

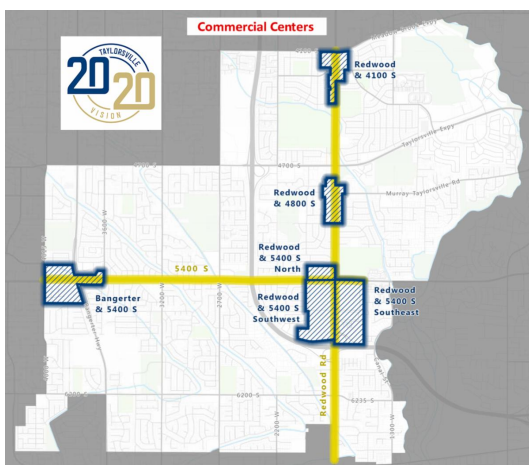


# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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## Community Spotlight: Taylorsville City... A Destination and Place of Experience

The city of Taylorsville incorporated in 1996 and is located in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley. There are currently 60,000 residents in a ten-mile radius that call this beautiful city home. Taylorsville's central location provides residents with access to housing, work, and

recreation opportunities, but also comes with the challenge of increasing pass-thru traffic. Mayor Overson credited the hard work of city staff such as Angela Price, John Hiskey, and Wayne Harper on developing [Taylorsville 2020 Vision](#). Taylorsville's Vision for the future capitalizes on the city's assets and encourages people to stop in their community for shopping, dining, or soon to see a play at the Performing Arts Center that is currently

under construction. Mayor Overson has spent the last year working to implement the Vision, and city staff expressed appreciation for her "strong leadership", along with appreciation for the support from City Council and Planning Commission.

Taylorsville staff Angela Price and John Hiskey, among others, began by conducting multiple studies that work towards making Taylorsville City a place where people stop, shop and dine. Part of that work includes two economic development studies: The Commercial Centers Master Planning and Revitalization Study, funded by the WFRC/SLCO/UDOT/UTA Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program, and the other, a Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Study, funded by the city. Both of these studies consider new ways for Taylorsville to grow and redevelop in the future.

Senator Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director, stated that the Vision considers where the city will be in 5, 10, and 15 years down the road. "The Vision sets out to answer what Taylorsville has been, what we are now, and what will we become." Senator Harper wears two hats while serving his community. His work at the State Legislature helps craft Statewide policies, and as the Economic Development Director, he understands how those policies funnel down into meaningful projects implemented at a local level. Ultimately, he wants Taylorsville to become a "destination and a place of experience."

We would encourage you to see all of the new and exciting things Taylorsville has to offer by visiting this wonderful city yourself.

Watch for more community spotlights coming to the WFRC newsletter!





# A Time for Giving Thanks...

Today and every day we are thankful for the relationships that we have built with our many friends and partners throughout the region. This year marked many great milestones for our office and we couldn't have done any of them without YOU...THANK YOU!

Here's what some of our amazing staff members had to say when asked what they are thankful for...

*"I'm thankful for living in a state that affords me the opportunity to spend quality time with my family in the beautiful mountains around us." ~Katie Gerard-Nelson*

*"I'm thankful to be able to work with talented and dedicated colleagues and partners who care so much about the future of our region and state." ~Andrew Gruber*

*"I am grateful for family, and the great work/life balance that WFRC provides me." ~Scott Hess*

*"I am thankful for my legs and feet that enable me to walk, bike, hike, jump, and run (sparingly)!" ~Hugh Van Wagenen*

*"I'm thankful to have kind, intelligent colleagues :)" ~Megan Townsend*

*"I'm thankful for living in a state that affords me the opportunity to spend quality time with my family in the beautiful mountains around us." ~Katie Gerard-Nelson*

*"My family, my friends, my health, my education, and the many opportunities and second chances I've had in life" ~Nicole Proulx*

*"I'm thankful every morning when I wake up, that I get another day to live and love!" ~Amber Gonzales*

*"I'm thankful for good health." ~Nikki Navio*

*"Living with family and friends in a healthy, safe, and thriving region with an appetite to solve for the best possible 'what's next?'" ~Bert Granberg*

*"Besides everything big and small compared to the majority of the world who have little, I am thankful for FAMILY." ~ Ned Hacker*

*"I'm thankful to be able to work with talented and dedicated colleagues and partners who care so much about the future of our region and state." ~Andrew Gruber*

*"Absolutely thankful for my daughter Sophie!!! Along with being thankful for my coworkers at WFRC (my work family), my brothers, mom and dad, my friends, and my good health." ~Jory Johner*

*"So much to be thankful for. Thankful for my family, my faith, and gentle people around me." ~Chad Worthen*

*"My supportive husband, strong and independent daughter, the unconditional love of my two Boxers, the stability of family including my parents and in laws, my health, and my awesome work family." ~LaNiece Davenport*

*"I'm thankful for the earth with all its fantastic beauty and amazing intricacies." ~Wayne Bennion*

