



Status Update for the Wasatch Choice Vision

**Regional Growth Committee
January 16, 2025**

Steps in updating the Wasatch Choice Vision

Step one:

Explore Our Future - 2024

Step two:

Our Preferred Scenario - 2025

Step three:

Prioritize Projects - 2026

Step four:

Plan Adoption - 2027



WASATCH CHOICE
— VISION —

Step one: Explore Our Future



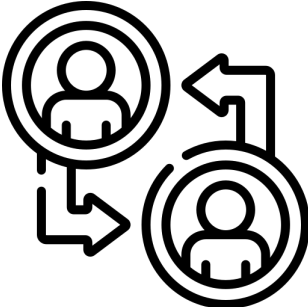
Update your
Wasatch Choice
centers and land
uses



Explore
transportation
aspirations

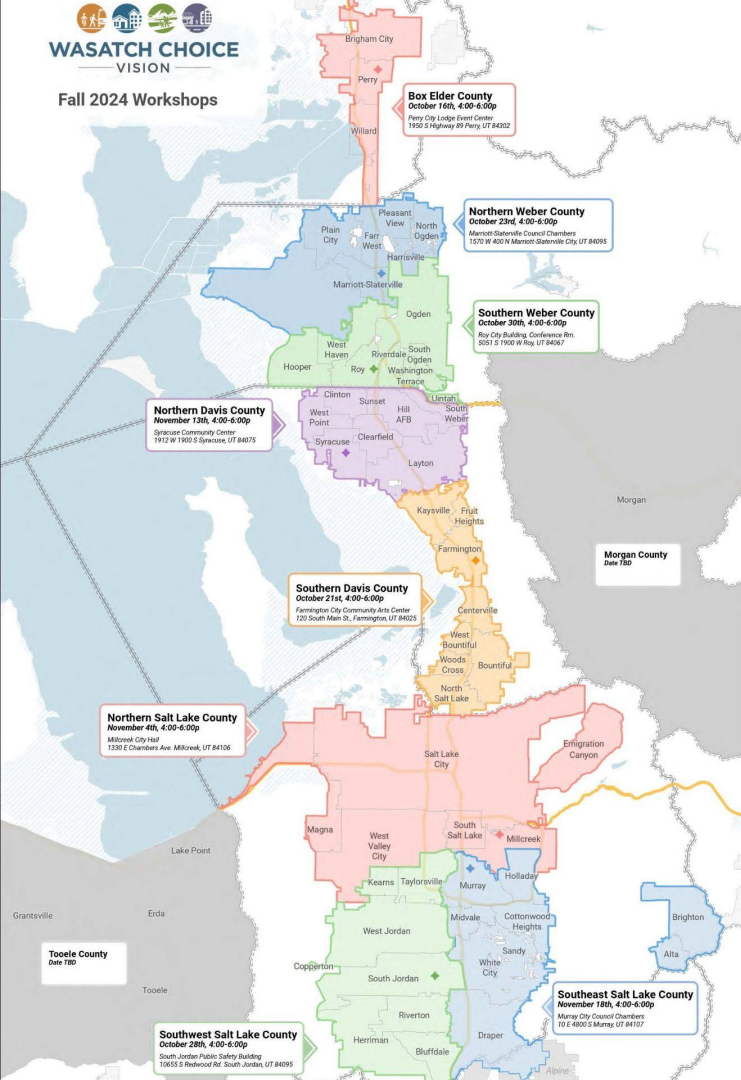
Drafting Our Preferred Scenario

1. Engagement and buy-in



2. Technical performance

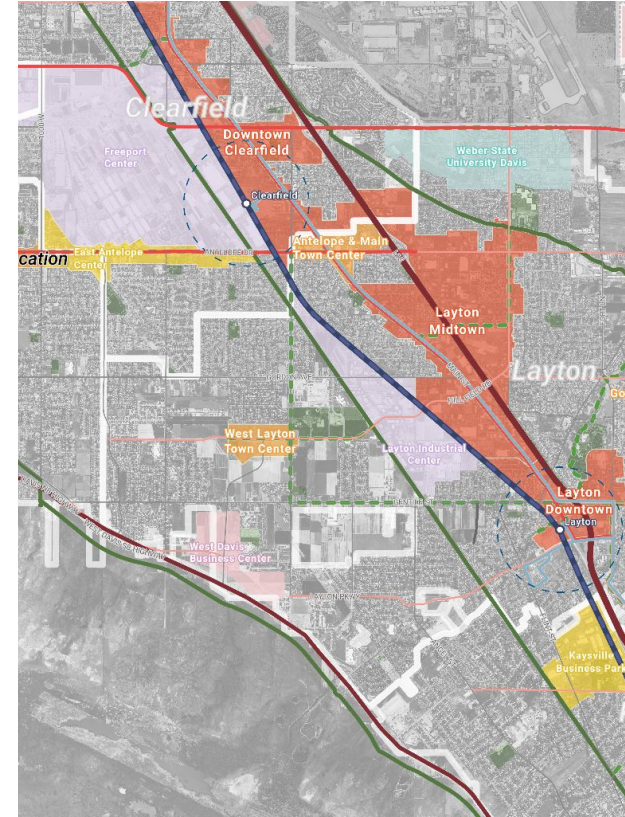




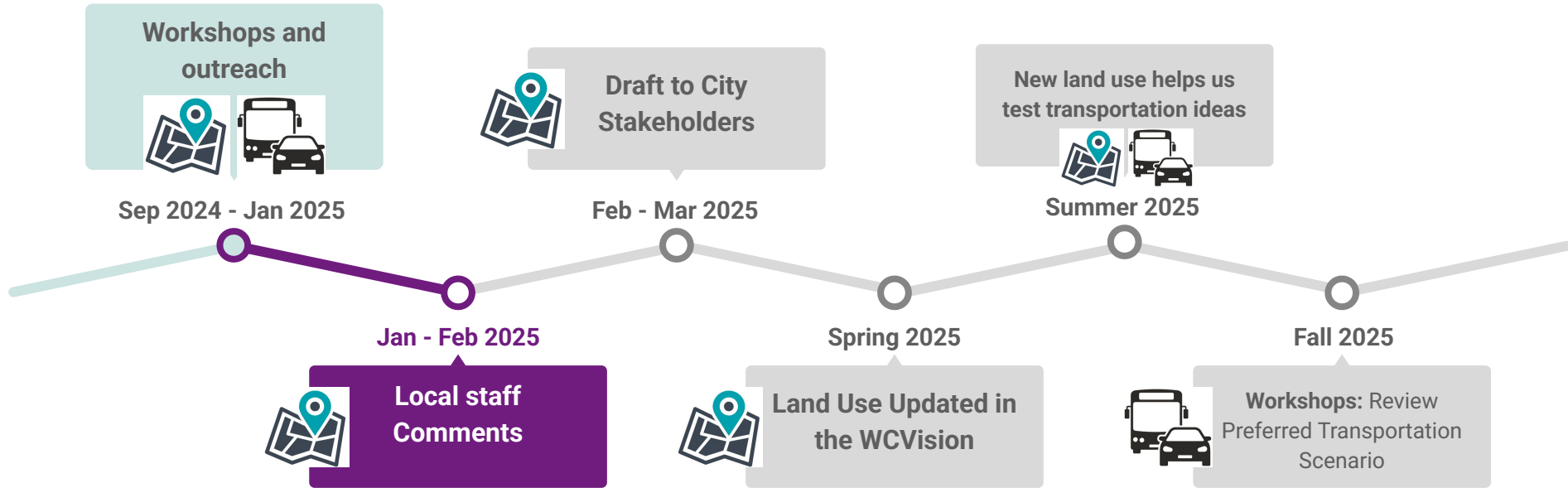
Workshop Map:

