



Wasatch Choice Community Advisory Committee Meeting 3

March 7, 2023 // 5:30-7:00 PM



Today's Agenda

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- 2** Advisory Committee Member Share
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Advisory Committee Member Share

Jeremy Shinoda



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General Feedback:

- Meeting frequency could be increased to 6 per year - continue to pepper in optional opportunities for continued learning, engagement
- More action items or clearly define ways in which members can be beneficial between meetings
- Explore creating sub-committees focused on specific topic areas (communications, civic engagement, etc)

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UTA LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

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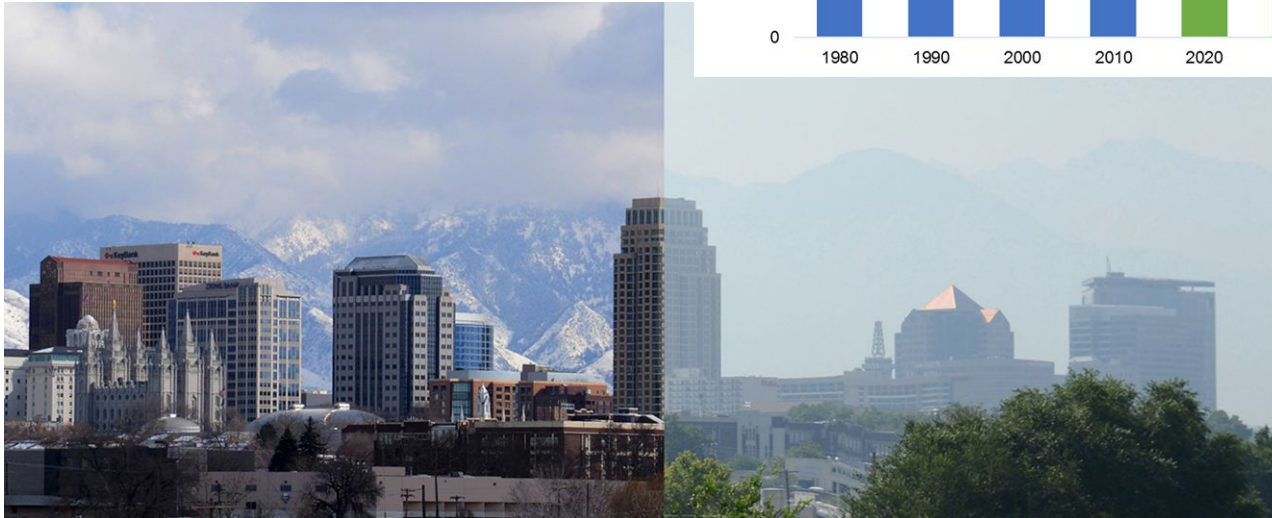
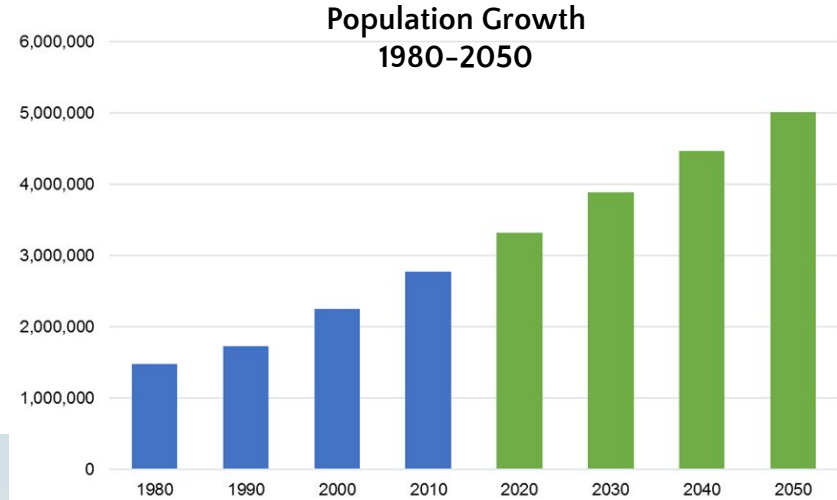
- Goals / Process overview and schedule
- What is informing the Plan?
- How can you be engaged?
- Anticipated Outcomes



