

Utah Transportation Commission Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Layton City Council Chambers, 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton

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In the absence of Chairman Jim Evans, the June 26, 2026 meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Kevin Van Tassell at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Natalie Gochnour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Layton Mayor Joy Petro welcomed the group](#); she acknowledged West Davis Corridor and Legacy Highway projects and expressed specific thanks for the 2700 West Interchange project that she said will bring good e-commerce to the area and allow for the development of good jobs and housing for a thriving area on the west side. She also expressed thanks for the landscaping and trailhead project that connects Layton with Syracuse and Kaysville cities. She also expressed thanks for the US-89 & Gordon Avenue Interchange in the TRZ zone, which she said will provide another opportunity to build the city up with commercial development and take care of housing needs while also providing a nice gateway for people coming into the city from the east. She thanked the group for their work in identifying projects, like the Kay's Creek Pedestrian Crossing, and acknowledged how valuable they are in connecting trails. She expressed thanks for the safety improvements on Main Street and Fairfield Road. She acknowledged that it's a lot of work, and thanked everyone for working together collaboratively on great projects for the area. She personally thanked Senator Stuart Adams, who was in attendance, for the work he has done to identify projects in the city of Layton and the whole State.

Introductions of Commission members, UDOT staff and others were made and included the following:

- Transportation Commissioners: Kevin T. Van Tassell, Natalie Gochnour, Brad Dee, Bruce Adams, Tom Jacobson, Paul Borup
- UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Ben Huot, Lisa Wilson, Bob Pelly, Grant Potter, Heather Barthold, Ivan Hartle, Keriann Noble, Nic Naylor, Andrew Gwynn, Boyd Humpherys, Brady Roberts, Chris Chesnut, Dave Adamson, Dave Schwartz, Eric Buell, Geoff Dupaix, Jeff Lewis, Josh Sletten, Josh Van Jura, Kirk Thornock, Leif Elder, Lincoln Port, Lisa Zundel, Mitch Shaw, Nathan Peterson, Nick Holt, Nicole Zinger, Patrick Cowley, Paul Egbert, Rob Clayton, Robert Stewart, Ross Crowe, Ryan Halverson, Tiffany Pocock
- Others: Beau Hunter, Bob Stevenson, Boyd Pickering, Bryan Chamberlain, Ivan Marrero, Jake Muir, Jamie Evans, Kate Becker, Kordel Braley, Ryan Pitts, Stephen Jackson, Stuart Adams, Wayne Bennion

[Commissioner Van Tassell recognized Senator Stuart Adams](#), and asked him up to the podium. He called him the Golden Spike of Transportation in Utah for his foresight and thanked him for all that he has done. He said the State would be in a mess if we just started doing the things we're already doing.

[Senator Adams addressed the group](#), saying Utah has the best transportation department in the entire nation, and that no other entity uses the public funds given more judiciously or better than UDOT. He commented on Utah being the fastest growing state, and quality of life being maintained because of mobility. He thanked the group for the work they do. He commented on the State's ongoing revenue that ensures the Department has the capacity to do projects. He talked about the I-84/US-89 interchange, calling it a big deal for Utah and saying the functionality is needed as the State prepares to host the Olympics. He talked about the impacts of Legacy Highway and West Davis Corridor with people saying they were getting time back in their lives that they were spending on their commutes. He said he hoped the effort will continue through West Point to Roy. He said the State will probably not be building additional new facilities such as West Davis or Mountain View Corridor, and FrontRunner is going to be the solution to the need. He said to make sure it functions and moves faster, it will

need at-grade crossings, and though it is a big financial lift, the State needs to continue to work on those. He thanked the group for their service and said it's been an honor to be a part of the work.

[UDOT Commissioner Carlos Braceras shared his experience in first meeting and working with Senator Adams](#) in public meetings on Legacy Parkway, and how Senator Adams worked to balance out the conversations. Carlos said the work Senator Adams has done behind the scenes is what has given the Commission the tools to make a difference in the entire State, including the concept of TIF, the tool to fund ATIF, which will build the Utah Trail Network and fund transit projects like the FrontRunner improvements. Carlos mentioned SB229, which captured the growth in sales tax and moved it to transportation and said he has appreciation every day for what Senator Adams has done in the long term for the State.

