



WFRC

LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

Role of WFRC on Capitol Hill

- **Technical Experts** to aid lawmakers in informed decision-making
- **Conveners** of transportation agencies, partners, and local leaders
- **Supporters** of policies, programs, and appropriations that further Utah's Unified Transportation Plan and the Wasatch Choice Vision



Legislative Landscape

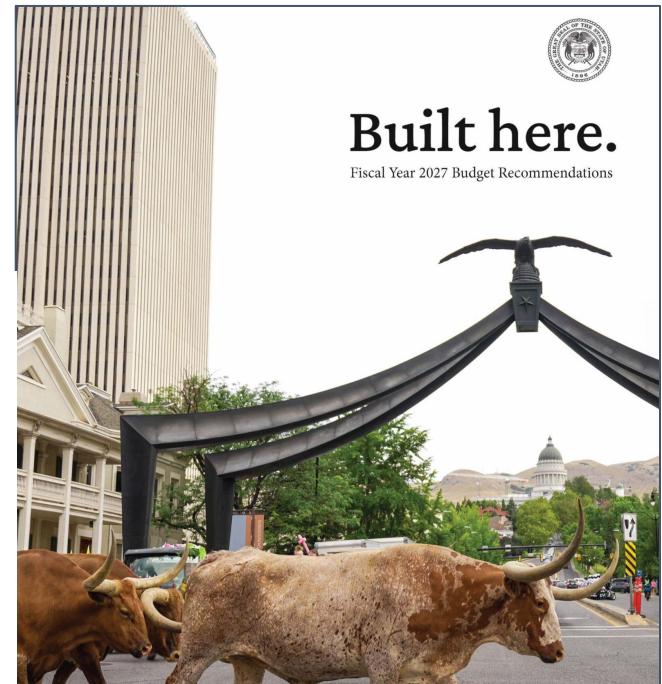
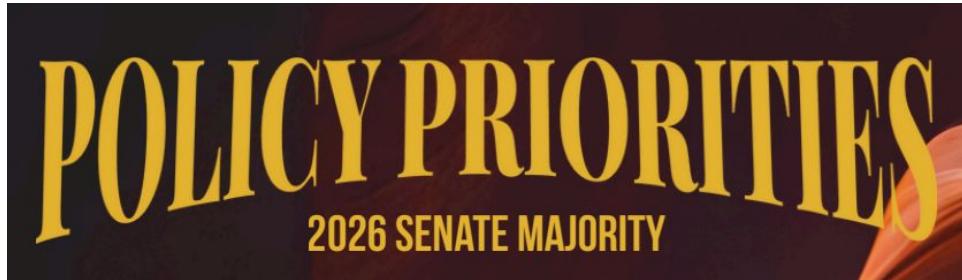


Budget Cuts
(5%)



Cost of Living
+ Affordability

Legislative Priorities



Legislative Priorities - Transportation

- **Reducing Traffic:** Commitment to building roads, transit, and active transportation that keep Utahns moving forward (*House Majority*)
- **Infrastructure:** Collaborate with agencies and businesses to further develop transit options and tackle “last mile” challenges between transit riders and their destination. Public transit must be competitive with automobile travel, offering convenience and efficiency (*Senate Majority*)
- **Utah Trails:** With the goal of linking all parts of the state through active transportation, the Utah Trails Network aims to improve the walkability and recreation opportunities (*Governor Cox*)

What to expect (legislation + funding requests)

- **Housing programs reorganization (HB68)**
- **Regional infrastructure funding**
- **Transportation utility fee**
- **Gas tax reduction + subsidy elimination**
- **Local Administrative Advisor (LAA) funding restoration**

Don't miss a thing!



Bill Tracker

WFRC tracks bills that impact transportation and communities along the Wasatch Front during the legislative session.

[2026 Bill Tracker →](#)

[Previous Bill Trackers →](#)



Appropriations Tracker

WFRC tracks relevant funding item information as appropriations make their way through the legislative budgeting process.

[2026 Appropriations Tracker →](#)

[Previous Appropriations Trackers →](#)



Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Our comprehensive wrap-ups provide detailed information on the key budget and policy items tracked during the session.