Our Region is Growing

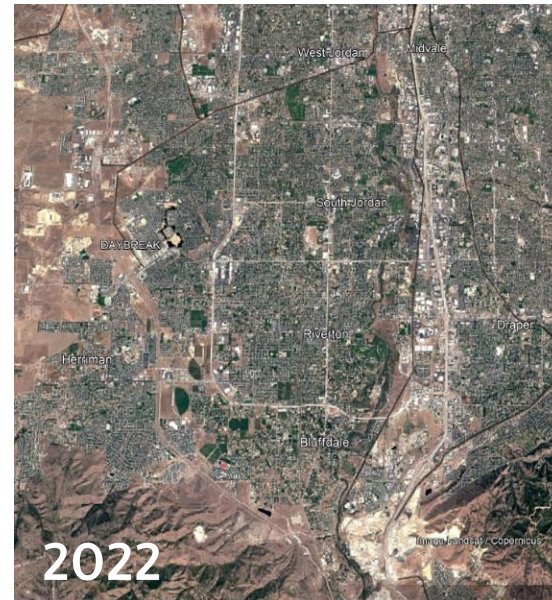
Our region is growing rapidly, which brings both challenges and opportunities.

- Air quality and traffic congestion
- Economic growth and opportunity



Need for a Long Range Transit Plan?

- Major transit investments take time to develop, fund, and implement
- Major transit investments are necessary to support economic development, accommodate growth, and mitigate environmental impacts





UTA Long Range Transit Plan

UTA is developing a Long Range Transit Plan for the next 30 years focused on understanding and responding to the future needs of the communities we serve

It will result in a vision for the future of public transportation – *considering all ideas, not restricted by funding*



Goals of the LRTP Process



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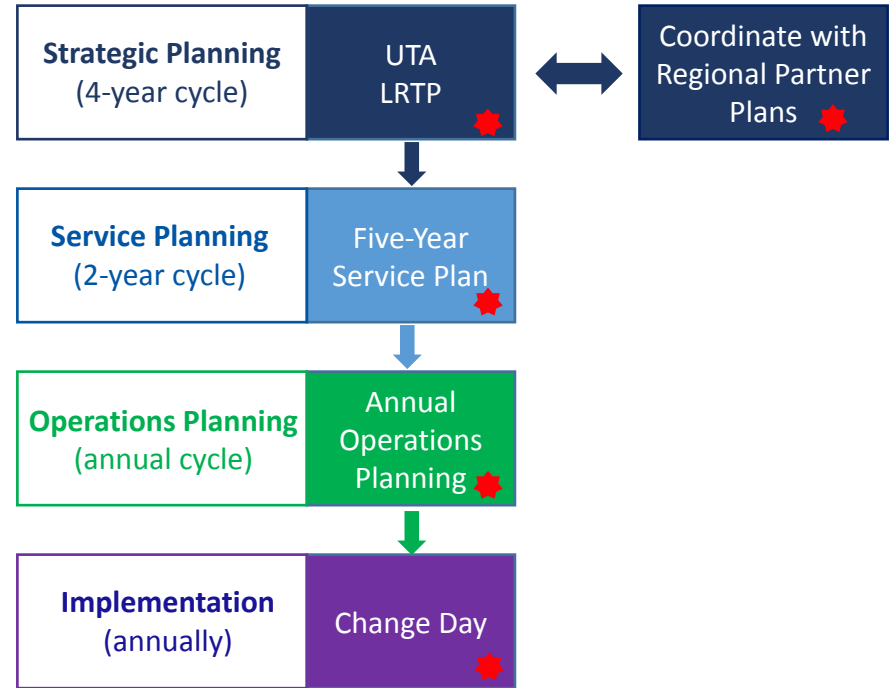


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The LRTP will not focus on short-term changes to routes or service, but rather a future network to grow our livable communities!