[The Commission members shared their experiences in working with Senator Adams and their thanks for his service.](#) Senator Adams said no question, Utah is the #1 best State in the nation, with the best economy, best quality of life, and fastest growing average household income because of the people behind us and in front of us, and told the group we do this together.

[Davis County Commissioner Bob Stevenson also expressed his thanks](#) and shared some experiences of working with and growing up with Senator Adams. He commented on the economic growth and the need for mobility, and said the work the Commission has done over the years has been amazing and he looks forward to the future.

Public Comments

[Jamie Evans](#) thanked UDOT employee Kristy Kuhn for her help in providing information on Corridor Preservation meetings, which he had not known about.

[Mitch Shaw, UDOT Region One Communications Manager, read emailed comments:](#)

From Dani Poirier, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance (WBA) Director:

WBA was founded in 2013 to protect the existing balance between undeveloped and developed terrain, as well as access, primarily for the sake of winter recreation on public lands outside of the ski resorts in the Central Wasatch. WBA is the recognized voice for the backcountry community in the Central Wasatch Mountains. We have a vast online audience of over 42,500 between our paid membership, email subscribers, and social media audience combined.

I am writing to express our support for Agenda Item 7A-7b. WBA appreciates the Legislature's investment in the Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund (CCTIF), however we will continue to advocate that the CCTIF be only used to advance enhanced busing and associated Phase 1 improvements in both Cottonwood Canyons. While we know there is no action planned in regards to trailhead improvement at this time, WBA also stresses our support of CCTIF to be used for trailhead improvements in both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. As such, we support adding a bus lane, bus bridge, and pedestrian path to connect the Mobility Hub directly to SR-190 (Big Cottonwood Canyon Road) to the approved Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Program (CCTP), and current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

We too believe that this connection will allow the bus system to avoid congestion at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, while also providing a pedestrian connection to the mobility hub and future developments in the gravel pit.

For many years, WBA has advocated that enhanced bus service should be the cornerstone of transportation in the Cottonwood Canyons. Investments like mobility hubs, dedicated bus infrastructure, improved transit access, and other projects that make transit faster, more reliable, and more convenient are essential if we want people to choose the bus over driving.

Thank you for your consideration, and we encourage you to approve this agenda item.

From Landry Heaton:

State Route 285 was established to serve the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden, running from 20th Street in Ogden going north, then west to Monroe Blvd. This route is one that serves state institutions and parks, and I have included a map attached showing the route, with SR-285 highlighted in green ([source](#)).

However, the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden has been moved to a different location several years ago, with the old property that SR-285 is serving now owned by the Ogden City School District. This is likely a question meant for a state legislator, but does this route still serve a statewide institution, and is it still being maintained by UDOT, and by extension, state funds? Thank you for your time and the work that you do.

From Michael Floyd, Eagle Mountain resident:

On May 14, 2026, a horrible accident occurred on Mountain View Corridor (MVC) and Pony Express. Numerous other accidents also occurred simultaneously across Cedar Valley. This generated insane gridlock, reducing access to health care services because no hospital services exist west of MVC. Thankfully the health care services I needed that day were not life-threatening. I know there are future plans to address the bottleneck, but those plans are too far off to handle the current population explosion. Eagle Mountain for example is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, adding over 500 new cars per month to its road system, and it needs infrastructure assistance. Please take action to prioritize Cedar Valley UDOT projects which are desperately needed

Local Area Presentation

Paul Egbert, UDOT Region One Program Manager, reported on current, recently completed and upcoming projects in the area. In Davis County, between 2024 and 2026, more than 80 projects were constructed at a value of \$1.43 billion, and more than 59 projects with a value of \$3.1 billion will be constructed between 2026 and 2028. Ryan Halverson, UDOT Region One Planning Manager, reviewed high improvements, ongoing and upcoming studies and Utah Trail Network funded projects on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

UDOT Scoreboard

Josh Sletten, UDOT Project Development Deputy Director, reported on the construction program. Patrick Cowley, UDOT Traffic and Safety Director, reviewed the safety dashboard.

