The first WFRC Weekly Legislative Meeting will be held virtually tomorrow, January 21, 2021 from 8:00 - 8:55 a.m. (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037130953?pwd=b0J6bWZmSkprUnFOVDIzckVkbUdjUT09)

We'll start the meeting by hearing from Representative Mike Schultz, House Majority Whip and member of WFRC.

We'll get the lay of the land on several key legislative issues, including:

- Budget overview
- Transportation infrastructure investment
- Potential housing legislation
- Potential economic development legislation

The WFRC bill tracker will be kept up to date as well, and we hope you will find this information useful.

We gave you a detailed analysis of the Governor's proposed budget and the possibility for infrastructure investment in our Government Affairs Update, which I emailed to you on Jan. 14 at 12:58pm. Since then, the legislative session has gotten underway. In their opening remarks, both Senate President Stuart Adams and Speaker Brad Wilson spoke about the need to invest in Utah's infrastructure.

Here is an excerpt of the **Speaker's comments**:

"[An] area of focus is infrastructure. An ambitious vision can only become a reality when it is built on a solid foundation. Our commitment to investing in and preserving critical infrastructure is that foundation.

As our state grows, so must our capacity to connect people and the goods they require. Our investment in roads and rail has been an often-underappreciated element of our economic success - and we will not ease up in our commitment to preventing the gridlock that would bring our economy to a halt."

And here is an excerpt of the Senate President's comments:

"More and more people are moving to our great state. We are the best location in the world to live in. We need to fund infrastructure. To alleviate congestion on our roads, we need to fund projects like double-tracking the Frontrunner and expanding highways and alternate routes, along with increasing our fiber optic system and, of course, water.

We love our open spaces in Utah. We need to conserve our great outdoors and improve the trail and park capacity. These will not only improve our quality of life, but will draw people toward our state. These projects will be contributing factors to why all of us will want to stay in Utah."

We look forward to "seeing" you tomorrow!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Andrew