



2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan

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Wasatch Choice Vision



Economic Development

Comprehensive
Economic Development
Strategy



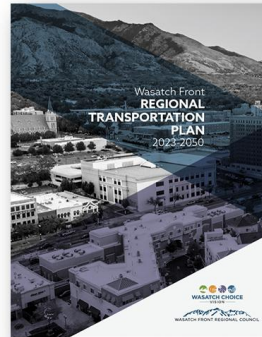
Land Use

Transportation
and Land Use
Connection

Local Plans and
Ordinances

Transportation

Regional
Transportation
Plan



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

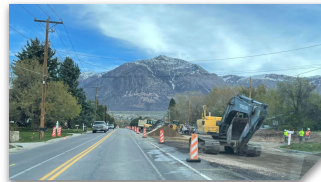


Sustainable environment,
including water, agricultural,
and other natural resources



Ample parks, open spaces,
and recreational opportunities

What is included in the Regional Transportation Plan?



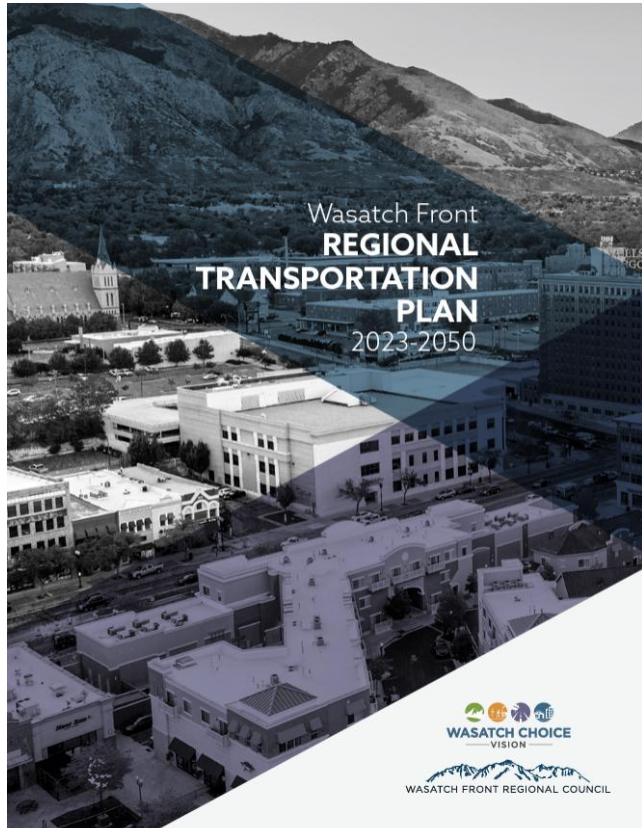
Cities &
Counties



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Regional Transportation Plan Overview