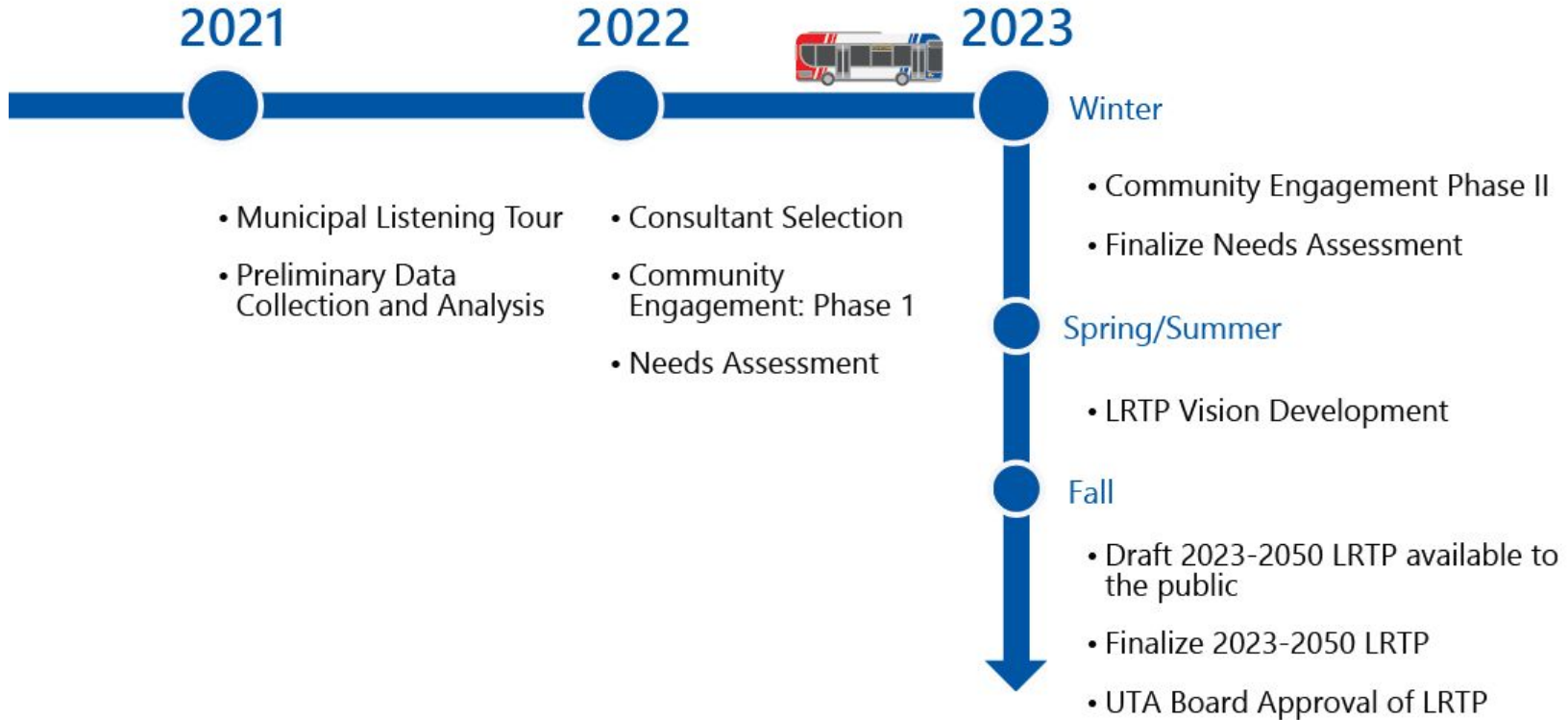
UTA Planning Process

- The **UTA Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP)** will present a comprehensive vision for public transit. It builds on projects developed in partnership with regional partners.
- UTA's **Five-Year Service Plan** focuses on short-term service improvements.
- The **Operational Planning** process refines and finalizes annual service changes, which are then **Implemented on Change Day**.