[2025 Legislative Wrap Up →](#)

[Previous Legislative Wrap-ups →](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

A wide-angle aerial photograph of a city, likely Salt Lake City, Utah. In the background, the Wasatch Mountain Range is visible with its distinct peaks. The city below is a mix of modern and historic architecture, including several prominent skyscrapers and older brick buildings. A large Wells Fargo building is a central feature. The streets are a grid pattern, and there are numerous trees and green spaces throughout the urban landscape.

2027-2055 RTP Phasing Criteria

Regional Growth Committee // January 2026

Regional Transportation Plan Overview



Four-Year Cycle



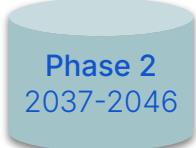
Fiscally
Constrained



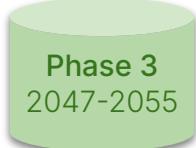
Air Quality



Phase 1
2027-2036



Phase 2
2037-2046



Phase 3
2047-2055



[Livable & Healthy Communities](#)



Access to Economic & Educational Opportunities



Manageable & Reliable Traffic Conditions



Quality Transportation Choices



Safe, User Friendly Streets



Clean Air



Housing Choices & Affordable Living Expenses



Fiscally-Responsible Communities & Infrastructure



Sustainable Environment



Ample Parks & Public Spaces

Where Are We?



Prioritize Projects

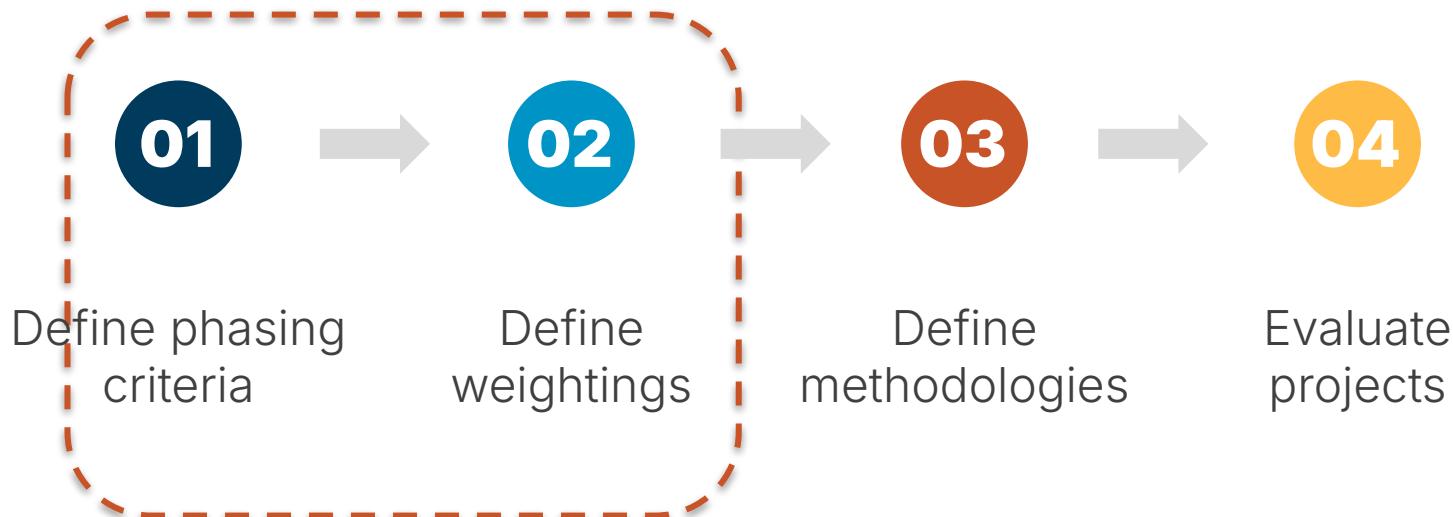


Needs-based phasing: When a project is anticipated to be needed



Fiscally constrained phasing: When a project is anticipated to be funded

Prioritize Projects



Phasing Criteria

Roadway Criteria



Transit Criteria



Active Transportation Criteria



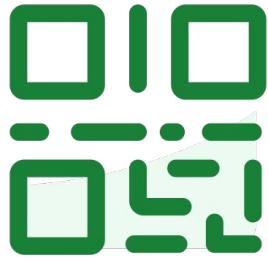
Your Feedback

A

What are your reactions?

