



Morgan County

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

Utah Code 59-12-2217

Third Quarter Local Option Transportation Sales Tax Process

UTAH CODE 59-12-2217 SUMMARY

Utah Code [59-12-2217](#) authorizes counties to impose a 0.25 percent local option transportation sales tax, which can be used for priority transportation projects in the County. The tax was imposed by action of the Morgan County Commission on May 3, 2022 and went into effect April 1, 2023. Section [59-12-2217](#) outlines the requirements for expenditure of these funds, as outlined in this summary.

As required by state law, a Council of Governments shall:

- Develop a written prioritization process for the prioritization of projects to be funded;
- Create a priority list of transportation projects or services described in Section [59-12-2212.2](#) in accordance with Subsection (5); and
- Present the priority list to the county legislative body for approval.

The prioritization process requires a weighted criteria system that shall include the following:

- the cost effectiveness of a project;
- the degree to which a project will mitigate regional congestion;
- the compliance requirements of applicable federal laws or regulations;
- the economic impact of a project;
- the degree to which a project will require tax revenues to fund maintenance and operation expenses; and
- any other provision the council of governments considers appropriate.

Eligible projects or services are described in Section [59-12-2212.2](#). As of 2019, the following were eligible projects or services:

- the development, construction, maintenance, or operation of:
 - class A, B, C, and D roads;
 - traffic and pedestrian safety infrastructure, including a sidewalk; curb and gutter; a safety feature; a traffic sign; a traffic signal; or street lighting;
 - streets, alleys, roads, highways, and thoroughfares of any kind, including connected structures;
 - an airport facility;
 - an active transportation facility that is for non-motorized vehicles and multimodal transportation and connects an origin with a destination; or
 - an intelligent transportation system;
- a system for public transit;
- all other modes and forms of conveyance used by the public;
- debt service or bond issuance costs related to a project or facility described above; or
- corridor preservation related to a project or facility described above.

If a project is on or part of a regionally significant transportation facility and the project constructs or adds a new through lane or interchange, or provides new fixed guideway public transit service, the project

shall be part of the statewide long-range plan. Per Section [59-12-2202](#), a “regionally significant transportation facility” in Morgan County means:

- a principal arterial highway;
- a minor arterial highway;
- a major collector highway;
- a minor collector road; or
- an airport of regional significance.

PROCESS SUMMARY

- 1 Applicants submit applications for funding to Morgan County Council of Governments (COG).
 - a Applications shall include information specified by COG, such as data required for technical scoring, detailed cost estimates, plan for funding ongoing operation and maintenance expenses, maps, drawings, photos, etc.
 - b Eligible applicants include Morgan City, Morgan County, UDOT, and UTA.
 - c Other entities may submit projects through an eligible applicant.
- 2 Subcommittee assigned by the COG screens applications for eligibility of project or service.
 - a Project is an eligible use as defined in Utah State Code [59-12-2212.2](#).
 - b Project is on statewide long-range plan if it is a **regionally significant transportation facility** and includes a new through lane or interchange.
- 3 Subcommittee assigned by the COG reviews and scores applications (based on Technical Evaluation Criteria), and conducts field reviews.
- 4 Subcommittee assigned by the COG develops a recommended priority list of projects with assigned funding amounts (includes documentation, if applicable, of reasons for deviating from scored order) based on technical scores, information from field reviews, and other considerations the COG considers appropriate.
- 5 COG reviews Subcommittee recommendations and, at a public meeting, finalizes priority list of projects with assigned funding amounts (includes documentation, if applicable, of reasons for deviating from scored order) and submits list of projects to County Commission.
- 6 County Commission reviews and votes on COG priority list.

TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERION	WEIGHT
Cost effectiveness of a project	
Does this project have a federal, state, or other grant?	12
What is the sponsor match?	12
Project type (maintenance is lowest priority, new construction is highest priority)	10
Degree to which a project will mitigate regional congestion	
Does this project have regional benefits?	10
Does this project help mitigate existing congestion?	6
Does this project provide transportation choices?	10
Compliance requirements of applicable federal laws or regulations	
Does the project meet applicable federal laws and regulations?	3
Economic impact of a project	
Does this project connect to a job center, recreation area, or new development area?	10
Degree to which a project will require tax revenues to fund maintenance and operation expenses	
Does this project have a maintenance and operation plan and a revenue stream to cover maintenance and operation expenses?	7
Other considerations	
Is this project urgent in nature?	10
Does this project address a safety need?	10



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Project Application

- 1 Project name:
- 2 Project location (attach map):
- 3 Applicant:
- 4 Does the applicant own the facility:
- 5 Purpose/scope of project (attach plans if available):
- 6 Project goals and objectives:
- 7 How does the project consider all modes:
- 8 Phase funds being requested (engineering, environmental, ROW, final design, construction, maintenance, operation):
- 9 Project cost (attach cost estimate):
- 10 Requested funding (include percent match):
- 11 Does the project have a federal, state, or other grant (please explain):
- 12 Does the project have a revenue stream to cover maintenance and operation expenses (attach maintenance and operation plan):

13 Describe project readiness/status of project:

14 Anticipated project schedule:

15 Project consistency with local, regional, or statewide plans:

16 If the project is on or part of a regionally significant transportation facility and constructs or adds a new through lane or interchange, or provides new fixed guideway public transit service, is the project on UDOT's statewide long-range plan:

17 Does the project meet all applicable federal laws and regulations: