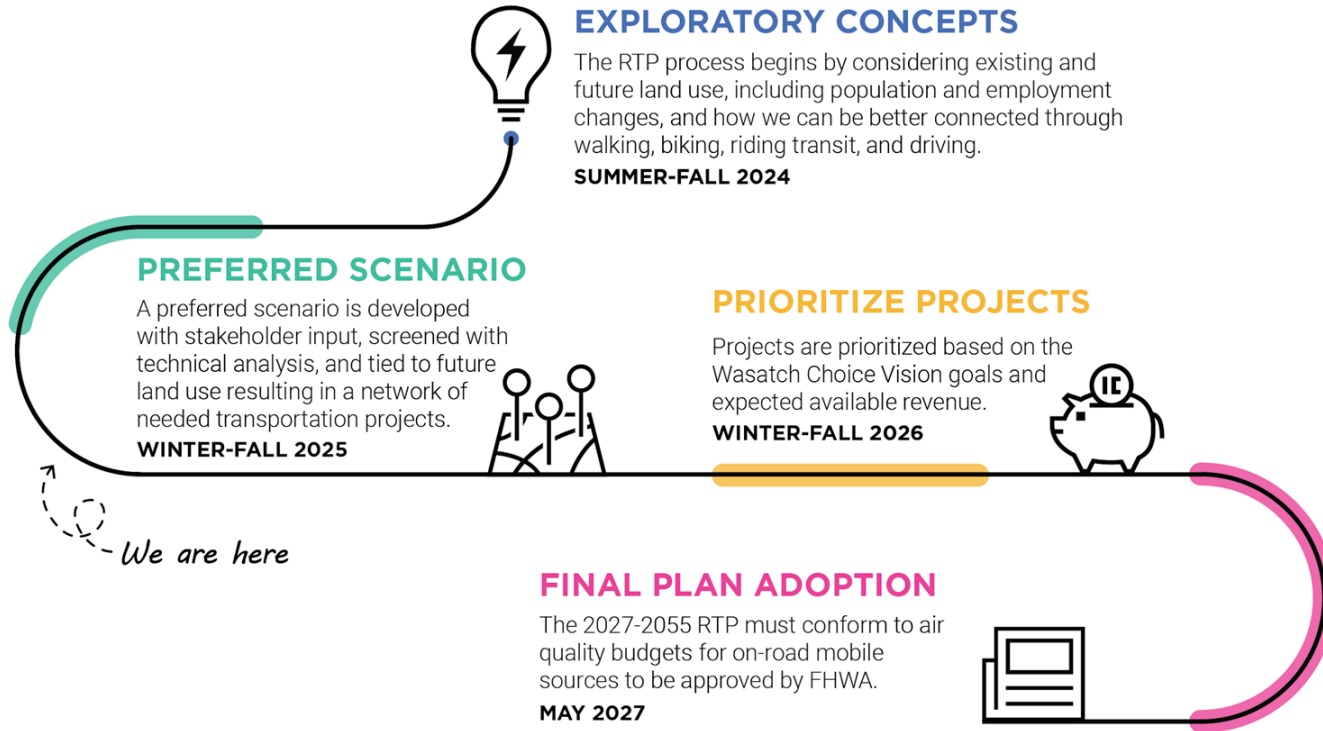


TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



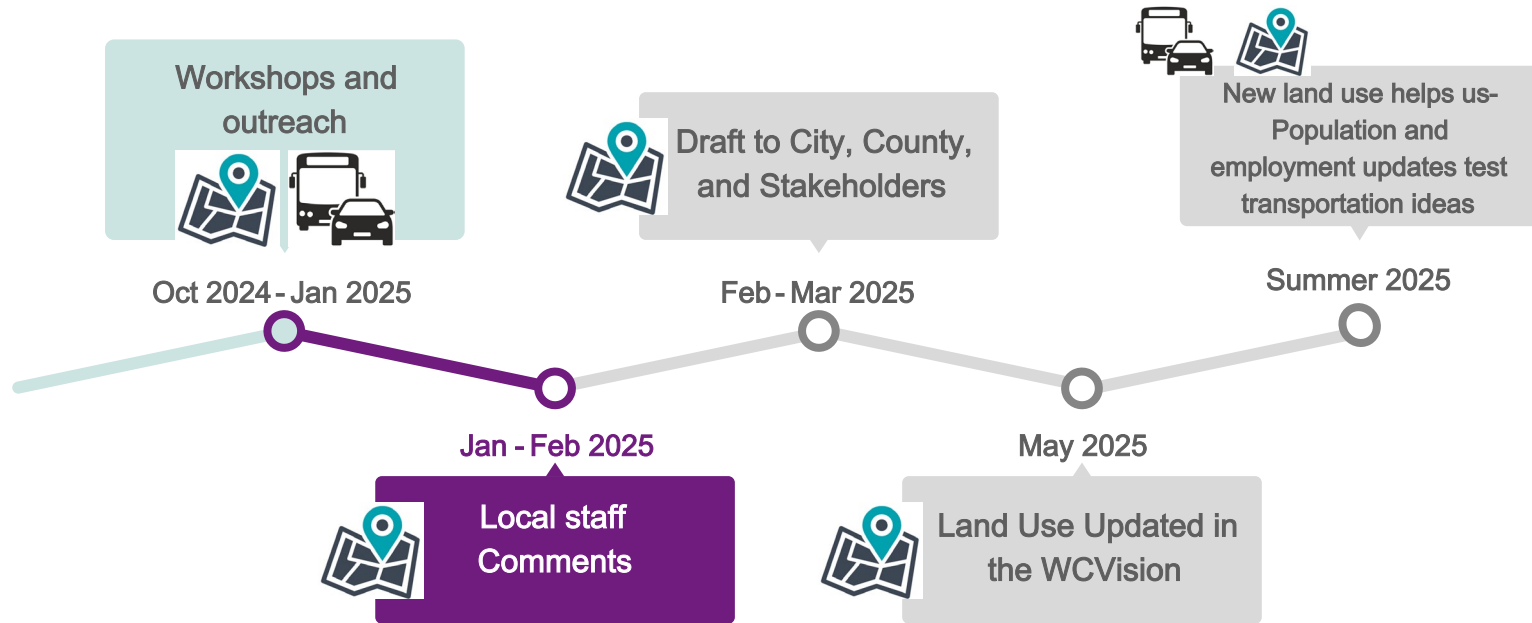
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PRIORITIES

