



## WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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## Transportation and Land Use Connection Program: We Can Help!

[The Transportation and Land Use Connection \(TLC\) program](#) program

provides technical assistance to local communities for visioning, planning, and analyses. TLC is a partnership between the Wasatch Front Regional Council, Salt Lake County, Utah Department of Transportation, and Utah Transit Authority.

How can TLC help you next year? Here are some ideas...

**Since COVID-19 spread to Utah, pedestrian and bicycle facilities have seen major increases in users.**

- Do you need an Active Transportation plan?
- Is your Active Transportation plan outdated, or missing something (such as pedestrian connectivity)?
- Do you need support making the projects in your Active Transportation plan happen?
- Does your community need to think critically about who has access to green infrastructure?

**The goals and strategies of the [Wasatch Choice Regional Vision](#) may be more important than ever in the face of changing travel patterns and real estate development.**

- What should recovery look like for your community?
- Are there groups in your community that have been affected more than others? How can we plan to improve their quality of life?
- Do you need ordinances that produce more flexible spaces?

For more information and to talk about your project ideas, contact Megan Townsend, TLC Program Manager, at [mtownsend@wfrc.org](mailto:mtownsend@wfrc.org).

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## July Map of the Month: Review and Comment

# on Upcoming Transportation Projects



Wasatch Front Regional Council along with our partners, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Utah Transit Authority (UTA), has identified hundreds of priority transportation projects that aim to enhance mobility, strengthen the economy, connect communities, increase access to opportunities, and improve health along the Wasatch Front. These projects, *totaling \$3.4 billion in federal, state, and local funding*, are listed in the current draft of the [2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan \(TIP\)](#).

The WFRC Council and its committees have begun the process to formalize funding commitments to these projects. As part of that process, you can explore the projects' locations and details in our TIP interactive map. The map also provides an easy tool for submitting public comment generally, or on any specific project. Your comments will help inform the Council's approval process for the TIP. ***The deadline for TIP comments is August 8th.***

The [Transportation Improvement Program](#) includes roadway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects identified for funding over the next six years in Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Tooele, and Morgan counties, and the urbanized portion of Box Elder County. The projects vary greatly in scope, amount of investment, and stage of development. For example, there are new freeway interchanges on I-15 that are scheduled to begin construction in 2023 or 2024. On the other end of the spectrum are minor road widenings that include pedestrian and cyclist improvements, in communities across the region including Harrisville, West Point, and Murray, some of which are already under construction. Likewise, transit projects range from the new Ogden-Weber State University bus rapid transit line, to rail operation and maintenance programs, and funding for electric bus charging infrastructure for UTA's emerging electric bus fleet in Weber and Salt Lake Counties.

Click on the button below to comment on any transportation project in the TIP interactive map.

For more information regarding the TIP, please contact Ben Wuthrich, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, at [bwuthrich@wfr.org](mailto:bwuthrich@wfr.org).

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## Puncturevine Bounty Program - \$2/lb

The Jordan River Commission, through a recently established Jordan River Cooperative Weed Management Area, is offering a \$2 per pound "bounty" for the removal of puncturevine, also known as "goathead" for the second year. This noxious weed has sharp burrs that puncture bicycle tires and hands, feet, and paws of humans and pets. This program is available to registered organizations in the State of Utah, including businesses, nonprofits, community and religious organizations, social clubs, and school groups, or groups raising funds for registered non-profits, and limited to 250 yards on either side of the Jordan River. Participants must register and be approved under the link below, before participating, and follow local guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing in public spaces to safely work as a group.

Pounds are rounded to the nearest whole number and weights must be verified by Jordan River Commission staff on site before payment is made. Limited funds are available, and the program will be discontinued when available funds are used up or by the program

expiration date. Payment will be made via check. This program is supported by the State of Utah through the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands.

To learn more about the Jordan River Commission, click [here](#).

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## Tell Us How You Really Feel and Take the Surveys!



What's your vision for the Jordan River Parkway?

Take the Blueprint Jordan River 2020 Survey today!

### Blueprint Jordan River 2020

In 2008, Utahns came together to create a vision for the Jordan River Parkway. This vision, called the Blueprint Jordan River, helped to elevate the Jordan River from an overlooked and neglected drainage into a cherished community asset. Now it's time to reaffirm this vision and chart a course for the next decade. The Jordan River Commission and Envision Utah invite you to share your ideas and dreams for the future of the Jordan River. [Take the survey](#) to weigh in, or visit [blueprintjordanriver.org](http://blueprintjordanriver.org) to learn more. Those who complete the survey will be entered to **win 1 of 3 \$100 REI gift cards!**

### Local Link Study

Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake, Millcreek and City of Holladay are teaming up on Local Link to learn how you travel in and around your community and to develop innovative, multi-modal options for more convenient, connected trips. This is the final planning effort before significant investments are made to improve travel in these communities, so your input is needed now more than ever to make sure the cities get it right.



You know your city, and your insight is critical to helping the cities develop and implement safe, inviting, sustainable and comfortable travel choices for everyone. Be sure to weigh in and take the circulation study survey at [locallinkstudy.com/comment](http://locallinkstudy.com/comment).

More information about a potential transit improvement among Sugar House, Millcreek and City of Holladay will be available later this summer, so sign up for updates at [locallinkstudy.com](http://locallinkstudy.com) to stay informed! to stay informed!

## Upcoming Events

### Affordable Housing Strategies in Utah

You are invited!  
Date: July 30, 2020  
Time: 3:15 p.m. Mountain Time  
Topic: Affordable Housing Strategies in Utah

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



**AGENDA**

- 3:15 - 3:20 **Introduction** - Angela Price (Moderator), UTA Utah
- 3:20 - 3:25 **Housing Affordability Gap** - Sara Jackson, Utah Housing Coalition
- 3:25 - 3:30 **Public Affordability Toward Affordable Housing** - Al Branning, Envision Utah
- 3:30 - 3:35 **Regional Perspectives on Affordable Housing** - Tom Hawkins, Wasatch Front Regional Council
- 3:35 - 4:05 **15 City Survey of State of the Practice in Utah** - Amy Givens & Reed Ewing, University of Utah
- 4:05 - 4:15 **Questions and Answers** - Angela Price and Audience



# UTA Fare Change

UTA is proposing several changes to the fare policy and structure. A 30-day public comment period is now open, from July 22 through August 21.

Let UTA know what you think! Read more about how to submit a comment at [www.rideuta.com/farechanges](http://www.rideuta.com/farechanges)