Four-Year Cycle



Financially
Constrained



Air Quality



Considers Land Use



Phase 1
2023-2032



Phase 2
2033-2042



Phase 3
2043-2050

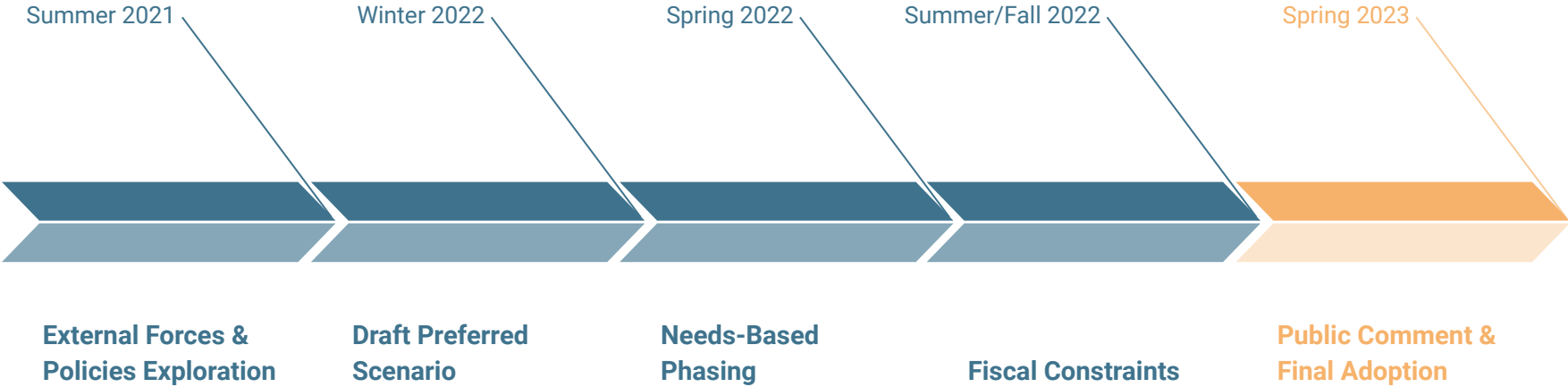


Unfunded
2050+



OTHER TOP
PRIORITIES

RTP Development Timeline



Public Comment Summary



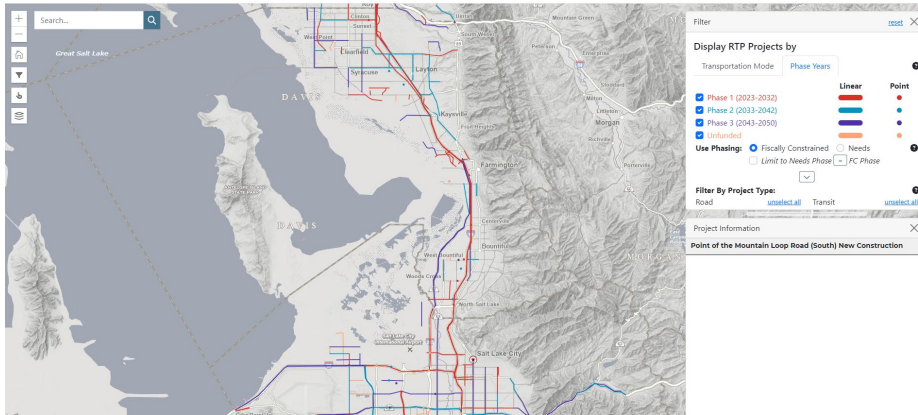
3,400 total comments (2020-2023)

Comment period:

January 27th - February 26th

- Interactive map
- Draft 2023-2050 RTP
- Draft AQ Conformity Memorandum #41
- Over 1,600 comments

Draft 2023 RTP Map



Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS Interest

RTP and EIS FAQ



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2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and the Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement



WFRC is developing the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Questions have been raised about how the RTP reflects the Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This sheet addresses those frequently asked questions.

What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

The RTP is the long-term strategy for our region's future transportation system, from now to 2050. WFRC works in partnership with local governments, transportation agencies, community organizations, and residents to develop the Plan, which identifies transportation needs and roadway, transit, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities. The RTP is part of the federally established planning and project development process. Federal regulations require all regionally significant transportation projects to be included in the RTP.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

An EIS is a detailed environmental study and process, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to evaluate potential impacts of certain types of proposed transportation projects. UDOT has assumed the federal responsibility for conducting NEPA environmental studies on transportation projects in Utah.

What's the role of WFRC, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), with regard to an EIS?

The MPO is required to include in the RTP all regionally significant transportation elements currently identified in an EIS or other NEPA environmental process. The MPO is then responsible for verifying that the RTP – with the EIS elements included – satisfies regional air quality and fiscal requirements. This is pursuant to federal regulations, legal guidance, and decades of consistent practice.

What does the draft 2023-2050 RTP show for Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC)?

All the transportation-related elements from UDOT's final EIS are reflected in the draft RTP, including:

- Phase 1 (2023-2032): enhanced bus service, tolling/congestion-based pricing, roadway improvements, and a mobility hub
- Phase 2 (2033-2042): avalanche snow sheds and trailhead improvements
- Phase 3 (2043-2050): gondola and base station parking

If the EIS for Little Cottonwood Canyon changes, the RTP will also be changed.

Does the RTP approve or fund a gondola?