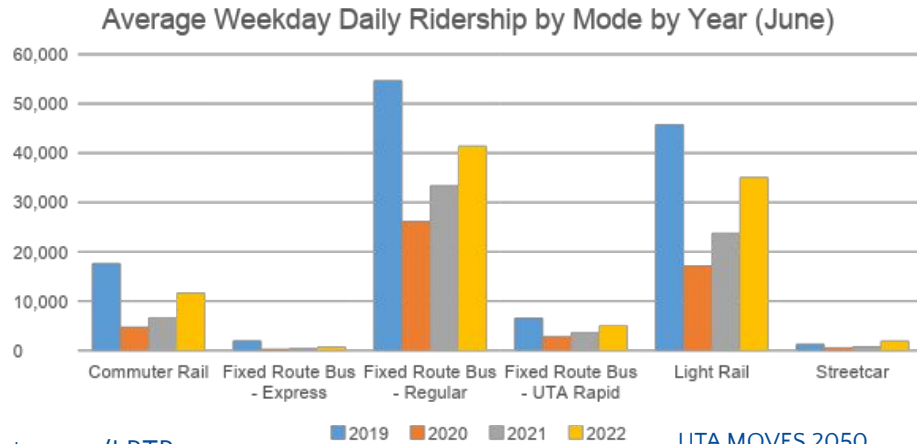
★ Engagement opportunity

Draft LRTP Process



UTA's Ridership Growth Exceeds the National Average

- Commuter based services (Express bus and FrontRunner) are recovering the slowest
 - A sign that rider behavior is changing
- Fixed-route bus and light rail service is more resilient



Mode	UTA Recovery	National Average*
Bus	75%	66%
Rail	75%	60%

UTA Service	UTA Recovery
Express Bus	35%
Commuter Rail	66%
Bus - Regular	76%
Light Rail	77%
Streetcar	149%

Defining Success: How have other Long Range Transit Plans Shaped a Region?

Los Angeles



LAMTA (LA Metro)
2050 Long Range
Transportation Plan

Austin



CAMPO 2045

Denver



DRCOG 2050 Metro Vision
Regional Transportation Plan

Seattle



King County

King County Metro
Long-Range Plan: Metro
Connects

Vancouver, BC

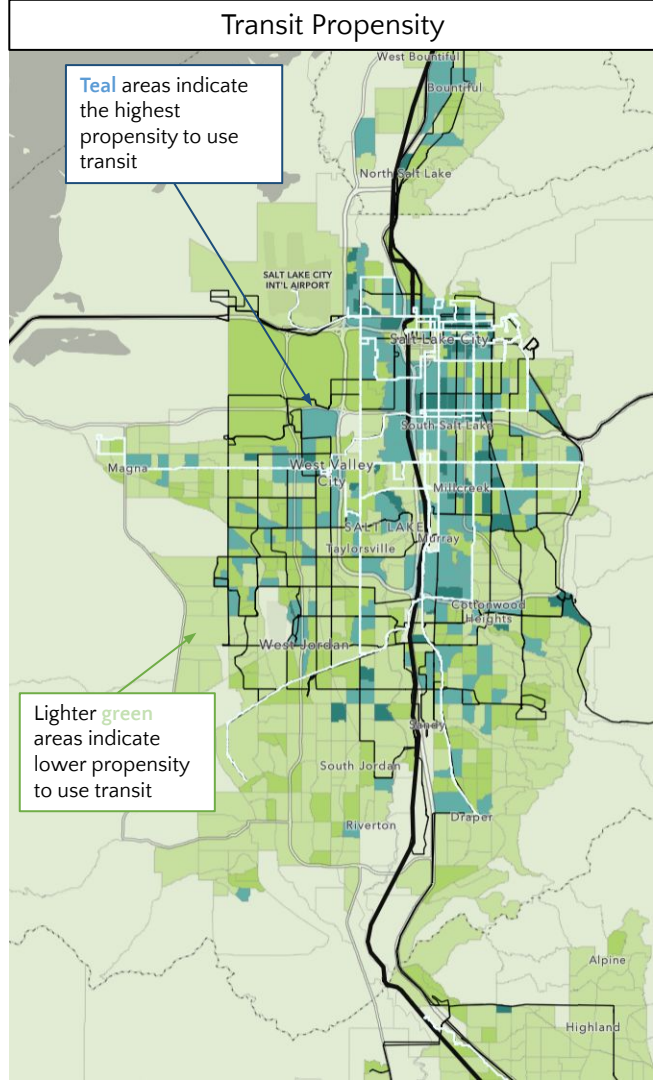


Transport 2050

- Examined five agencies from across the US and Canada that recently completed a long-range transit plan
- Identified the innovative approaches that UTA can utilize for engagement, identifying needs, prioritizing capital investments