Affirm and modify

Land use & Transportation

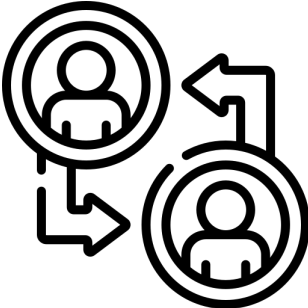


Step two: Our Preferred Scenario



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Exploratory Transportation Concepts

Big ideas

Beyond the Olympics

Emerging technologies



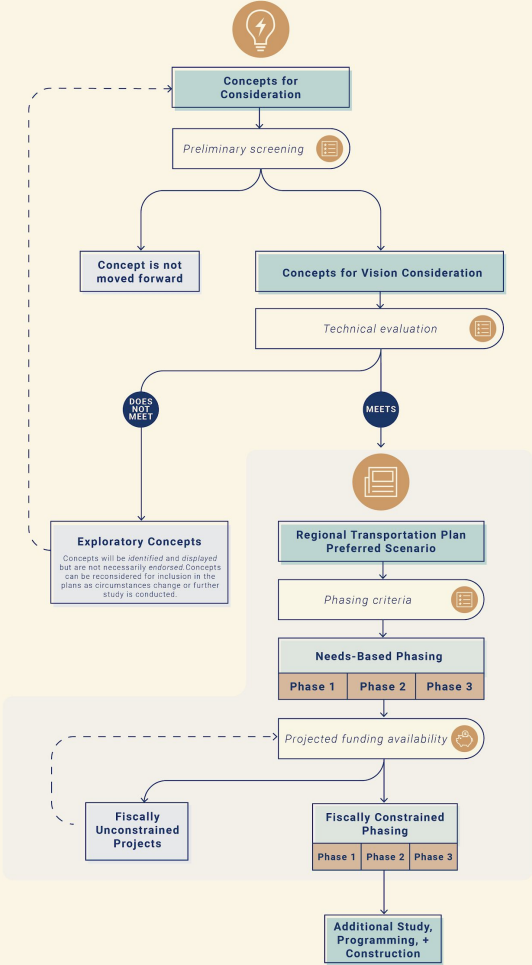
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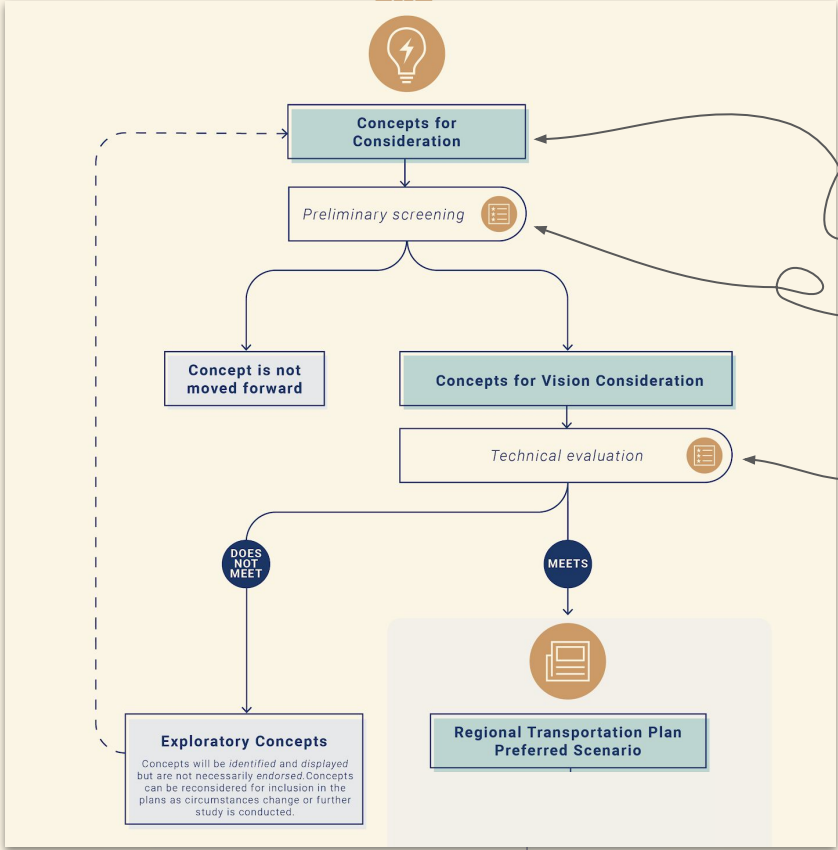
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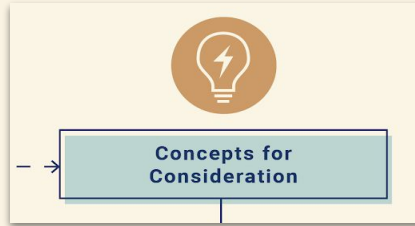