No. The draft 2023-2050 RTP does not approve or provide funding for a gondola in LCC, nor does it allocate future funds for the project. It simply reflects the EIS at this point in time, and reflects the EIS cost estimates for projects. In the recently concluded 2023 Utah Legislative Session, funding was provided for projects identified in Phase 1 of the LCC EIS, including enhanced bus service, tolling, a mobility hub, and resort bus stops for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

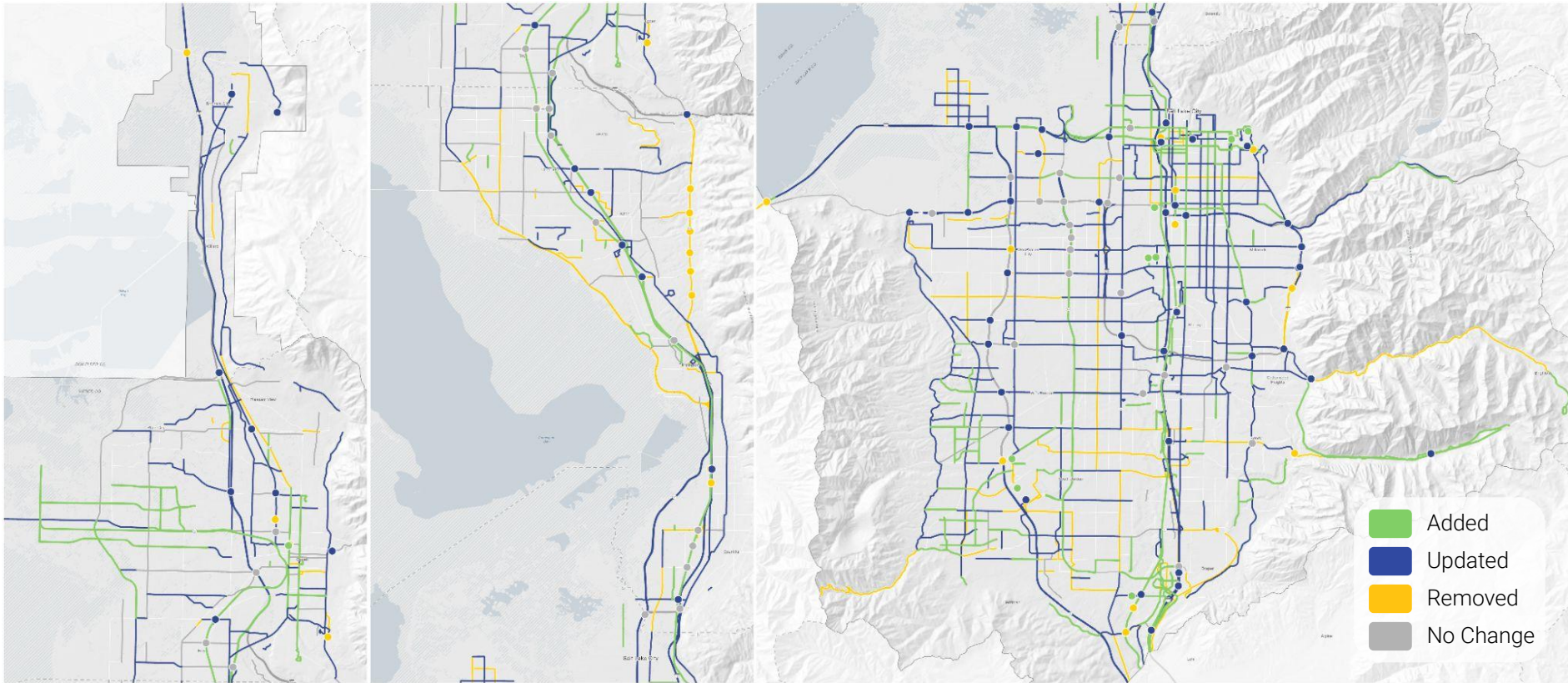
What happens to public comments submitted during the RTP comment period?

WFRC reviews and considers public input throughout the development of the RTP. Comments relating to the LCC EIS process and outcomes are shared with UDOT as the EIS lead agency. All public comments will be published in the final RTP document.

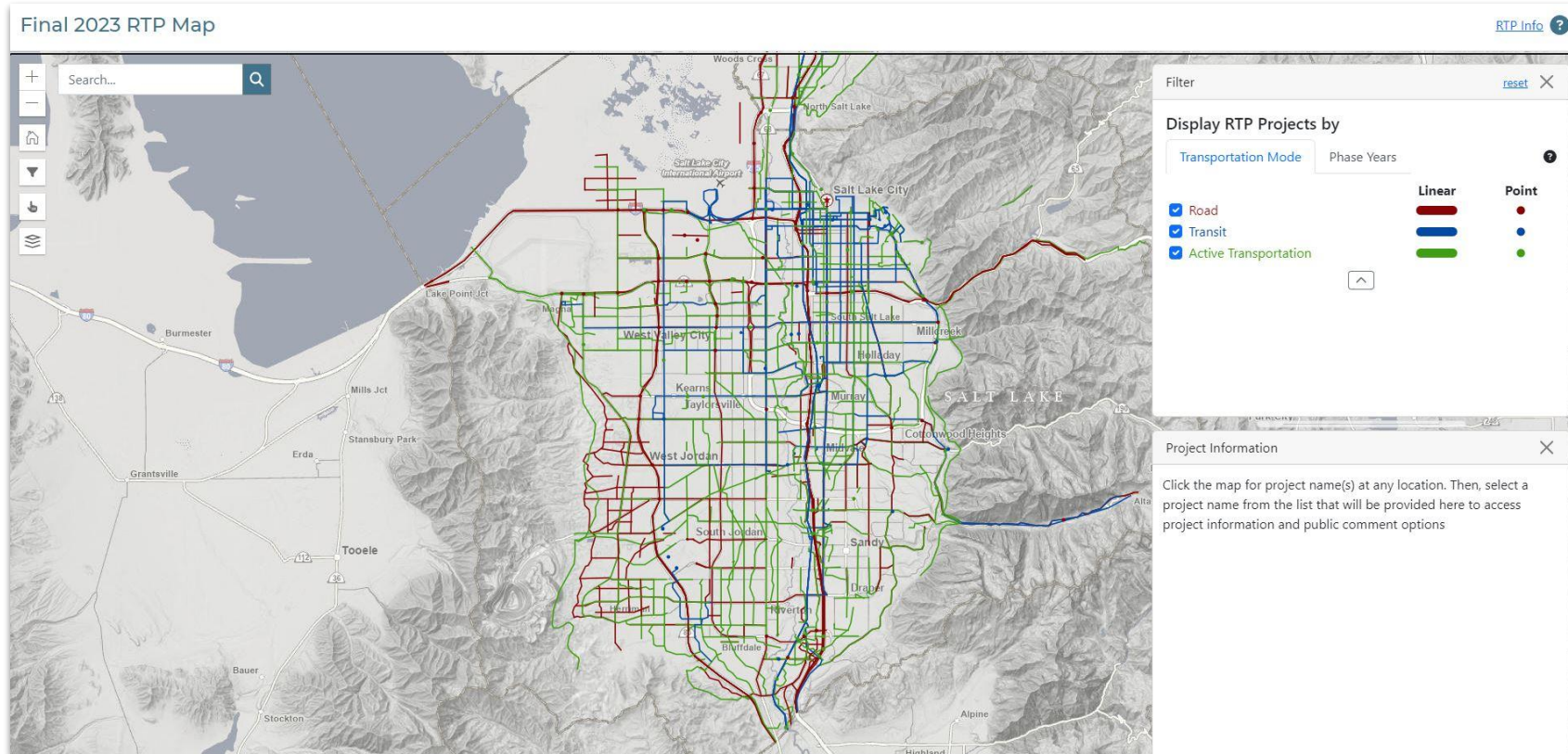
What happens next in the Regional Transportation Plan process?

WFRC is scheduled to finalize and adopt the RTP in May 2023.

