



Utah Transit Authority

Local Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES - Draft

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 **1:00 PM** **FrontLines Headquarters**

Present: Chair Bob Stevenson
Vice Chair Natalie Hall
2nd Vice-Chair Neal Berube
Council Member Dirk Burton
Council Member Karen Cronin
Alternate Council Member Dan Dugan
Council Member Julie Fullmer
Council Member Mark Johnson
Alternate Council Member Jon Larsen

Excused: Alternate Council Member Brandon Gordon
Council Member Erin Mendenhall
Council Member Troy Walker

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Chair Bob Stevenson welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Safety First Minute

Carlton Christensen, Chair of the UTA Board of Trustees, delivered a brief safety message.

4. Public Comment

(To view public comment in its entirety, see the meeting video located at https://rideuta.granicus.com/player/clip/382?meta_id=66564).

In Person/Virtual Comments

Zack Scriven spoke in favor of the Rio Grande plan.

Michael Kroll spoke in favor of the Rio Grande plan.

Brittany Knudson spoke in favor of the Rio Grande plan.

5. Consent**a. Approval of May 7, 2025, Local Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Alternate Council Member Dugan, and seconded by Council Member Burton, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Transit Oriented Development Review**a. 5600 West Old Bingham Highway Station Area Plan**

Paul Drake, UTA Director of Real Estate & Transit-Oriented Development, and Valarie Williams, UTA Transit-Oriented Communities Project Specialist I, were joined at the table by Megan Jensen, Senior Planner, City of West Jordan. They provided an overview of the Station Area Plan (SAP) process. Jensen reviewed the project goals, plan vision, and UTA property considerations related to the 5600 West Old Bingham Highway SAP. Discussion ensued. Questions on large industrial use, regional park, data, and UTA property uses were posed by council members and answered by staff.

b. Draper Town Center Station Area Plan

Paul Drake was joined by Valarie Williams and Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director with Draper City and Todd Taylor, Senior Planner of City Community Development with Draper City. Jastremsky reviewed the project vision, and UTA property considerations related to the Draper Town Center SAP. Discussion ensued. A question on zoning timelines was posed by a council member and answered by staff.

c. Roy Station Area Plan

Paul Drake was joined by Valarie Williams and Steve Parkinson, City Planner with Roy City. Parkinson reviewed the stakeholder engagement process, plan vision, and UTA property considerations related to the Roy SAP. Discussion ensued. Questions on property considerations were posed by council members and answered by staff.

d. Sandy Station Area Plans

Paul Drake was joined by Valarie Williams, Jake Warner, Long Range Planning Manager with Sandy City and Erika Chmielewski, Planner and Project Manager with GSBS Architects. Warner reviewed the key strategies, plan vision and goals, plan elements, and UTA property considerations related to the Historic Sandy, Sandy Expo Center, Sandy Civic Center, South Jordan FrontRunner, and Crescent View SAPs. Discussion ensued on topics including canyon access, city code update timeline, and development opportunities.

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, was asked by Chair Stevenson to take a moment to talk about collaboration with all interested parties with these SAPs.

7. Budget and Capital Projects

a. Consultation on Proposed 2025 Capital Plan and Budget Amendments

- 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Plan First Amendment
- 2025 Capital Budget First Amendment

Viola Miller, UTA Chief Financial Officer, was joined by Daniel Hofer, UTA Director of Capital Programming & Support. Staff reviewed proposed amendments to incorporate UTA's recent bond issuance funds into the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Plan and the 2025 capital budget. The affected projects include the SD100/SD160 light rail vehicle replacements and the Mt. Ogden administration building expansion. Discussion ensued. Questions about potential changes to the timing of future bonding, bus canopy replacement at the Mt. Ogden administration building, and Mt. Ogden administration building funding were posed by the council and answered by staff.

b. 2026 Budget and 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Plan Overview

Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director, was joined by Viola Miller and Jared Scarbrough, UTA Acting Chief Capital Services Officer. Staff described the current approach to budgeting, shared priorities in the budget and capital plan, and reviewed information relating to funding sources that affect the 2026 budget.

Staff also highlighted major projects included in the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Plan. The 2026 tentative budget will be finalized and adopted by the Board of Trustees in October, then presented to the Local Advisory Council (LAC) for consultation in November along with the final draft of the Five-Year Capital Plan.

8. Service Planning

a. Consultation on Proposed 2025-2029 Five-Year Service Plan Amendment

Jay Fox was joined by Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA Chief Planning & Engagement Officer, to provide an overview of the recommended 2026 Annual Service Plan. This includes the implementation of the Midvalley Express (MVX) bus rapid transit service and key associated service changes originally scheduled in the 2027 phase of the 2025-2029 Five-Year Service Plan. Service changes planned for 2026, along with the remaining 2027 service changes, will be reevaluated for phasing as part of the updated 2027-2031 Five-Year Service Plan. Questions were asked by council members and answered by staff.

9. Discussion**a. UTA Bus Stop Improvement Efforts**

Nichol Bourdeaux was joined by Jaron Robertson, UTA Director of Planning. Staff provided an overview of the agency's bus stop improvement efforts, including the following:

- Bus Stop Improvement Program
- The Bus Stop Master Plan (BSMP)
- UTA's bus stop location evaluation

b. UTA Strategic Plan Performance Report

Jay Fox was joined by Alisha Garrett, UTA Chief Enterprise Strategy Officer. Staff reported on UTA's achievements and performance since the last report out and year-to-date in 2025 in relation to each of the strategic priorities and their associated goals and objectives. They also reported on high-level annual operational goals set by the executive team to continue to activate the agency's strategic plan.

c. Open Dialogue with the Board of Trustees

- Stories from the System

Chair Bob Stevenson asked council members by the show of hands, how many have ridden transit in the last 30 days.

10. Reports**a. Executive Director Report**

- New Chief Operations Officer - Andres Colman
- APTA 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award

New Chief Operations Officer - Andres Colman

Jay Fox introduced Andres Colman as the new UTA Chief Operations Officer.

APTA 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award

Jay Fox reported that UTA won the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award. This award will be received at the upcoming APTA TRANSform conference in Boston, MA.

b. Audit Committee Report

Chair Bob Stevenson was joined by Vice Chair Natalie Hall to report on the recent UTA Audit Committee meeting. The committee met on June 16, 2025, to hear reports from UTA's Internal Audit Department on recent audits performed, as well as other audit and risk-related information.

11. Other Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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Approved Date:

Carlton J. Christensen
Chair, Board of Trustees