



## WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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### **COVID-19: Transportation and Air Quality Impacts**

We hope that all of you are staying home, staying safe, and staying connected the best you can. This is a challenging time for everyone, but we are confident that we will come out stronger once all of this is over.

The COVID-19 pandemic and our national, state and local response to it has had significant impacts on transportation and emissions. Experts from across the nation and locally have been analyzing data and comparing our current situation to past trends to measure the impact that social distancing and stay-at-home policies have had on our lives. Read WFRC's summary of how the pandemic is decreasing travel and traffic volumes, reducing congestion and travel times, limiting transit use, and reducing emissions into our airshed along the Wasatch Front right now.

Also, WFRC has created a new [COVID-19 page](#) on our website with the intent of sharing the newest information and keeping our members and partners up-to-date. Here you will find links and resources regarding this pandemic.

[COVID-19: TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPACTS](#)

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### **Updated Timeline for Census 2020 Operations**

Utah ranks number six in the nation for the 2020

Census Total Self-Response, with a total of 55.1%. We are trailing behind Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, and Washington. Davis County is leading the state with a total response of 66.3%.

As you know, WFRC brings together local government and transportation agencies to plan for the future of the region. Part of developing the [Wasatch Choice Regional Vision](#) is having accurate population counts. This is essential to all of the planning that we do. Utah is the fastest growing state in the nation, and we must have good data to be able to do an accurate job planning. The population counts directly affect the amount of transportation funding that comes in from the federal government. The Census is really important to WFRC and our entire region, so thank you to everyone that has done their part in completing this count.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the US Census Bureau has changed its schedule of operations. Please click the button below to learn more.



2020 CENSUS OPERATION UPDATES



## Meet Rosie, WFRC's New Administrative Assistant!

Rosie Hernandez comes to WFRC from Nebraska, where she spent two years at Western Nebraska Community College as an Executive Assistant to the President and Board Secretary. Prior to that, Rosie served as a Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager in Haines City, Florida for five years. Rosie received her Associates Degree in Paralegal/Legal Assistant at Florida Metropolitan University in Lakeland Florida in 2005. She enjoys fishing, archery, traveling, and crocheting. Rosie recently relocated to Utah to be closer to her family and is excited to have

joined Wasatch Front Regional Council! Rosie will be providing staff support, committee work, and front desk reception -- as soon as we are back to working in the office!



## NEW DATE! Golden Spoke Ride

As our state continues to maintain social distancing by staying safe and staying home, the Golden Spoke Ride has been postponed to September 19, 2020.

The event organizers will continue to monitor the situation and keep everyone informed when planning resumes.

As a reminder, the Golden Spoke is made up of over 100 miles of safe and connected multi-use trails, and is the longest connected, paved trail west of the Mississippi River!

We hope to see you in September!

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## Provide Comments on the Draft WFRC Unified Planning Work Program



The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) seeks public review and comment on its [Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Goals](#) and [Unified Planning Work Program](#) (UPWP). WFRC's Goals describe the overarching objectives for the work of the organization during the fiscal year. The UPWP outlines the corresponding tasks that WFRC, in collaboration with cities, counties, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and other partners, will pursue. Among the primary tasks are to assist local communities with growth, transportation, and planning issues; continue the development of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan; continue efforts to update the Transportation Improvement Program; assist in the development of air quality plans and promote transportation strategies to improve air quality; and provide outreach to the public and local, state, and federal officials.

Comments will be accepted through May 11, 2020. Please direct questions or comments to Wayne Bennion, Director of Short-Range Planning and Programming, at [wbennion@wfrc.org](mailto:wbennion@wfrc.org) or 801-363-4250.

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