

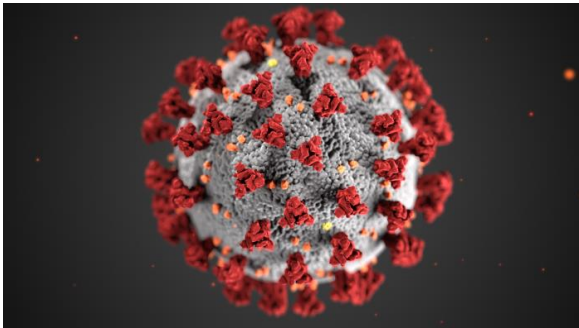


# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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## WFRC's Response Concerning Covid-19

All of us at WFRC, along with all of you, are doing our part to limit the spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) in the State of Utah. As such, we have been teleworking for several weeks. Although we enjoy and value our face-to-face meetings with our

members and partners, each of our employees are set up to work from home and we're following the requests and recommendations of Governor Herbert and the scientists, medical experts, and public health specialists.

The WFRC team is online and available via email and cell phone. We are home, but here for you and our communities, region and state! As always, please go to our [website](#) for important information.

We encourage our members, partners, and stakeholders to be cautious, stay safe, and consider what steps you and your organization can take to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Yesterday the Utah Economic Response Task Force presented a three-phase plan - "Utah Leads Together" - to support Utah's economy through the public health response to COVID-19.

A one page overview of the Economic Response Plan can be found [here](#) and the complete "Utah Leads Together" plan can be found [here](#).

We highly encourage you to read the plan to understand what steps our State is taking to align public health and economic health.

We hope you and your loved ones and teams are staying safe at this challenging and unprecedented time. We look forward to working with you face-to-face as soon as we're all able.

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## We Are Celebrating One Year at The Gateway!

March 2020 marks the one year anniversary of our office moving to The Gateway! To say this was a good move would be an understatement! Our new office space and location has afforded us the opportunity of being closer to our partners and those of you that we work so closely with at the city and county level. As always, all of us at WFRC are thankful and appreciative of the relationships that we have with all of you.

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## Wasatch Front Regional Council 2020 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Another legislative session is in the books. We work with so many committed professionals from the public and private sectors... thanks for all you do!



Below is a summary of two of the forty-seven bills that WFRC tracked during the session, SB150 Transportation Governance and Funding Amendments and SB39 Affordable Housing Modifications are this year's 'big' transportation and housing bills.

**SB 150 2nd Sub:** Transportation Governance and Funding Amendments (Sen. Harper, R - District 6, Rep. Christofferson, R - District 56) - *Status: Passed*

This bill enhances the coordination of transportation, housing, and land use at UTA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites. SB150 Sub2 passed unanimously out of the House and Senate. This bill was a focus for WFRC and our partners this year and was supported by many organizations. Here is our detailed summary of the final bill: [SB 150 Sub2 Bill Summary](#). Here are a few of the provisions of this bill:

- Eliminates the cap on UTA TOD sites now allowing an opportunity for more municipalities to partner with UTA in future TOD developments.
- Ties the moderate income housing element of general plans and new station area planning requirements to TOD sites.
- Allows Utah's State Transportation Commission to give priority consideration to projects that are part of a transit-oriented/supportive development and/or a Transportation Reinvestment Zone.
- No later than 6/1/21, UDOT will identify how it will expand the RUC program to enroll all registered vehicles in the state no later than 12/31/31 and submit an annual report on the program's revenues, participation rate, and department costs from preceding and current fiscal years.
- The bill also modifies provisions related to local option transportation sales taxes;

class B&C road funds; transportation network companies; and tollways.

[SB 39 4th Sub](#): Affordable Housing Amendments (Sen. Anderegg, R - District 13) - *Status: Passed*

SB39 is a follow up to last year's SB34 Affordable Housing Modifications bill that required cities to evaluate and create plans for how they address housing affordability issues in their cities. As you know, WFRC and our partners at the Utah League of Cities and Towns are continuing our work to implement and comply with SB34 (2019) as we work to correlate the transportation, land use, and housing elements of general plans. Stay tuned.

This year's SB39 focuses on funding for the development and preservation of affordable housing units. The fourth substitute passed both chambers with an appropriation of \$10 million in one-time funding to the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund - of the \$10M, up to \$5M for private activity bond gap financing and up to \$5M to match private investment to preserve existing low-income housing units. Here is a [SB 39 bill summary](#) provided by Dept of Workforce Services.

Speaking of private investment to preserve existing low-income housing, a brand new program was announced earlier this month, led by the private sector, that targets housing preservation. The Utah Housing Preservation Fund was created by a joint partnership of the Clark and Christine Ivory Foundation, Intermountain Healthcare, and Zions Bank in partnership with Utah Nonprofit Housing Corp. Click [here](#) to learn more. These companies have committed an initial \$20 million with a plan to grow the fund to \$100 million and beyond by the end of the year. The funding goal... preserve Utah's most affordable housing units for critical members of Utah's workforce. Check out this story in the [Deseret News](#).

[VIEW WFRC'S BILL TRACKER](#)



## Transportation and Land Use Connection 2020 Awards

We are pleased to announce the 2020 Transportation and Land Use Connection awards in collaboration with our program partners, UDOT, UTA, and Salt Lake County. The TLC program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth, implementing the [Wasatch Choice Regional Vision](#).