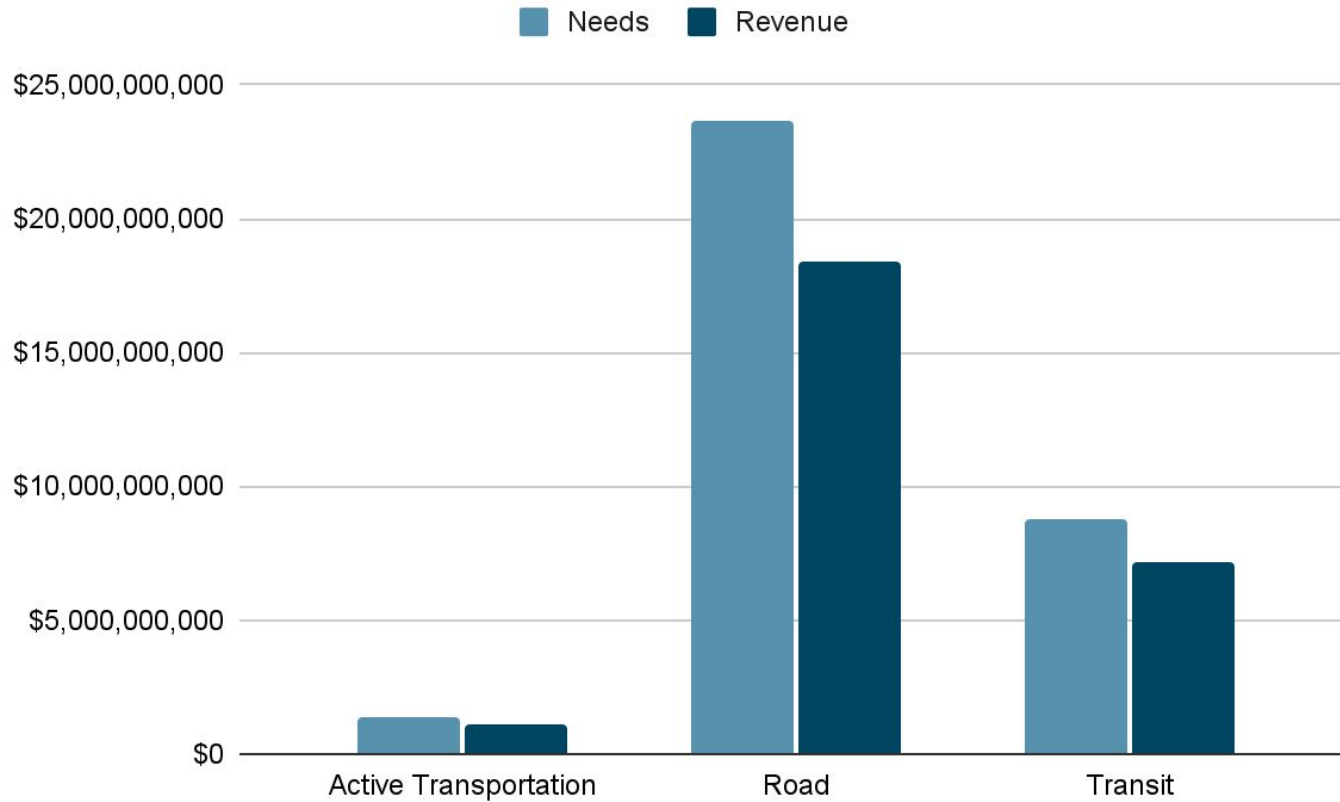
Improvements and changes from the 2019 RTP to the 2023 RTP



2023-2050 RTP Interactive Map



Fiscal Constraint



Increase in Jobs Easily Reachable to the Average



+31%

Increase in Jobs Easily Reachable to the Average



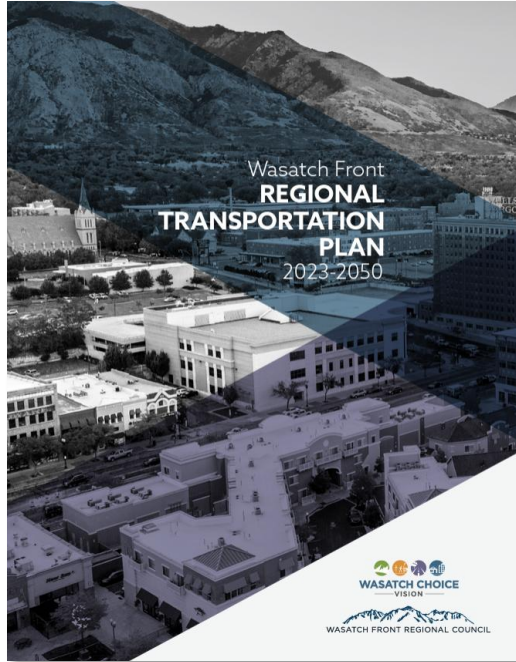
+71%

Increase in People with Nearby Access to a Bikeway



+43%

Regional Transportation Plan: Key Takeaways



We're **growing** fast, and...

We need to **invest** – even more.

We have a **Regional Transportation Plan!**

The RTP has **multimodal** balance - roads, transit, and trails.

The RTP was developed with lots of **community and partner engagement**, especially the relationship between transportation and development.

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The RTP will improve mobility and quality of life.

“I move that RGC recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council adoption of the final phased and financially constrained 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Memorandum #41.”