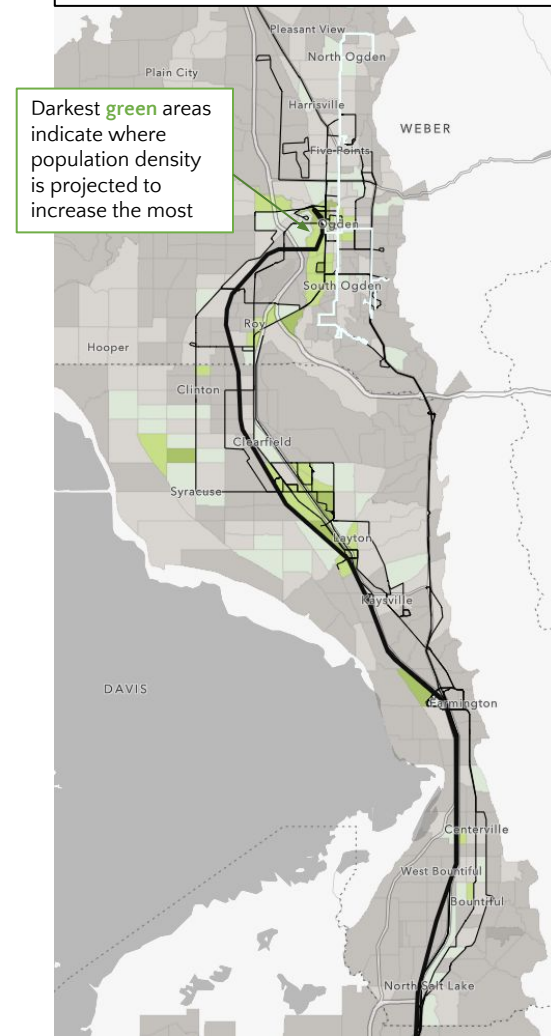
How well does UTA serve the region today?

- Demographic / Travel Data
 - Transit propensity (*likelihood of using transit*)
 - Demographics
 - Transit supply versus propensity (Gaps Analysis)
 - *Are there areas that would greatly benefit from and use transit, but don't have transit service to meet that need?*
- Overview of Existing Ridership
 - Ridership in Fall 2022
 - Ridership change between 2019–2022



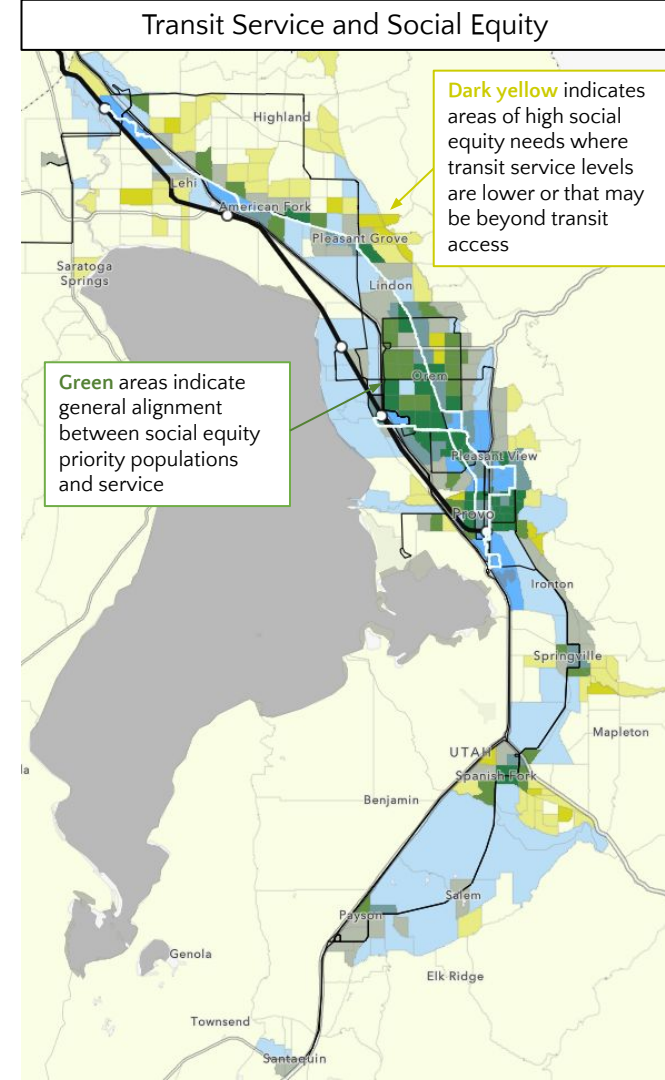
How well does UTA serve the future travel market?