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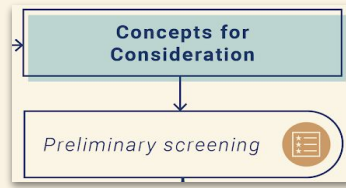


What we want to discuss with you today

Where Concepts Come From



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



Project must meet each of the following factors:



Roadway



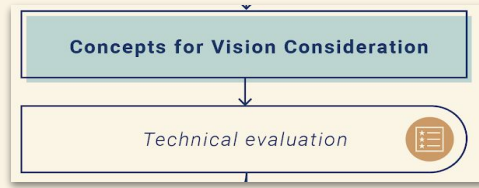
Transit



Active transportation

- A** Advances shared goals
- B** Community & transportation partner support
- C** Meaningful planning/analysis of the concept
- D** Viability
- E** Community or environmental impact
- F** Meaningful benefits to the system, relative to the potential costs

- A** Determine regional or local nature



Project must meet at least one of the following factors:



Roadway

- A** Capacity-type improvements
- B** Operational
- C** Safety
- D** Freight
- E** Corridor Preservation
- F** Connectivity



Transit

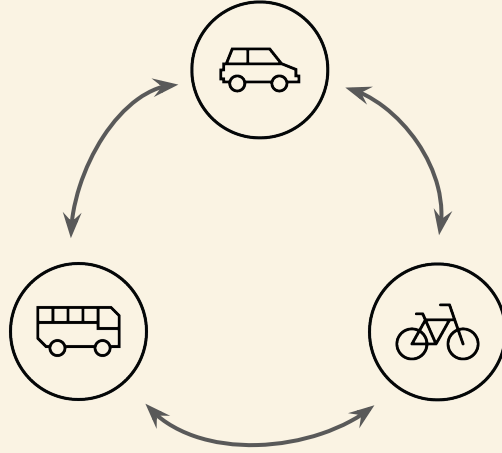
- A** Ridership
- B** Improved access to economic and educational opportunities
- C** Community and transportation partner support



Active transportation

- A** Beehive Bikeways and Utah Trails Network
- B** Overcomes barriers
- C** Serves a major destination
- D** Upgrades safety on an existing facility
- E** Community, transportation partner, and land owner support

Multimodal Interaction



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




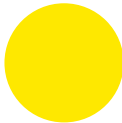


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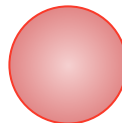
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Wasatch Choice Land Uses