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A STATEWIDE CONVERSATION ABOUT UTAH'S FUTURE

RGC

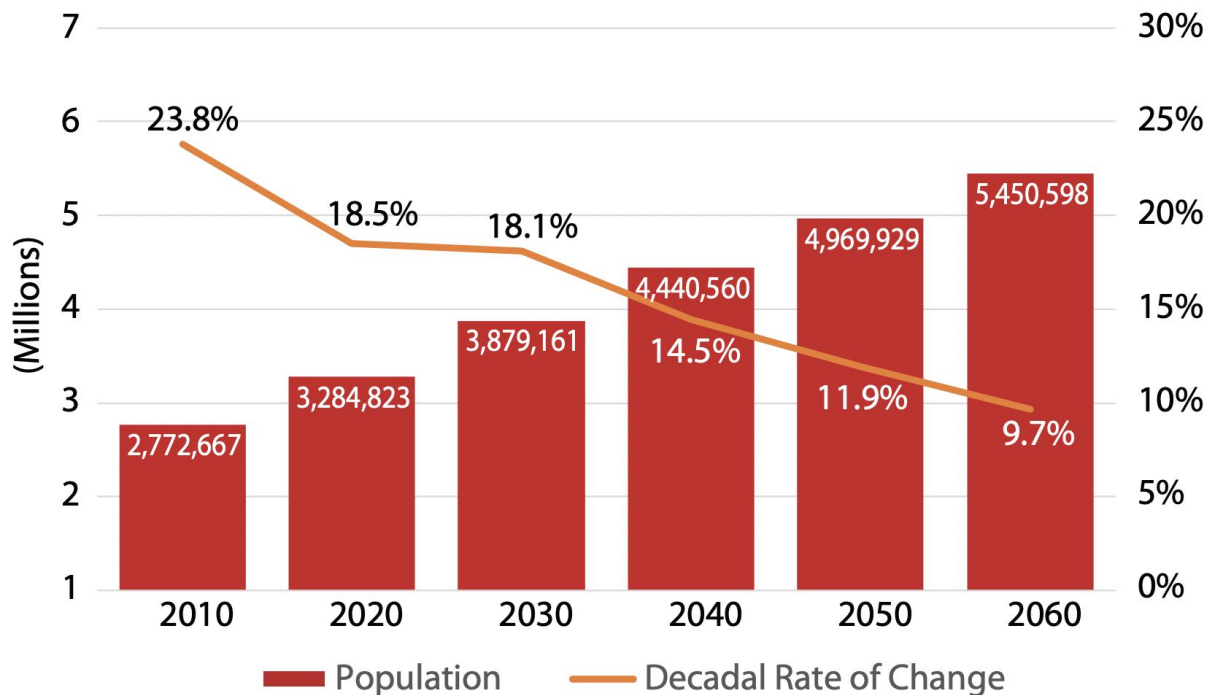
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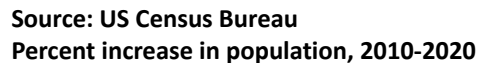
**THERE'S SO MUCH
TO CELEBRATE
ABOUT UTAH**

What makes Utah great also

MAKES UTAH GROW



Others recognize all that Utah has to offer and move here

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Envision
Utah How we grow matters.

EnvisionUtah.org/Tools



TALKING TO UTAHNS ABOUT GROWTH

VALUES MESSAGING GUIDE



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ABOUT UTAH'S FUTURE



GOALS OF THE EFFORT

- Educate Utahns on the effects of growth decisions
- Encourage Utahns to support quality growth principles
- Solicit input on Utahns' growth preferences
- Generate a list of Big Ideas and guidance for decision makers
- Support existing local and regional planning efforts

PHASE I ENGAGEMENT

15 Stakeholder workshops
13 Community presentations
29/29 Counties represented
7/7 Regions visited in-person

2,930 Online survey responses
1,329 Social media engagements
3,057 Workshop & presentation
participants