Utah General Aviation Association Annual Report

Dave Haymond, President of the Utah General Aviation Association spoke on behalf of the Utah Aviation Coalition, which represents the bulk of aviation owners and pilots in Utah and meets regularly with the Division of Aeronautics to discuss the aviation capital improvement budget and priorities, to say that the Utah Aviation Coalition has reviewed the current ACIP and recommends approval of the draft plan as submitted. A discussion about backcountry pilots and operations took place.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Borup seconded the motion, and the request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

Programming

2026 STIP Amendment #6

SR-134 Railroad Grade Separated Overpass Planning Study - New Project

Contingent upon successful award of a \$2,000,000 Federal grant, Region One requested approval to add a new \$2,500,000 Transportation Solutions project to the current STIP. The SR-132 Railroad Grade Separated Overpass project will construct a grade-separated overpass (2700 North) in Pleasant View, over UPRR and UTA rail tracks. This grant application project is to fund a concept study for the project and is conducted in a 4-phase approach, with Phase 1 include conducting concept development, stakeholder coordination and partial design. It is anticipated that as each phase concludes, a request for grant funding for the next phase will be made for all phases in order (concept, predesign/environmental, final design and construction). Commissioner Dee moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gochnour seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

I-15 over SR-103 (650 North); Bridge Replacement - New Project

Contingent upon successful award of a \$64,800,000 Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant, with UDOT's Structure Rehabilitation and Replacement Program and Region One providing a \$16,200,000 match, Region One requested approval to add a new \$81,000,000 project to the current STIP. The I-15 over SR-103 (650 North) Bridge Replacement project will replace the structures spanning 650 North near Hill Air Force Base and implement I-15 modifications using a forward-compatible design to ensure the bridges can accommodate future interchange requirements and improvements. Notably this project is marked 3rd on the State's prioritization list for interchange capacity. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the request and Commissioner Dee seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

I-80 Eastbound Climbing Lane; SR-65 to Lambs Canyon - New Project

Contingent upon successful award of a \$42,600,000 Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant, Region Two requested approval to add a new \$71,000,000 Transportation Solutions project to the current STIP. The I-80 Eastbound Climbing Lane; SR-65 to Lambs Canyon project will extend the existing climbing lane along I-80 east of the Lamb's Canyon interchange approximately 3.5 miles west, past the interchange at SR-65 to Mountain Dell and East Canyon Reservoir to enhance safety for all drivers by providing additional space for smaller vehicles to pass the larger vehicles safely.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

I-80 Bridge Deck Replacements and Rehabilitation - Funding Addition

Region Two and UDOT Structures requested approval to add \$6,000,000 of Structures funds to the I-80 Bridge Deck Replacements and Rehabilitation project to address the need for additional utility mitigation as well as higher than estimated construction costs in complex traffic management, providing critical access to Salt Lake City, the University of Utah and area hospitals. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

Heber Valley Parkway Environmental - Funding Addition

Region Three requested approval to add \$1,050,000 of TIF funds to the Heber Valley Parkway Environmental project to allow the design team to evaluate potential refinements to the alternatives, based on comments received. A discussion on the project's history took place. Commissioner Dee moved to approve the request and Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

SR-114; 200 South Lindon Intersection Improvements - Funding Addition

Region Three requested approval to add \$2,500,000 of MAG funds to the SR-114; 200 South Lindon Intersection Improvements project to cover increased project costs to address the complexities of the right turn lane requirements from the diagnostic review as well as numerous railroad reviews throughout design. The project was originally funded in 2018. Lindon City has worked with MAG, and the MAG MPO Board approved adding the funding in their May 14, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Gochnour moved to approve the request and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

Cottonwood Canyons

Phase 1 Transit - Funding Addition - For Information Only

In 2026, in SB 3, the Legislature allocated \$150,000,000 of CCTIF funds to the \$132,400,000 Cottonwood Canyons Phase 1 Transit project to be used to provide and operate enhanced bus service, tolling, a mobility hub and resort bus stops for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons beginning in FY 26. Additionally, in 2019, in SB 268, the Legislature allocated \$13,000,000 of TIF funds for corridor preservation and land acquisition for a transit hub at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

