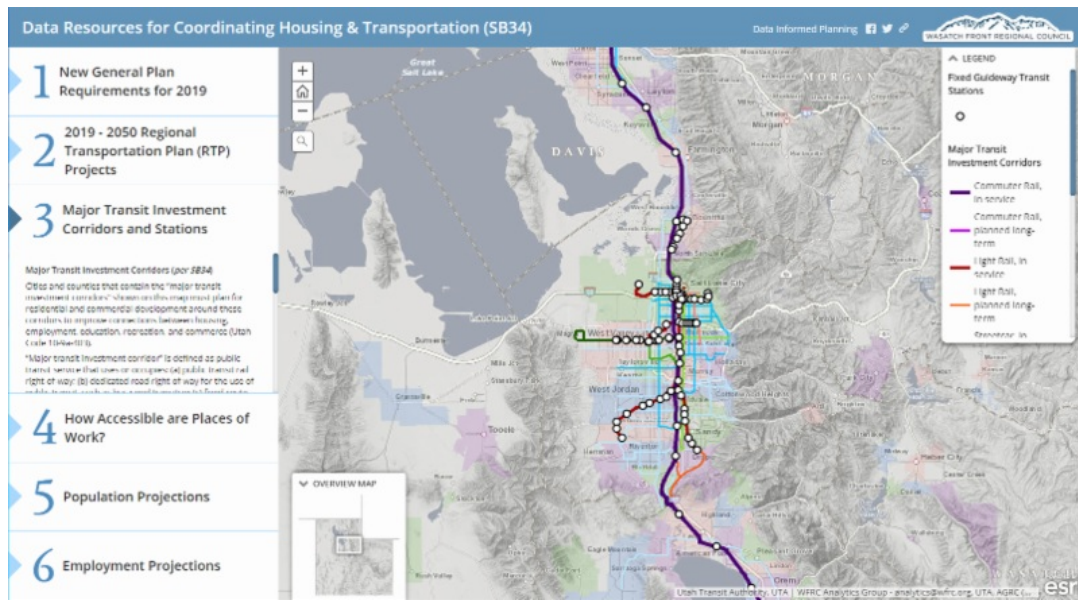


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Maps and Data to Support Coordinated Housing & Transportation Planning

[The Affordable Housing Modifications \(SB34\)](#) bill passed in Utah's 2019 legislative session requires cities to adopt policies to promote affordable housing and enhance coordination between transportation, land use, and moderate income housing.

WFRC, in collaboration with the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Mountainland Association of Governments, UTA, and UDOT, has made a new set of data and maps available to assist local governments as they work to update their general plans.

These new information resources include:

- **City and sub-city area (by Traffic Analysis Zone or "TAZ") population, household, and employment projections** - for each year through 2050 - building upon county-level work from the University of Utah's Gardner Policy Institute.
- **Anticipated transportation projects from 2019 -2050 Regional Transportation Plans** for road, transit, and active transportation modes.
- **Major Transit Investment Corridors and Stations** (existing and planned).
- **Workplace Accessibility (Access to Opportunities or "ATO") maps** that provide

a localized view of how efficiently the transportation system works together with household and employment densities.

You can explore and access the data and maps starting from either our [General Plan Resources Interactive Map](#) or our [City-Specific Data and Maps webpage](#).

For more information, please contact Bert Granberg, Analytics Director, at bgranberg@wfrc.org or 801-363-4250 x1106.



Utah Foundation Report: Building a Better Beehive

The Utah Foundation has partnered with WFRC, the Utah League of Cities and Towns and others to produce [Building a Better Beehive: Land Use Decision Making, Fiscal Sustainability and Quality of Life in Utah](#). This document explores the fiscal challenges that accompany growth, both in the short-term and in the long-term.

In the past few years, the Council of WFRC adopted "Fiscally Responsible Communities and Infrastructure" as one of the region's goals. This recognizes that the way that communities develop has a significant impact on long-term fiscal sustainability.

Building a Better Beehive helps in the conversation by providing five strategic categories to confront the challenges of growth including fiscal sustainability:

- Promoting efficient land use.
- Expanding transportation options.
- Preserving green spaces and natural assets.
- Preserving and improving community character.
- Avoiding undue taxpayer subsidy of new growth.

The discussions contained within these five categories are meant to help local governments in their planning.