This year, 17 projects were awarded totaling \$1,777,000 of investment in our region. You can find out more about the 2020 TLC projects [here](#).

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:**



## LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund

The Utah Quality Growth Commission announces the availability of funds and the opening of an application cycle for the LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund. Pre-Applications are due Friday, May 15th, 2020 by 5:00 PM. The LeRay McAllister

Critical Land Conservation Fund provides grants to preserve or restore critical open or agricultural land in Utah. Matching funds are required.

Due to concerns regarding the coronavirus, this application period includes an extended amount of time (8 weeks) for completing both the pre-application and full-application process. While we wanted to announce the funding as early as possible to allow entities to begin the process, we recognize that additional adjustments may need to be made if unforeseen circumstances arise and will notify you as soon as possible of any extensions to deadlines.

Eligible applicants are counties, cities, towns, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, and charitable organizations that qualify as tax exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Applying involves several steps. Before starting, be sure you have read the following attached documents:

- Schedule for 21st Application Cycle
- Pre-application Form
- Application Cover Sheet
- Application Checklist
- Application Form and Evaluation Criteria
- McAllister Fund Defining Principles
- Eligible Costs Policy

It is important that you know what will be required before a grant can be awarded so that you will be prepared to submit the required documentation.

**THIS IS A COMPETITIVE PROGRAM - UP TO \$2 MILLION IS AVAILABLE.**

For more information and application materials, visit <https://gomb.utah.gov/2020-leray-mcallister-application/> or contact Evan Curtis at [ecurtis@utah.gov](mailto:ecurtis@utah.gov)

Please feel free to share with other interested persons or organizations.

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## Please Welcome Josh Reynolds and Bill Hereth to WFRC's Team

Josh is excited to join the Analytics group as a Modeler! At WFRC, Josh's data science and coding skills will be put to work immediately, maintaining and enhancing the Real Estate Market Model, our primary tool for projecting where additional residential and employment growth is anticipated within our region. Josh will also work to support the development of a new regional tool to better understand current and future bicycle and non-motorized travel.

Originally from Cheyenne, WY, Josh earned his MS in Geography in 2017 from the University of Utah. His





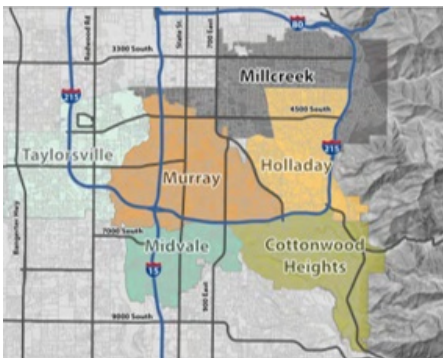
thesis project analyzed satellite data to explore the impact of urban vegetation on localized summer temperatures in the Salt Lake area. Previously, Josh worked for Redcastle Resources (US Forest Service contractor) for three years doing forest inventory analysis, post-fire modeling, and geospatial tool development. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball, hiking, going to the movies, and cooking.

Bill brings 15 years of private sector transportation engineering and planning experience to WFRC. He has worked on a broad spectrum of transportation studies with a knack for developing tools to improve and automate data processing along the way. That approach and skill set will serve him well at WFRC where his initial focus will be supporting the development and use of the Wasatch Front Travel Demand Model.

Originally from the Sunflower State, Bill's family moved to Spanish Fork when he was eleven. He holds dual Master's degrees in City and Regional Planning and Civil Engineering from The Ohio State University and worked in the Midwest for 10 years (including 5 in Chicagoland) before returning to Utah (Lehi) in 2013. Bill is a proud husband and father of two crazy kids. They have enjoyed seeing their community grow so quickly. Bill's interests include piano, history, geography, foreign languages, cycling, and traveling.



Welcome Josh and Bill! We are so excited that you joined our team!



## Input Needed: Mid-Valley ATP and Sandy Draper ATP

Input is needed for two Active Transportation Plans at the South end of the Valley! The cities of Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Midvale, Millcreek, Murray, and Taylorsville are developing a joint Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan as are the cities of Sandy and Draper.

Please click on the buttons below and tell them what you think!

MID-VALLEY ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
INPUT NEEDED

SANDY/DRAPER ACTIVE



TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
INPUT NEEDED (survey closes  
March 31)



## Golden Spoke Ride Save the Date! Saturday, May 30, 2020

Join us to celebrate the longest paved trail system west of the Mississippi - over 100 miles of family friendly pathways! This year's event will have rides starting in Ogden, Provo, and points in between, with all riders meeting at the Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley. Registration information coming soon.

Of course, event organizers continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation and will plan accordingly.

## Central Wasatch Commission Call for Project Ideas

The Central Wasatch Commission is pleased to announce the launch of a Call for Ideas for new projects specific to the project area of the Central Wasatch Commission, which includes Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the Wasatch Back.



This Call for Ideas is specifically focused on projects that improve canyon transportation or transit, protect the ecosystems or watershed originating in the project area, steward year-round recreation, and sustain the economic viability of the Wasatch Canyons. These were the tenets laid out during Mountain Accord, and form the basis for the work of the Central Wasatch Commission. Idea submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, but priority will be given to those submitted by Friday, April 3rd 2020.

Learn more and submit an idea here: <https://cwc.utah.gov/call-for-project-ideas/>