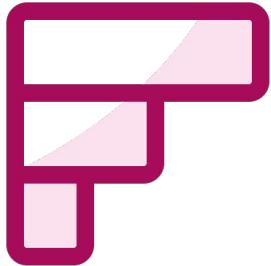
B

What criteria are important to you?

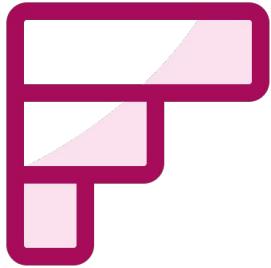


Join at slido.com
#3629431

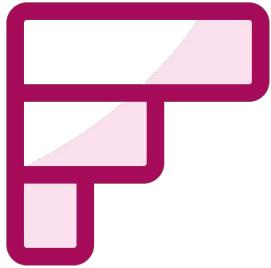
- ⓘ Presenting with animations, GIFs or speaker notes? Enable our [Chrome extension](#)



How would you rank these roadway criteria?



How would you rank these transit criteria?



How would you rank these active transportation criteria?



What additional questions or considerations do you have?

STATION AREA PLANNING

Bountiful - Woods Cross FrontRunner

Salt Lake City - Airport, River Trail, & 4 University TRAX Stations

Ogden - Ogden FrontRunner & 5 OGX Stations

South Salt Lake - Meadowbrook & Millcreek TRAX

Millcreek - Meadowbrook TRAX

Murray - Fashion Place West & Midvale Fort Union TRAX

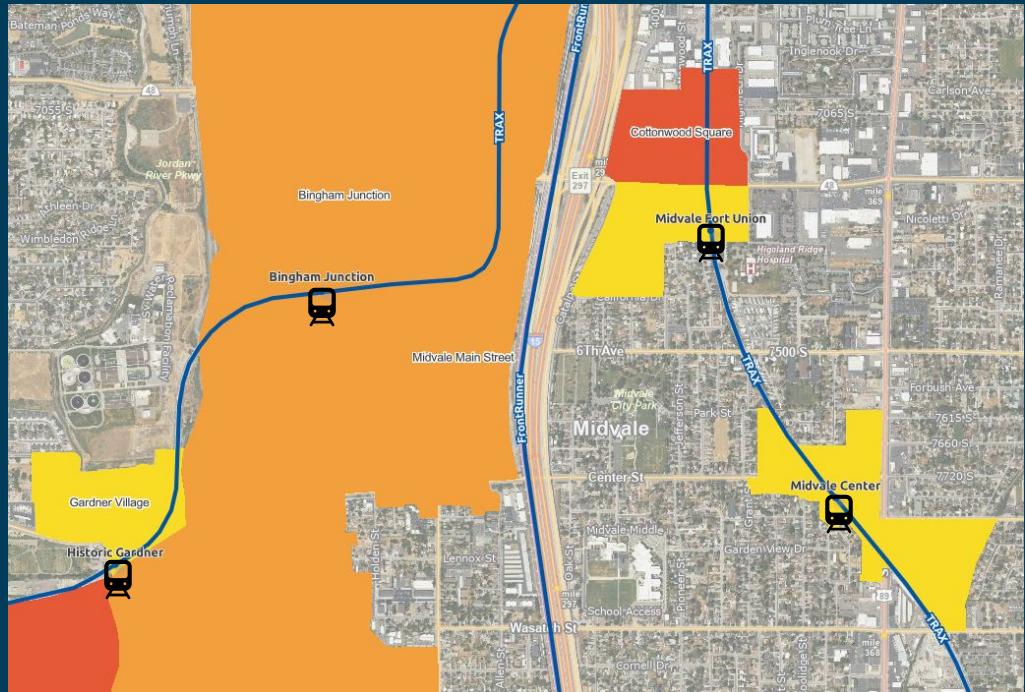
Regional Growth Committee | January 15th, 2026

Byron Head, Community Planner



STATION AREAS ARE CENTERS!