Centers

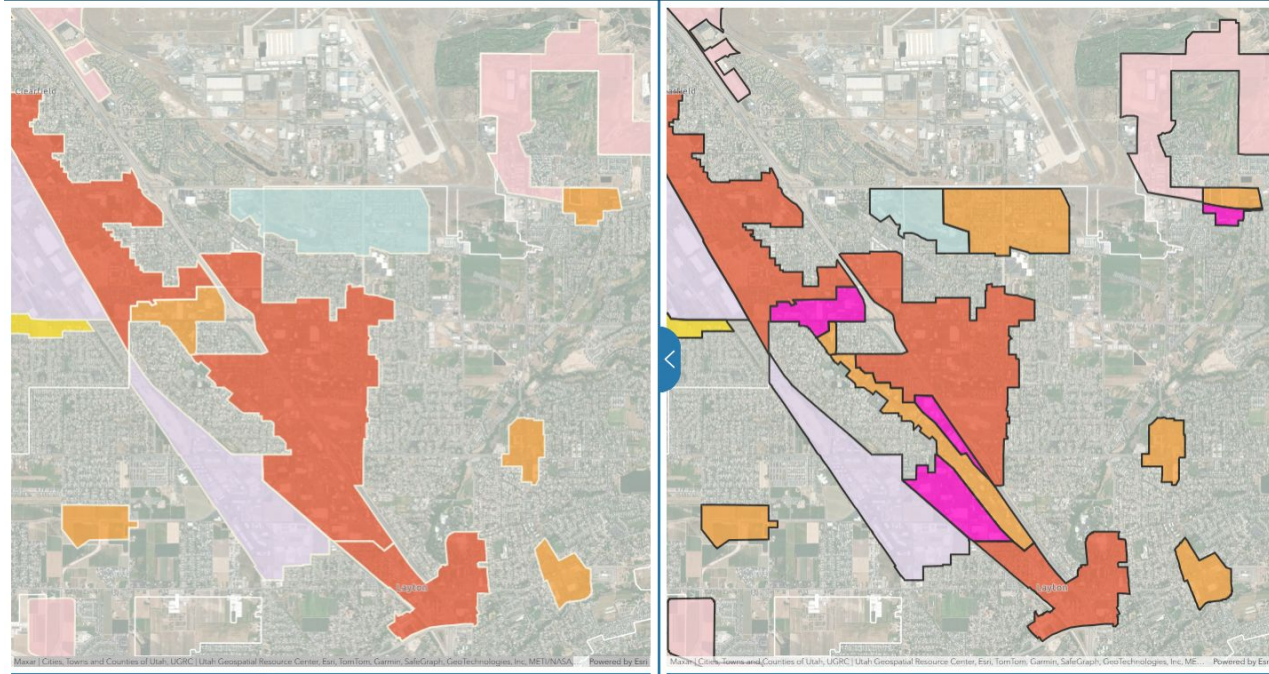
-  Metro Center
-  Urban Center
-  City Center
-  Neighborhood Center

Special Land-Uses

-  Educational District
-  Employment District
-  Industrial District
-  Special District
-  **Retail District**
(Added use)



Example local land use modifications (illustrative)



