



Utah Transit Authority

Local Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES - Draft

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

1:00 PM

FrontLines Headquarters

Present: Chair Bob Stevenson
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

Excused: Vice Chair Natalie Hall
Alternate Council Member Brandon Gordon
Council Member Erin Mendenhall
Council Member Troy Walker

Also attending were UTA staff and interested community members.

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.

Chair Stevenson then presented the three outgoing council members Julie Fulmer, Mark Johnson, and Neal Berube a gift to thank them for their service on the Local Advisory Council.

3. Safety First Minute

Alisha Garrett, UTA Chief Enterprise Strategy Officer, delivered a brief safety message.

4. Public Comment

In Person/Virtual Comment

No in person or virtual comment was given.

Online Comment

No online comment was received.

5. Consent**a. Approval of August 27, 2025, Local Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, and seconded by 2nd Vice-Chair Berube, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

6. Budget and Capital Projects**a. Consultation on the UTA 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Plan**

Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director was joined by Viola Miller, UTA Chief Financial Officer, Jared Scarbrough, UTA Acting Chief Capital Services Officer, and Daniel Hofer, UTA Director of Capital Programming & Support to present the major capital projects and their progression through the plan years as well as other project details.

The 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Plan includes total planned spending of \$1,053,404,000. Discussion followed with staff answering specific questions.

Topics included:

- Ground level trains.
- New trains will be integrated gradually.
- Old trains will be auctioned.
- Making improvements and upgrades by maintaining state of good repair.
- Money is used to keep the fleet in working order which is separate from increasing fleet size.

b. Consultation on the UTA Tentative 2026 Budget

Jay Fox along with Viola Miller reviewed the 2026 Tentative Budget which includes \$488 million in operating expenses and \$332 million of capital investment to fund the provision of safe, convenient, reliable service and targeted investments in our infrastructure. The budget includes federal and local contributions from our partners. Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Midvalley Service.
- Bond payments and related interest.
- Legislative support.
- Transit improvements in northwest Utah County.
- Fare prices have not increased since 2012.
- Projects tied to the 2034 Olympics may be prioritized.

Council Member Dirk Burton left the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

UTA committed to send the final budget after Dec. 3rd.

7. Discussion**a. UTA Transit Pass Programs**

Brian Reeves, UTA Associate Chief Financial Officer, was joined by Monica Howe, UTA Fares Director to consult with the Local Advisory Council before fare rates are set. Most participating organizations can find a pass program that fits their needs. The biggest ridership age is 18-34. It has been found that when students use transit during their school years, they continue to use transit after graduation. Contracts accounted for 51.5% of passenger revenue in 2024, generating approximately \$16 million.

b. Open Dialogue with the Board of Trustees

Bob Stevenson, Local Advisory Council Chair and Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees Chair, led a discussion addressing transit concerns. Discussion followed on various topics including how Utah County is using the 5th/5th tax and are planning for growth in their area. Council Members talked about how different groups of people rely on transit because they cannot drive for one reason or another.

8. Resolutions**a. AR2025-11-01 - Resolution Giving Notice and Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the Authority's Local Advisory Council for Calendar Year 2026**

Jana Ostler, UTA Director of Board Governance, talked about the proposed time change for next year's meetings and proposed a regular meeting schedule for 2026:

- Wednesday, February 18, 2026
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- Wednesday, August 26, 2026
- Wednesday, November 4, 2026

All meetings will be held at UTA FrontLines Headquarters and begin at 11:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Cronin, and seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Reports**a. Executive Director Report**

- **2034 Olympics Update**
- **APTA 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award**

2034 Olympics Update

Jay Fox provided an update on proposed transit plans for the 2034 Olympics. While waiting for resources, UTA will support other cities with big events coming to their areas.

APTA 2025 Outstanding Public Transportation System Award

Jay Fox provided LAC members with a commemorative pin.

b. Audit Committee Report

Chair Stevenson gave a report on the activities of the UTA Audit Committee which included:

- Light rail safety
- Special service operations
- Purchasing card services

10. Other Business

- a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Stevenson invited the three outgoing council members to say a few words.

- Julie Fulmer
- Mark Johnson
- Neal Berube

All expressed appreciation for learning more about transit and gratitude for the people who make it happen.

11. Adjourn

Chair Bob Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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Approved Date:

Carlton J. Christensen
Chair, Board of Trustees