Image of Millcreek's planned new town center, with assistance from TLC

TLC Resources for Communities

Local Governments, do you have an idea that you would like to get off the ground and into the project phase? We think we can help! Fill out this quick [survey](#) to tell us what you're working on!

The Transportation and Land Use Connection ("TLC") Program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth, implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision. The TLC Program is a partnership between WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and UTA.

For more information regarding these resources, please contact Megan Townsend, TLC Program Manager, at mtownsend@wfr.org or 801-363-4250 x1101.

TLC WEBSITE

TLC INTERACTIVE MAP



5 Key Strategies to Reduce Vehicle Trips and Improve Air Quality

Congressman John Curtis recently held a clean air tour in Utah. Along the way, he met with residents, community leaders and elected officials to talk about what each of us can do to help clear Utah's air. At a meeting with transportation agencies, Rep. Curtis asked for ideas of how we can encourage people to leave their cars at home, or drive shorter distances, and thereby lower emissions. The Wasatch Front Regional Council offered five key ideas to help reduce the number of vehicle miles being traveled on Utah roads, some of which succeed by making it easier for people to change their behavior. These five ideas include:

- Implementing the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision
- Expanding and enhancing transit
- Creating family-friendly bicycle infrastructure
- Connecting Utah's street network
- Using TravelWise

WFRC Executive Director Andrew Gruber explained these strategies in a recent guest opinion in the Deseret News. Check it out!

"GUEST OPINION: 5 WAYS WE CAN CLEAN UTAH'S AIR"



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Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs work

ACTIVE LIVING RESEARCH

today, few kids actively travel to school

TRAFFIC SPEED AND VOLUME, AND LACK OF SIDEWALKS, ARE THE MAIN BARRIERS

compared to 48% in 1969

13% walk or bike now

among those living within 1/4 mile of school just 56% walk or bike

kids are more active when walking and biking are safe

AFTER IMPLEMENTING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

45% increase in walking

44% fewer injuries

OF THE RECOMMENDED 60 MINUTES OF DAILY ACTIVITY:

16 min (average) can be achieved by walking or biking to school

SOURCES: McDonald HC, et al. (2011). U.S. school travel, 2009: an assessment of trends. *Am J Prev Med*. 41: 346-351. Chauhan C, et al. (2012). The safe routes to school program in California: an update. *Am J Public Health*. 102(6):e8-e11. Allport RN, et al. (2008). Barriers to and facilitators of walking and bicycling to school: formative results from the non-motorized travel study. *Health Educ Behav*. 35(2):223-234. Timponis A, et al. (2006). Personal, family, social, and environmental correlates of active commuting to school. *Am J Prev Med*. 30(2):145-53. Bennett DR, et al. (2013). Estimated energy expenditures for school-based policies and active living. *Am J Prev Med*. 44(2):208-113. Stewart O, et al. (2014). Multisite evaluation of safe routes to school programs. *Am J Health Promot*. 28(3 Suppl):S89-S96. DiMaggio C and U G. (2013). Effectiveness of a safe routes to school program in preventing school-aged pedestrian injury. *Pediatrics*. 132(2): 290-296.

Learn more about why Safe Routes to School programs work at activelivingresearch.org/SRTSreview.

Safe Routes to School Funding Available

Did you know that only 13% of children walk or bike to school compared with 48% in

1969? The Utah Department of Transportation is hoping to change that trend by offering \$1.2 million in [Safe Routes to School](#) project funds for fiscal year 2022. The [application](#) for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects is due July 19th by 5:00 p.m.

For more information or assistance, please contact Travis Evans at srtsgrant@utah.gov.



UTA Coordinated Mobility Provider Survey

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA)'s Coordinated Mobility Department coordinates and provides resources among human services entities to efficiently maximize transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities and other groups with unmet transportation needs. UTA is currently looking for providers who would like to be listed in the [UtahRideLink](#) database.

UtahRideLink is a trip discovery and planning information website that combines transportation options from all types of providers in one place. Providers include UTA, other government agencies and non-profits. The coordinating council foster partnerships, prioritize funding and implement locally developed plans and projects. These mobility services are also coordinated at the county level; for more information and to get involved, please visit utahridelink.org/Local-Coordinating-Councils.

If you are a provider of mobility services, please take this brief survey to be included in their UtahRideLink database and/or to be considered for participation on one of their local coordinating councils.

For more information, please contact Rylee Jarvis via phone at (385) 235-0088 or via email at rylee@xfactorutah.com.

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