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Wasatch Front Regional Council Announces Two Open Houses for Draft 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Public has opportunity to shape list of upcoming transportation projects

SALT LAKE CITY — The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), in conjunction with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), has identified hundreds of priority transportation projects totaling approximately \$4 billion to improve mobility, strengthen the economy and enhance quality of life along the Wasatch Front. The public is now invited to provide input on the selected projects.

The public comment period on the Draft 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is now open and runs through Aug. 4, 2018. Members of the public can give input via an interactive map linked at <u>wfrc.org/tip</u> or by attending one of two open houses:

Tuesday, July 10

Ogden Intermodal Center at 2350 Wall Ave. in Ogden (bus loop area) 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 12

Salt Lake Central Station at 250 South 600 West in Salt Lake City (area between the TRAX and FrontRunner platforms) 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Representatives will be available at both to answer questions and take comments about the TIP projects.

The TIP includes roadway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects identified for funding over the next six years in Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Tooele, and Morgan counties, as well as the urbanized portion of Box Elder County. This year's TIP includes projects to improve intersections from Sandy to Ogden, build sidewalks and bike lanes to connect major population areas with elementary and other schools, and enhance transit opportunities all along the Wasatch Front. Also included is funding to rebuild UTA's FrontRunner locomotives to reduce emissions and improve air quality.

"These projects highlight our region's commitment to providing transportation choices for our residents," said Council Chair and Ogden City Mayor Mike Caldwell. "Roads, transit and active transportation options will all be needed to keep us moving while enhancing our enviable quality of life along the Wasatch Front now and in the future."

The Draft 2019-2024 TIP helps to meet current transportation needs while simultaneously addressing critical future priorities throughout the region. Projects are funded with federal, state and local resources for the next six years. Major capacity projects in the TIP are selected from <u>Utah's Unified</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u>. Utah's transportation agencies work together to develop Utah's Unified Transportation Plan using in-depth analysis and careful planning to identify and prioritize projects for the coming decades.

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