- Most stations are in Wasatch Choice centers
- Strategically located
- The hearts of our communities



STATION AREA PLANNING, “SAP”



**1/2 mile around
Rail stations**



**1/4 mile around
BRT stations**



STATION AREA PLANNING, “SAP”

Objectives

- Increase the availability and affordability of housing
- Promote sustainable environmental conditions
- Enhance access to opportunities
- Increase transportation choices and connections

Required Components

- Vision, map, engagement, **implementation plan**

10-9a-403.1(2)(b)(ii) - Resolutions of Impracticability

For example:

- Existing developments or entitlements
- Environmental limitations
- Land ownership

10-9a-403.1(2)(b)(i) - Prior Actions

- HB462 allows for cities to adopt a resolution finding the objectives of station area planning have been substantially pro

**STILL RELEVANT TO MAKING
MEANINGFUL PROGRESS**

- A
- Approved land use applications
- Approved agreements or financing
- Investments made

SAP PROGRESS TO DATE

Of the 127 station areas*

6

Stations where
station area planning
has not begun

8

Stations with
planning that
pre-dates HB462

16

SAPs being
prepared for
adoption

18

SAPs submitted for
certification

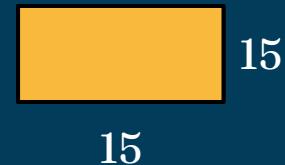
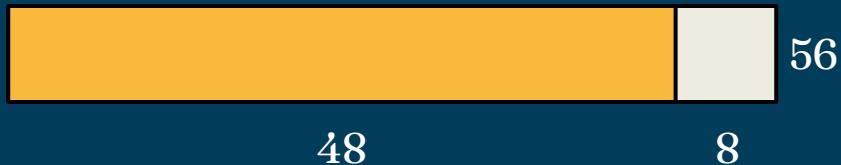
79

SAPs certified by
MPO

2025 Deadline

WFRC

MAG



- Those remaining?
 - Considering certification today
 - Bountiful (1), Millcreek (1), Murray (1), Ogden (4), & South Salt Lake (1)