Before

Incorporating comments

STATION AREA PLANNING

ACTION: South Jordan TRAX Stations SAP Certification

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Meg Townsend, CED Director



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

Stations where station area planning has not begun



20

Stations with planning that pre-dates HB462



53

SAPs being prepared for adoption



4

SAPs submitted for certification review



29

SAPs certified by MPO
see list of stations/plans below



25 applications for SAP technical assistance received

4

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


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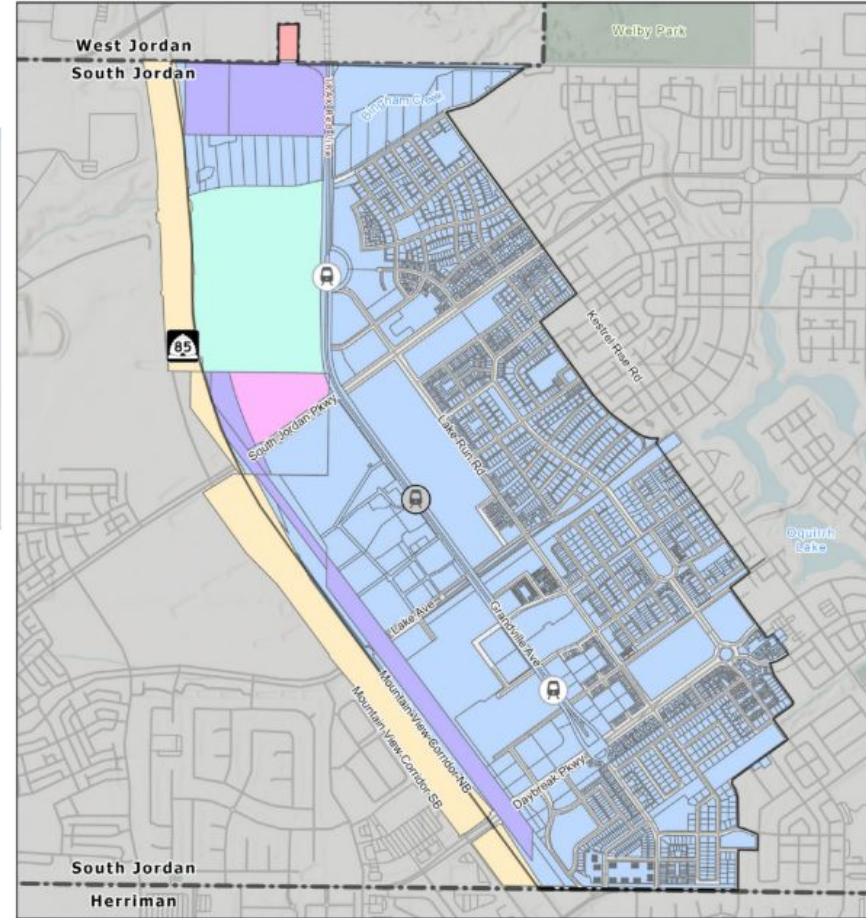
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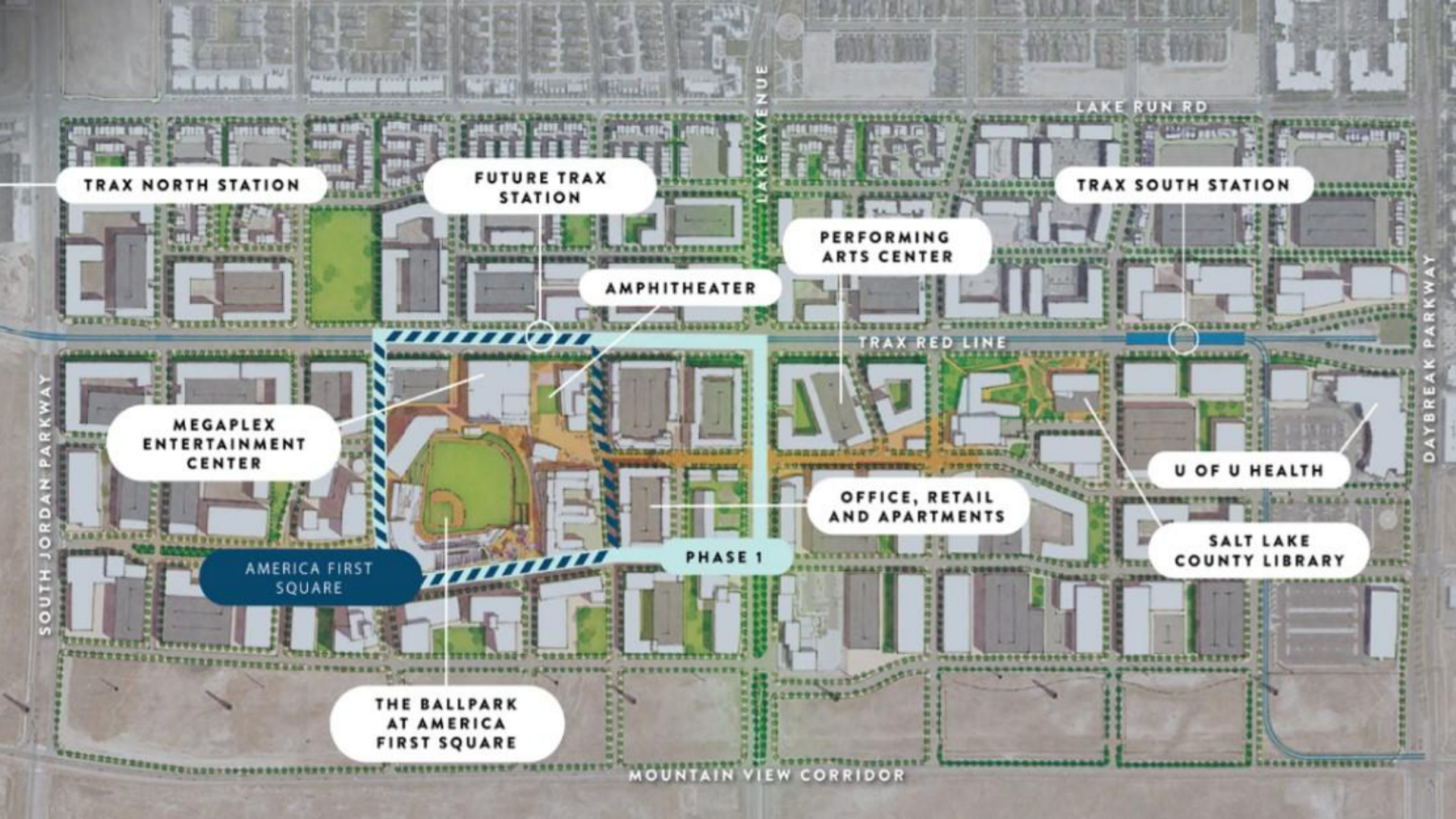
 The Last Holdout

