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## Wasatch Front Regional Council Announces Open Houses and Interactive Map for Draft 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Public has opportunity to provide input on 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 more than \$7 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 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is now open and runs through July 30, 2022. Members of the public can give input via an interactive map linked at <a href="wfrc.org/tip-2023-2028-comment-map">wfrc.org/tip-2023-2028-comment-map</a> or by attending one of two open houses:

Wednesday, July 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Salt Lake Central Station at 250 South 600 West in Salt Lake City (area between the TRAX and FrontRunner platforms)

**Wednesday, July 13** *from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*Ogden Intermodal Center at 2350 Wall Ave. in Ogden (bus loop area)

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

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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 expand bike sharing in Salt Lake City and Ogden City, operate the Midvalley Connector bus rapid transit system, reconstruct 900 West in Salt Lake City, construct a bike and pedestrian path along the Welby Jacob Canal in Riverton City, widen 2000 West between 300 North in West Point and 1800 North in Clinton, corridor preservation for FrontRunner expansion from 12th Street to the Weber County Border, and hundreds more priority projects.

"The Transportation Improvement Program is an essential tool for planning road, transit, and active transportation projects to maintain the high quality of life we enjoy in our growing region," said Wasatch Front Regional Council Chair and Millcreek City Mayor Jeff Silvestrini. "I'm proud that through collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, a great number of projects are receiving funding to strengthen our transportation network."

The Draft 2023-2028 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 <a href="Utah's Unified Transportation Plan">Utah's Unified Transportation Plan</a>. Utah's transportation agencies work together to develop Utah's Unified Transportation Plan using extensive analysis and careful planning to identify and prioritize projects for the coming decades. The transportation system is planned and designed to consider growth, development and quality of life goals under the broader <a href="Wasatch Choice Regional Vision">Wasatch Choice Regional Vision</a>.

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