- Population/employment projections and future anticipated travel flows
 - *Data from regional planning agencies (i.e., WFRC and MAG)*
- Future gaps analysis
 - *Where will people live, work, and travel in the future relative to the current transit network (as well as current planned projects)?*



The LRTP will consider the needs of those who rely most on transit

- Mobility needs of low-income populations will be highlighted



Transit Accessibility with Current Network

- Currently, nearly 1 million people live within ¼-mile walking distance of any UTA service and over 235,000 people live within ½ mile of rail or high-frequency bus rapid transit service
- In 2050, there would be 32% more people within ¼-mile of any UTA service and 81% more within ½ mile of rail or high frequency service*

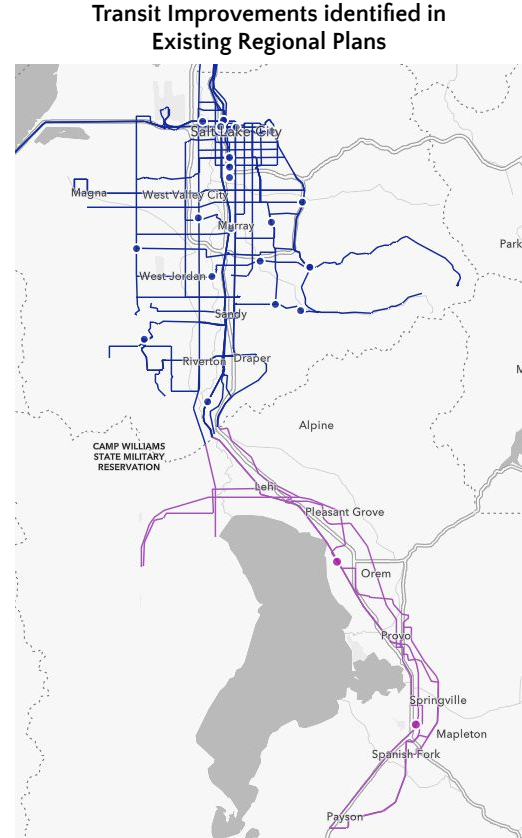
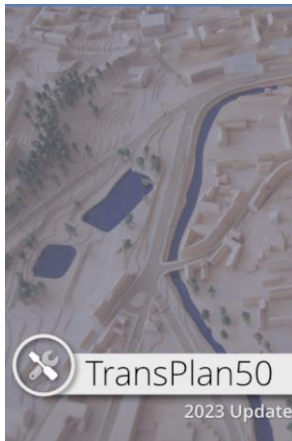
	2020	Growth, 2020-2050
Residents within ¼ mile Walk of any UTA Service	999,500 <i>(41% of service area population)</i>	+32%
Jobs within ¼ mile Walk of any UTA Service	639,300 <i>(43% of jobs in service area)</i>	+65%
Residents within ½ mile walk of rail or high frequency service	235,200 <i>(10% of service area population)</i>	+81%
Jobs within ½ mile walk of rail or high frequency service	288,400 <i>(19% of jobs in service area)</i>	+70%

Data sources: US Census 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates and 2019 LEHD

*assuming the current transit network is in place in 2050

Next Steps: Develop a Vision for Transit

- Summarizes potential investment strategies
- Evaluates and prioritizes strategies
- Creates an implementation plan



How Can You Get Involved?

We are looking for community input as one element to help guide how and where to invest in long-term strategic service and capital projects!

Check out the Project Website:

<http://rideuta.com/lrtp>

Take the Transit Needs Survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/UTAMoves>

Email feedback to:

LRTP@rideuta.com

Additional opportunities to come!



Outcomes

- UTA's Long-Range Transit Plan 2023-2050 to be completed **in the fall of 2023**
- Goals of the LRTP Project Team
 - Create a plan that comes from UTA service area **communities**, identifies the existing and **anticipated travel needs** for the region, and **prioritizes those projects**
 - Design the LRTP development process to be **replicable** for UTA staff and **comprehensible to the public**
- Process is concurrent with the Five-Year Service Plan



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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Announcements

- Move Utah Breakout session - Volunteer for Session
- WFRC public comment period - Closed, Comment Review
- MAG public comment period - April

Looking Ahead:

- Utah Trails Network
- Utah Healthy Places Index + Transportation





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