 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 recommend
certification of the South Jordan
TRAX Station Area Plan.”**

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW



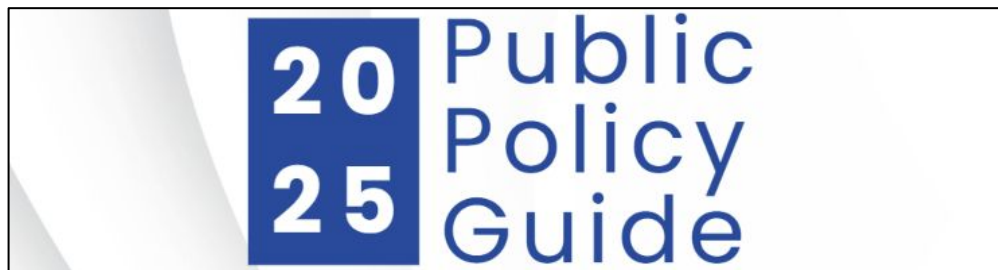
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WFRC Role on Capitol Hill

- ***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



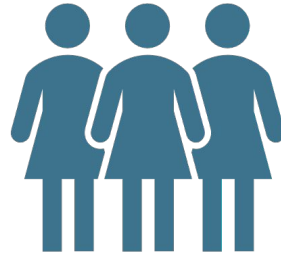
Legislative Priorities



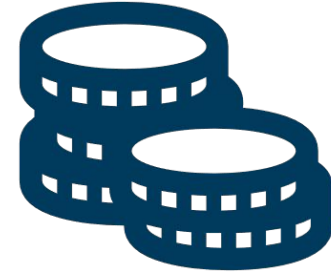
Legislative Landscape



“Socks &
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

- 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

- **Transportation**

- HTRZ and FHIZ technical changes
- Station area planning (SAP) reporting
- Advanced air mobility
- Local option sales taxes

- **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



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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

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