SR-190 Grave Pit Interchange - Scope and Funding Addition

Region Two and the Transit Division requested approval to transfer scope and \$16,000,000 from the Enhanced Bus, Tolling, Mobility Hub and Bus Stops project to the CCTP; SR-190 Travel Pit Interchange project. The Enhanced Bus, Tolling, Mobility Hub and Bus Stops project requires the construction of a new grade-separated interchange on SR-190 (Wasatch Boulevard) at approximately 6900 South, and associated access roads to provide safe and efficient access to the bus mobility hub. This interchange was approved in the February 2026 Commission Meeting. With the release of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Assessment in May 2026, a bus lane, bus bridge and pedestrian path are being added to connect the mobility hub directly to SR-190 (Big Cottonwood Canyon Road). This connection will allow the bus system to avoid congestion at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, while also providing a pedestrian connection to the mobility hub and future developments in the gravel pit. Discussions about the project timeline, gravel pit area and parking stall numbers took place. Commissioner Gochnour moved to approve the request and Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochnour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Capacity Projects

Ivan Hartle, UDOT Programming Director, requested approval to add the 2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Capacity Projects to the current STIP, as presented in the May 2026 Programming Workshop. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell
Opposed: None

2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Transportation Solutions Projects

Ivan Hartle requested approval to add the 2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Transportation Solutions Projects to the current STIP, as presented in the May 2026 Programming Workshop. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell
Opposed: None

2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Programs Projects

Ivan Hartle requested approval to add the 2026 Programming Workshop Proposed Programs Project List into the Draft 2027-2032 STIP, as presented in the May 2026 Programming Workshop. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell
Opposed: None

Draft FY 2027-2032 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - Release for Public Comment

Ivan Hartle requested approval to add the project list to the Draft 2027-2032 STIP and release the Draft STIP for Public Comment from June 27 to August 1, 2026. Comments received will be presented and approval for the Draft STIP will be requested in the August 2026 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Dee moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell
Opposed: None

Legislated Aeronautics Projects - For Information Only

Lisa Wilson, UDOT Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations, reviewed the Supplemental Appropriations from 2026 General Session HB 2, which included \$3 million one time funding from the Aeronautics Restricted Account for the St. George Regional Airport Terminal Expansion in FY 2027, and \$3 million one time funding from the Aeronautics Restricted Account for the Spanish Fork Airport Taxiway Bravo construction project in FY 2027.

2027-2031 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) - For Approval

Nick Holt, Division of Aeronautics Deputy Director, requested approval for the 2027-2031 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), the five year funding plan for airport projects that is reviewed annually by the Division of Aeronautics, and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Utah Transportation Commission. The final Draft ACIP was presented at the May 2026 Programming Workshop. Funding for the projects listed in the ACIP is not guaranteed until Federal and State grants are issued. Commissioner Dee moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell
Opposed: None

Corridor Preservation

Ross Crowe, UDOT Right of Way Director, reviewed fund tracking, balance and budget and obligations of the Marda Dillree Corridor Preservation fund.

Tyler: SR-177, West Haven

Ross Crowe requested approval to purchase a West Haven property for \$978,500. Commissioner Dee moved to approve the request and Commissioner Borup seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

Transit Innovation Grants

Josh Van Jura, UDOT Trails and Transit Division Director requested approval of the grant proposal prioritization process as presented in the previous day's meeting. The Transit Innovation Grants will be administered by UDOT (per Utah Code 72-2-4), and will help implement short-term pilot transit service in eligible high growth areas in Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah counties. UDOT will take applications, rank, prioritize and present the information to the Commission. Commissioner Borup moved to approve the request and Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

In favor: Commissioners Gochmour, Dee, Adams, Jacobson, Borup, Van Tassell

Opposed: None

Administrative Rule Review - R907-80: Disposition of Surplus Land

Leif Elder, UDOT Policy and Legislative Services Director, reviewed Rule R907-80: Disposition of Surplus Land. Under 2025 HB 360 and 2026 HB 492, UDOT may adopt rules allowing surplus real property to be sold to a State agency (Division of Housing within GOED), or to an independent entity (Utah Housing Corporation) that administers public housing interests at a pre-entitlement appraised value, rather than at traditional fair market value. This means the sale price of the property would reflect an assumption that it can only be used for moderate-income housing. The rule also governs the disposal of real property under Section 63L-12-102.

Committee Reports

Commission members commented on their respective committees, recently attended meetings and other items.

A discussion about the creation of the Corridor Preservation fund took place.

Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings

- August 13-14, Orem
- September 24-25, Summit County
- November 5-6, St. George
- December 10-11, UDOT Complex

Commissioner Dee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.



Heather Barthold, Commission Assistant