# Updating the Wasatch Choice Vision and RTP

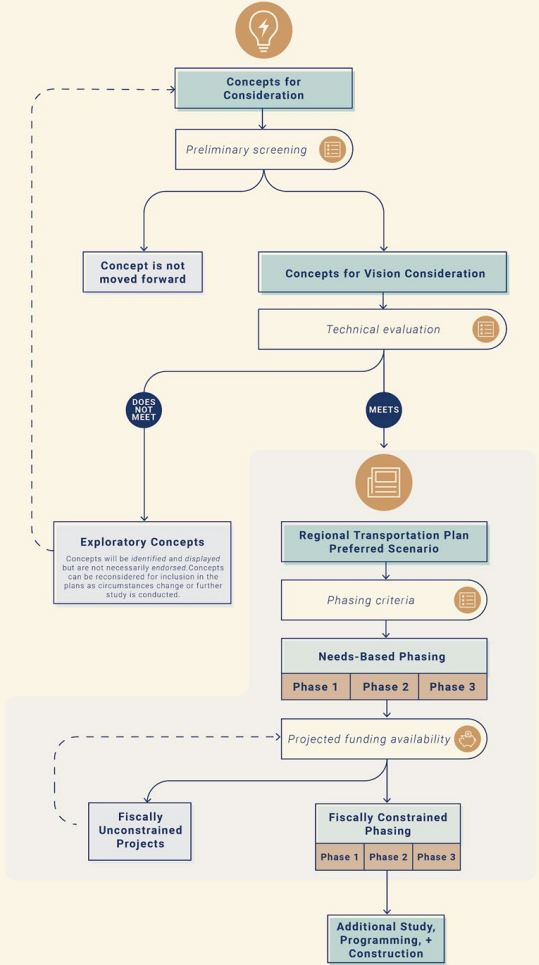




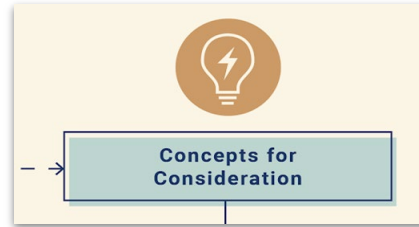
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# EXPLORING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS



# Where Concepts Come From



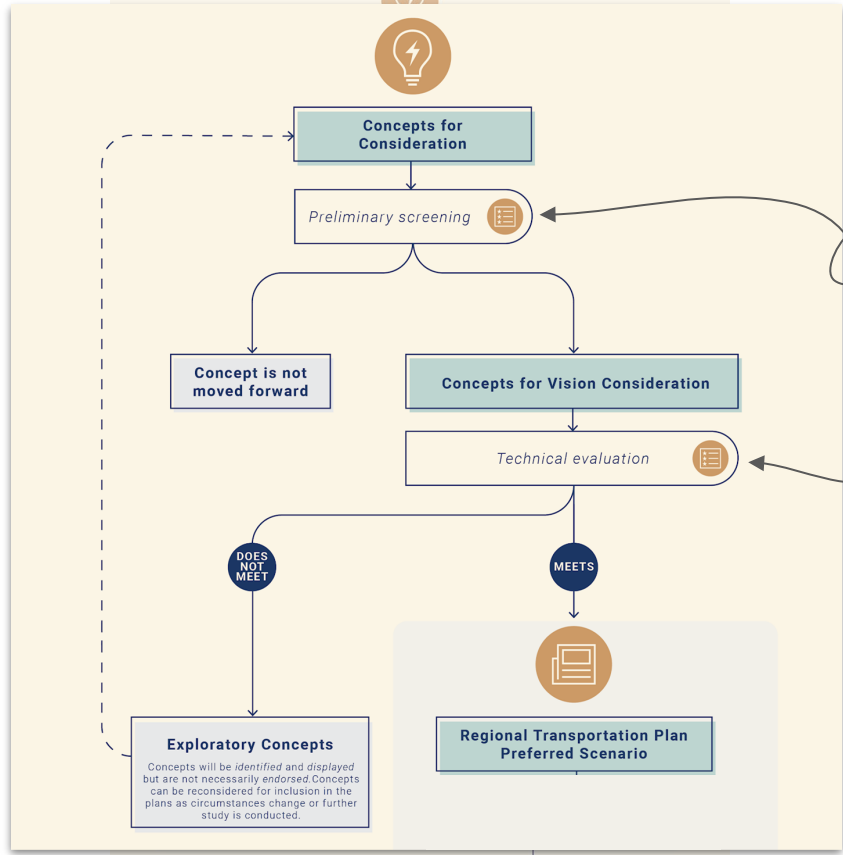
- 1 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan
- 2 2024 Strategy Testing - WFRC, UDOT, UTA
- 3 2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshops
- 4 Stakeholder Outreach
- 5 Recent Studies
- 6 Public Comments

# EXPLORING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS

2024 ● Step one: Explore Our Future

2025 ● Step two: Preferred Scenario

Fall Workshops

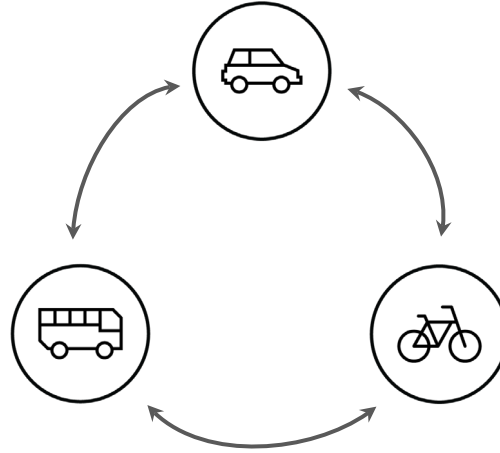


Recent input from UDOT, UTA, RGC TACs, and RGC

Additional Study, Programming, + Construction

# Multi-modal Interaction

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- A. Do the projects complement each other?
- B. Does a projects conflict with another project?
- C. Do any projects need to be adjusted?



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**Utah Open & Public Meetings Act**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr966j67tq4>