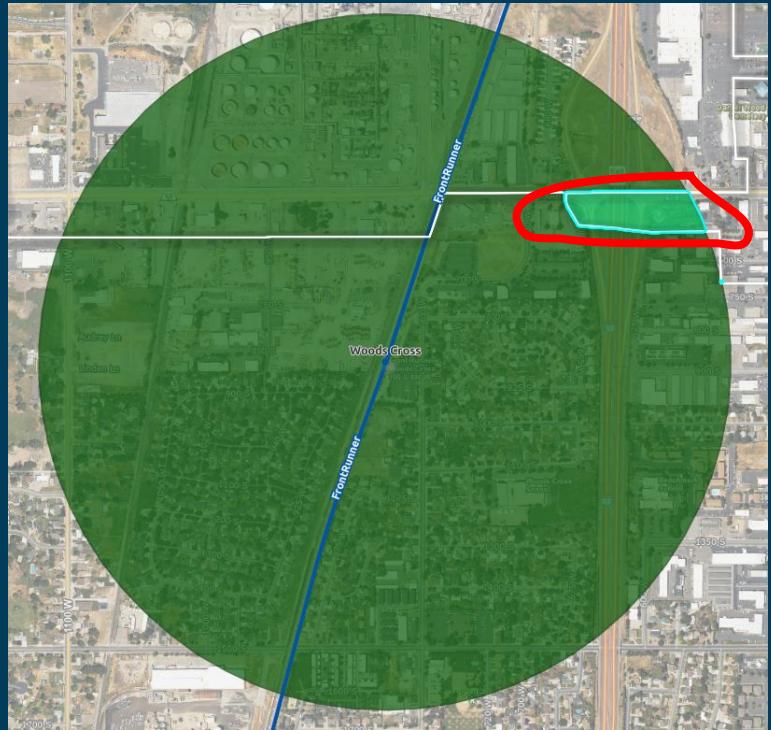


**Adopted plans would now support
>101,600 new homes
across the Wasatch Front**

Resolutions of Impracticability

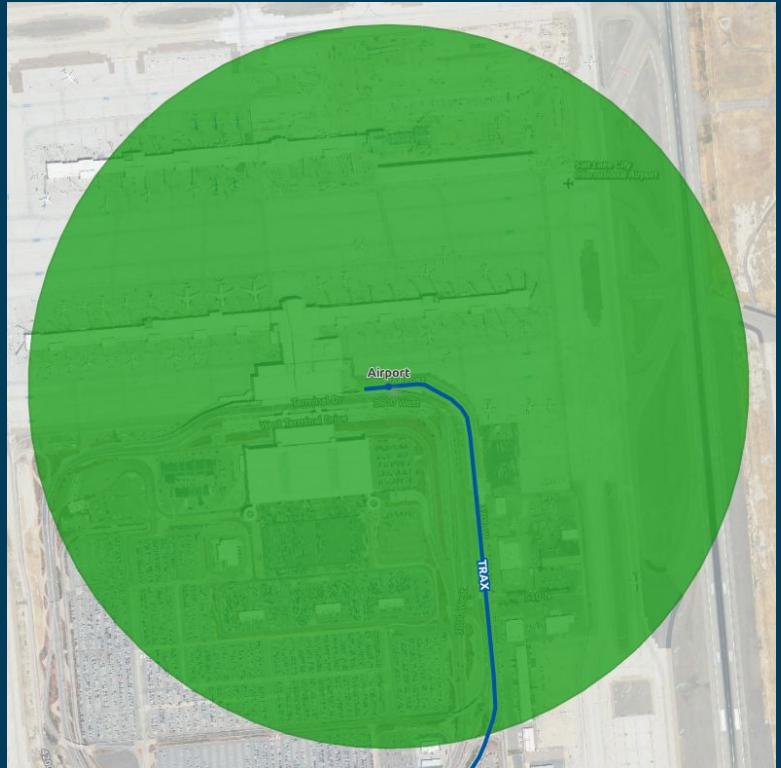
Bountiful - Woods Cross FrontRunner

- Mostly I-15 ROW
- Two commercial parcels on far side of I-15, no redevelopment anticipated