7,316

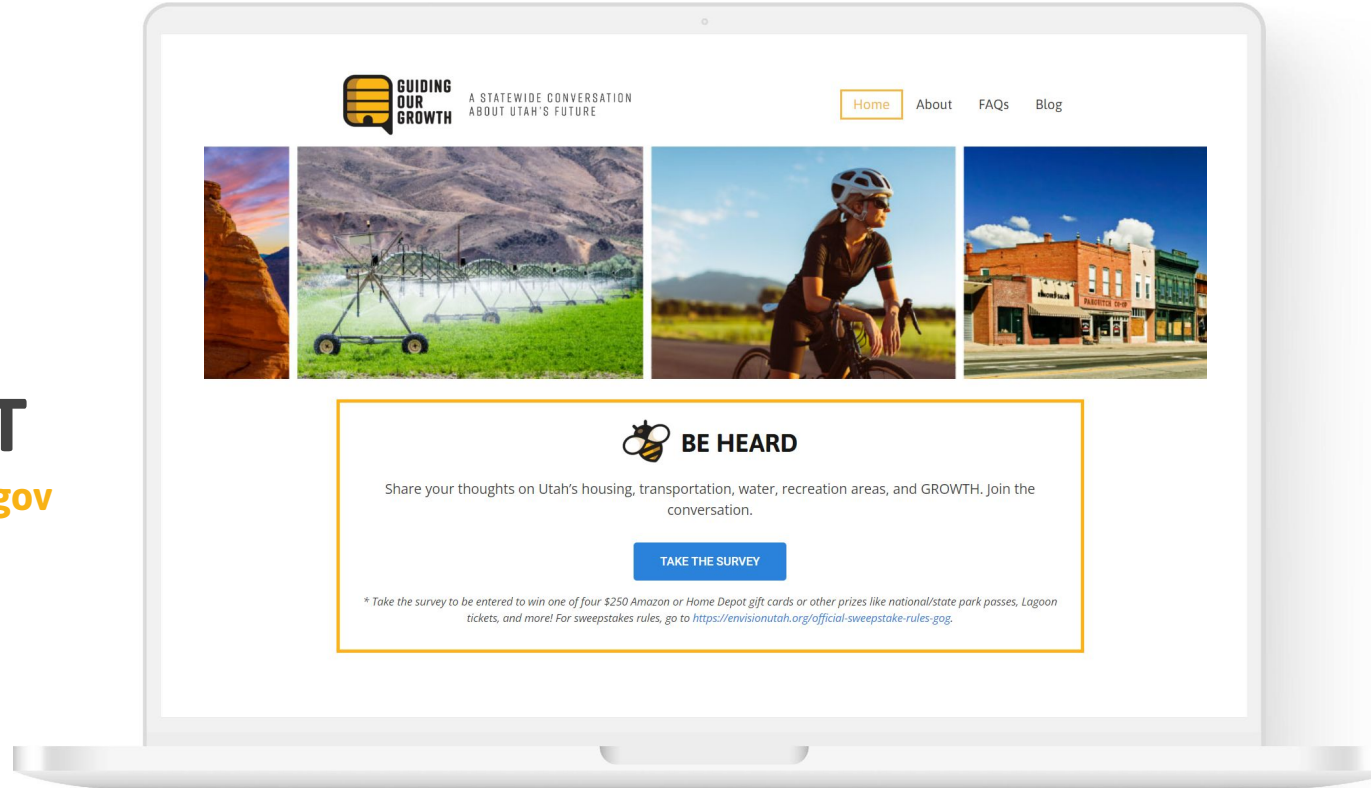
Engagements to date



PHASE 2



SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS
AND IDEAS AT
GuidingOurGrowth.utah.gov



3 Versions + Spanish



Please share your zip code to get a survey tailored for your area.

Zip Code (required)

Select your Utah zip code

☐ I am at least 13

Begin Survey

Comparta su código postal para obtener una encuesta adaptada a su área.

Código postal

Select your Utah zip code

☐ Certifico que soy mayor de 13 años

COMENZAR

2 Parts, 4 Topics



Utahns shared four topics as top priorities for managing growth; we want your opinion on them



Housing



Water



Transportation



Open Space & Recreation

Part 1 Compare Growth Options



Explore challenges
and options



Consider pros and
cons



Share your input

Start

Part 2 Explore Big Ideas



Review ideas
submitted by Utahns



Select your favorite
ideas

Start



NEXT STEPS

GUIDING OUR GROWTH - Public Engagement Timeline

PHASE I:
Fall 2022 to Spring 2023

Educate and Invite

PHASE II:
May 11 to August 2023

Invite and Inspire

PHASE III:
Fall 2023

Inspire and Act

Promote Survey &
Opportunity to
Guide Our Growth

Review Preliminary
Responses &
Explore Big Moves

Finalize list of
Big Moves
&
Budget Devel

2024 General
Legislative
Session

GUIDING OUR GROWTH - Decision-making Timeline

SHARE THE SURVEY: MEDIA ASSETS



SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS ON UTAH'S
HOUSING



TAKE THE SURVEY



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