*"The mountains!" ~Christy Dahlberg*

**HAPPY HOLIDAY'S FROM ALL OF US AT WFRC!**

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# Active Transportation Updates and Opportunities

## Mid-Valley Active Transportation Bike Tour

On October 17, WFRC and the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan (ATP) consultant team hosted a bike tour highlighting the bicycle features of downtown Salt Lake City; including protected intersections, buffered bicycle lanes, and neighborhood byways. This bike tour was held as part of the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan, a Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) project, and had representatives from Holladay, Cottonwood Heights, Midvale, Millcreek, Murray, and Taylorsville. The bike tour allowed the members of the project to get a firsthand look at a wide range of bike and pedestrian facilities designed to improve safety, encourage more people to use active transportation, and improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents. A big thanks to Tom Millar from Salt Lake City, who lead the tour and provided great insight into the process that enabled many of the bicycle facilities.



## Jordan River Parkway Trail Bridge NOW OPEN!

Mayor Troy Walker and members of the Draper City Council recently celebrated an important regional trail connection with the opening of the Jordan River Parkway Trail Bridge near 13000 Vista Station Boulevard.

The employees that work in the area and the residents who live nearby can now ride their bikes to work, walk to a transit station, or simply recreate

on a beautiful trail. This will have a positive impact on improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion, and improving community health. Additionally, residents and workers in Riverton and Bluffdale now have a more direct connection from the Jordan River Parkway to the Draper FrontRunner Station, enabling regional transit access for those communities.

The Jordan River Trail is part of the longest continuous paved bike/pedestrian trail system in the western United States called the "Golden Spoke." The 100-mile Golden Spoke is now connected to Draper's 110-acre Transit Oriented Development near the eBay campus.

[MAP JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL BRIDGE](#)

## Tri-City Active Transportation Plan Survey

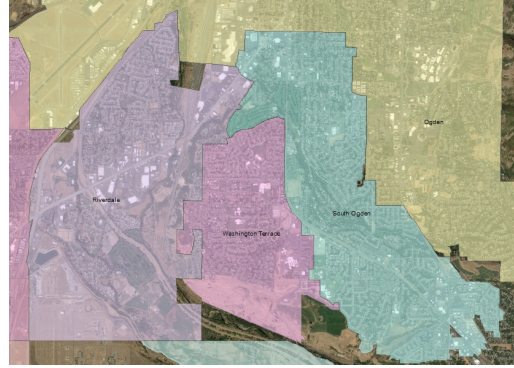
Do you bike, walk, or run to work or for fun?

Riverdale, South Ogden, and Washington Terrace have teamed up to develop an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and they want to hear from you! Please take a short [project survey](#) or provide input through an easy to use

map by the end of January 2020.

The ATP will:

- Map the communities' existing trails and on-street bikeways
- Identify areas of greatest demand for walking and biking as well as gaps in the network
- Highlight locations where bicyclist / pedestrian safety is a concern
- Recommend trail and on-street improvements to create a safe, well-connected system for all ages and abilities.



Your input is critical to the development of a great plan so thank you in advance!

[VIEW THE TRI-CITY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN](#)



### Winter Cycling Tips

Cycling in winter? You bet! Just because snow is on the ground and the temperature has dropped does not mean it's time to put away your bicycle for the season!

Feel comfortable cycling all winter long by following some [practical safe winter cycling tips](#).



## EDA Grant Awarded to Weber State University!

Weber State University, Technology Commercialization Office, was awarded \$719,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help entrepreneurs with micro grants that support an innovative economy. The grants will range from \$500-1500 to aid small businesses with creating prototypes, attending workshops, or other initiatives needed to begin their business. In addition to the micro grant, Weber State is willing to provide mentoring to grant recipients to aid them in securing additional financing as their business ideas evolve.

This project was supported by the Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) and aligns with the five-year [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#)



([CEDS](#)) to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation.

WFRC is excited to see EDA funding resources supporting our region's education centers and entrepreneurs.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Transit Administration**

**Federal Transit Administration Funding for  
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with  
Disabilities**

FISCAL YEAR 2020

**Federal Transit Administration  
5310 Funding Availability**

WFRC assists the UTA Mobility Management Team in the process of administering the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Funding Program - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. UTA is accepting applications for FTA 5310 funds in Utah's Urbanized Areas (UZA). The following are the estimated available funds for each UZA, including the fiscal year 2019 appropriations and estimated fiscal year 2020 appropriations.

- Salt Lake City/West Valley City UZA (Salt Lake County): \$1,403,884
- Ogden/Layton UZA (Weber/Davis counties and Brigham City, Perry, and Willard): \$810,834
- Provo/Orem UZA (Utah County): \$531,244

A pre-application letter of intent, due on January 15, 2020, is required for all applicants. Additionally, applicant agencies must attend one of the three mandatory application workshops, occurring on January 7th, 8th, or 9th.

Obtain additional information, specific instructions, and required forms by clicking on the button below.

[FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