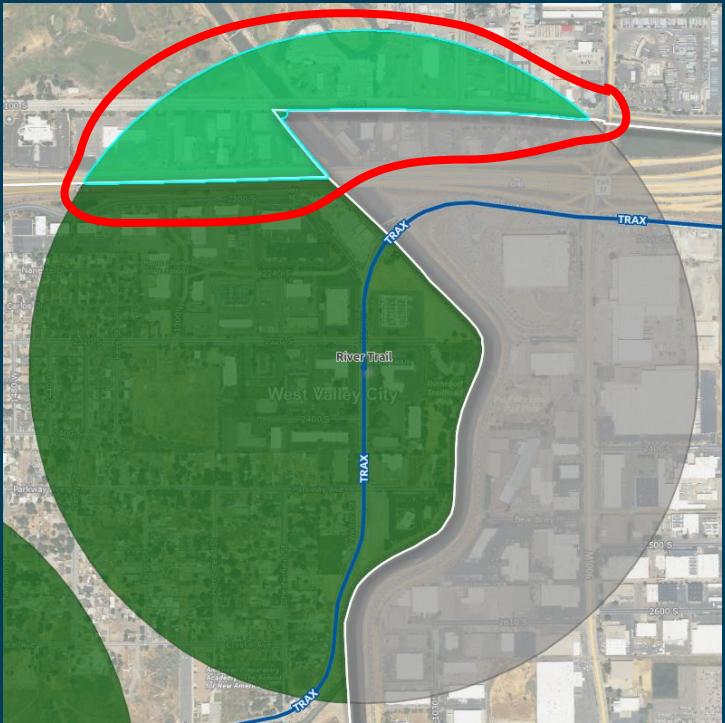
Salt Lake City - Airport

- Completely within SLC airport property



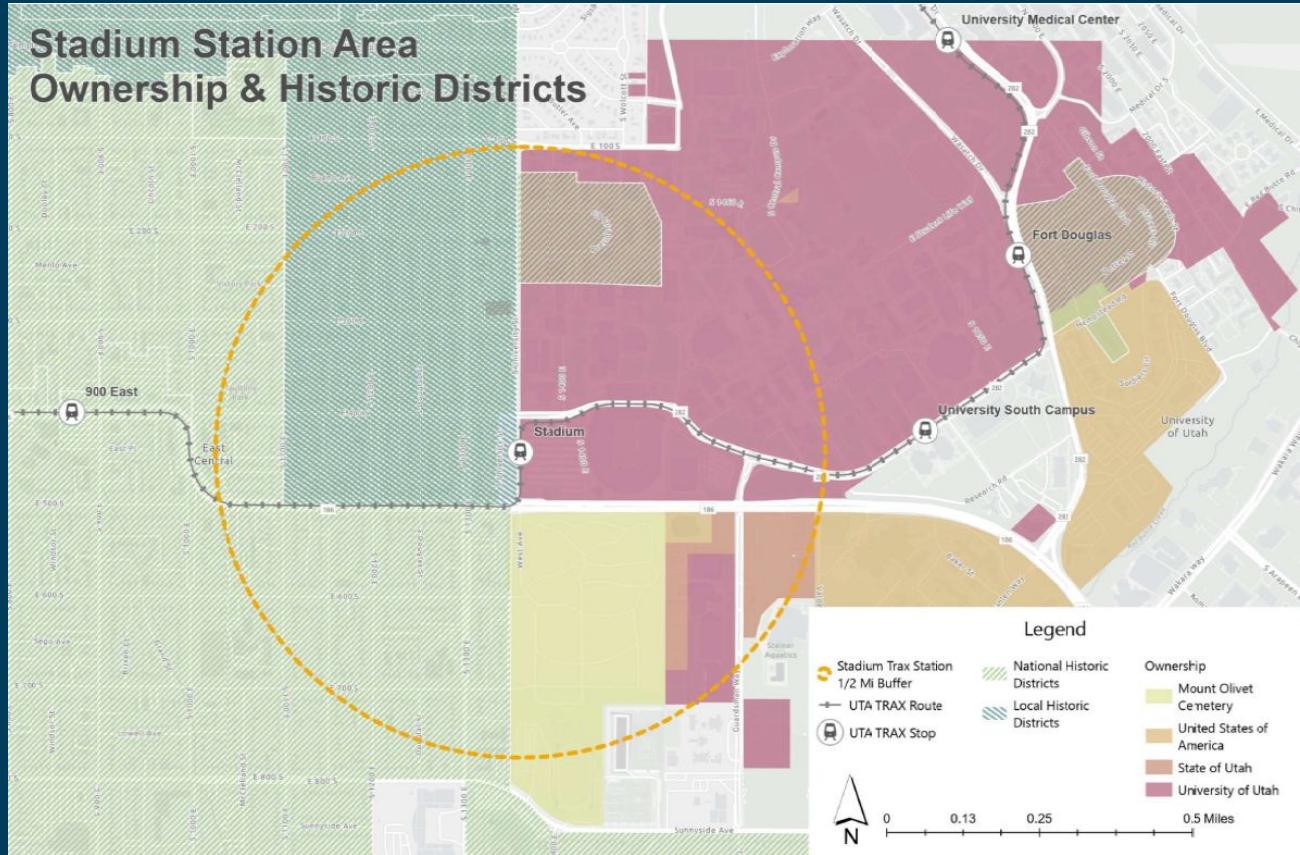
Salt Lake City - River Trail

- Cut off from TRAX station by Jordan River, UT 201
- Existing industrial/manufacturing



Salt Lake City - Stadium

- University property
- Historic districts
- Cemetery



Salt Lake City - University South Campus, Fort Douglas, & University Medical Center

- University property - not subject to city zoning regulations
- Stable single-family residential neighborhood



New Station Area Plans

Ogden - Ogden FrontRunner

- Seeking Prior Actions certification
 - Completed 3 plans prior to June 1, 2022
 - Have continued to plan and update zoning since
 - Working with development partners on Union Station area



Ogden - OGX Stations

- 5 stations in corridor (3 on WSU campus)
- 727 new homes
- Underpass at 3950 S
- Mixed-use redevelopment of targeted commercial lots



North

MILLCREEK STATION

WEST TEMPLE

TRAX

3300 S

300 W



North

FRONTRUNNER

TRAX

MEADOWBROOK STATION

3900 S

WEST TEMPLE



Item 5: ACTION - Station Area Planning

Suggested Motion

“I move to recommend certification of the Resolutions of Impracticability, Resolutions of Prior Actions, and Station Area Plans presented today for the cities of Bountiful, Salt Lake City, Ogden, South Salt Lake, Millcreek, and Murray to the Wasatch Front Regional Council.”

STATION AREA PLANNING, “SAP”

Required Components

- Vision
- Map (rail: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius, or BRT: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile radius)
- 5-Year Implementation Plan
- Statement describing how 4 objectives are met
- Public / Stakeholder Engagement

10-9a-403.1(2)(b)(ii) - Resolutions of

Impracticability

- HB462 allows for cities to adopt a resolution stating the conditions that exist to make fulfilling the requirements of station area planning “impracticable”
 - Existing developments or entitlements
 - Environmental limitations
 - Land ownership
 - Other similar conditions