Utah Transit Authority

Transit Commission

MEETING AGENDA

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Monday, October 26, 2026 **5:30 PM** **Frontlines Headquarters**

Public Hearing - 2027 Tentative Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RE: UTA Tentative Budget 2027. UTA is holding a public hearing to receive input on its 2027 Tentative Budget.
Public Hearing Date & Format:

There will be a public hearing held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at UTA's downtown Salt Lake City office at 669 West 200 South.
Prior to the public hearing, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. UTA will hold an in-person public budget open house to allow the public to review and discuss the budget with UTA representatives. During this time, in addition to having specific questions answered, the public may submit written comments to UTA. At 6:00pm, as
part of a specially scheduled UTA Transit Commission meeting, UTA will hold a public hearing where individuals may provide verbal comment directly to UTA's Transit Commission.
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Public Comments:

In addition to the hearing and open house, the tentative budget will be available for public review and comment from September 23, 2026, through October 26, 2026. During the comment period the public can submit comments via email, online, mail, or phone. Information on the 2027 Tentative Budget may be found at www.rideuta.com/budget or viewed in person at UTA Headquarters, 669 W 200 S, Salt Lake City, UT.

Comments must be received, postmarked, or electronically submitted to UTA through one of the following methods by 5pm on October 26, 2026, to be considered as part of the public comment record.

- Email: hearingofficer@rideuta.com
- Phone: 801-743-3888
- Mailing: Utah Transit Authority, C/O Jolisha Branch, 669 W 200 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84101
- Website: www.rideuta.com/budget

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1.	**Call to Order and Opening Remarks**	Chair Mike Caldwell
2.	**Pledge of Allegiance**	Chair Mike Caldwell
3.	**Safety First Minute**	Jon Larsen
4.	**Discussion Items**	
	a. Tentative 2027 Budget Overview	Viola Miller
5.	**Public Comment**	Chair Mike Caldwell
6.	**Adjourn**	Chair Mike Caldwell

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Utah Transit Authority

MEETING MEMO

Transit Commission **Date:** 10/26/2026

TO: Transit Commission
THROUGH: Jay Fox, Executive Director
FROM: Viola Miller, Chief Financial Officer
PRESENTER(S): Viola Miller, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE:
Tentative 2027 Budget Overview

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:
Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:
An overview of the Tentative 2027 Partial budget will be provided for the public prior to the Commission hearing public comment.

BACKGROUND:
Each year the Authority is required to prepare an operating and capital budget for the succeeding year in accordance with the provisions of the Special Districts Act (§17B-1-702), and the Public Transit District Act (§17B-2a-8).

The Executive Director has prepared a 2027 Tentative Budget for the Transit Commission's consideration and has provided opportunities for the Commission and the public to review and comment on the budget. This is a six-month partial budget as the agency moves to a July 1-June 30 fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2027.

DISCUSSION:
Over the first half of 2026, UTA staff reviewed 2026 program delivery, current operating environment including economic conditions, revenue projections, and the organization's strategic plan to support near and long-term public transportation needs in the region.

Using the existing operating budget for 2026 as a starting point, the organization updated inflationary assumptions for labor, fuel and other expenses, eliminated one-time 2026 costs, and annualized the cost of mid-year budget adjustments (April 2026 service changes, technical budget adjustments, etc.). The resulting

2027 base budget was developed at the department expenditure level.

Simultaneously, the capital program development process reviewed the existing Capital budget, and prioritized select projects for the 2027 Capital budget.

Staff will present an overview of the proposed Tentative 2027 Budget. This public hearing ends the public comment period, which took place September 23 to October 26. A final 2027 Budget will then be prepared for the Commission's consideration and adoption in December.

Summary information about the 2027 Tentative Budget is provided in the attachments.

FISCAL IMPACT:
The proposed 2027 Tentative Budget is financially constrained with all required reserves fully funded.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2027 Tentative Budget Summary
- 2027 Tentative Budget Booklet

. Utah Transit Authority 2027 Tentative Budget Summary

Budget priorities outlined here affect you and your community. Guided by the adopted 2030 UTA Strategic Plan, we've developed our budget is built to accomplish the UTA mission.

Mission

"We Move You"

The Utah Transit Authority moves Utah to a stronger economy, a cleaner environment, increased mobility, greater access to opportunity, and a better quality of life — all driven by safe, reliable transportation.

2027 Budget Overview

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The UTA 2027 Proposed Tentative budget provides a financial plan that aligns resources with organizational priorities to move people, expand & maintain our system safely, collaborate regionally, and provide livelihood for over 3,000 employees.

Expand Sustainably | **Maintain Deliberately** | **Advocate Regionally**

This Partial 2027 Proposed Budget, often called the "2027 Stump Budget," bridges the end of our former calendar year budget and the start of our new Fiscal Year 2028. Once this new fiscal year begins in July 2027, UTA's budget cycle will align with the state fiscal year.

UTA's Partial 2027 Tentative Budget is $504 million with a projected 2027 total year expense of $994 million. UTA reports as a single enterprise fund, and all revenues are deposited in the UTA enterprise fund. Within this enterprise fund, UTA maintains 2 budgets: Operating and Capital. The Operating Budget covers ongoing expenses related to services UTA provides, whereas the Capital Budget accounts for one-time expenses related to building, maintaining, and investing in our transit system.

2027 Budget Summary

2027 Operating Budget Highlights

UTA 2027 Capital Budget Highlights

Bus Expansion

- 5600 West

Rail Expansion

- S-Line extension completion

Maintaining a State of Good Repair

- Rehabilitation & replacement of:
  - Light rail vehicles
  - Train control
  - Bus and paratransit vehicles

Building Remodel & Expansion

- Ogden admin building
- TRAX operations and maintenance facility (Jordan River)
- Jordan River training facility

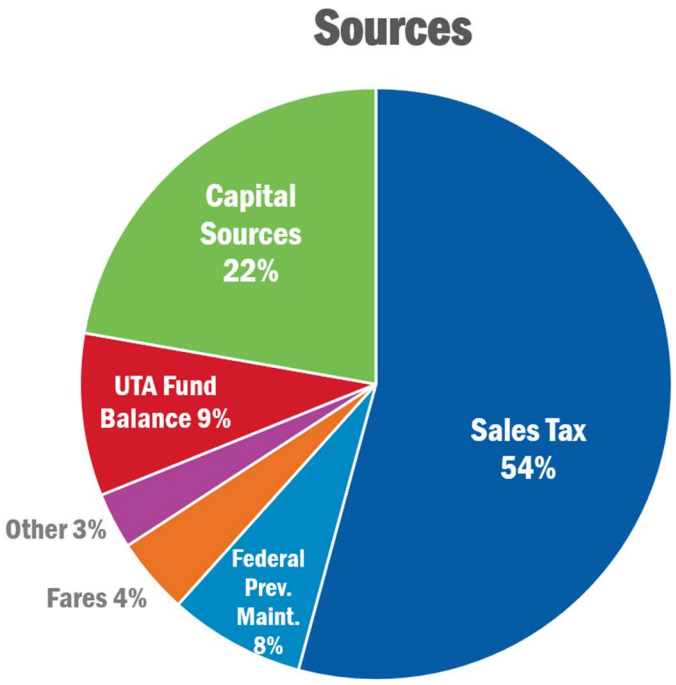
2027 Budget Summary

2027 Revenue Summary

UTA receives Operating revenues from multiple sources, with Partial 2027 Budget revenue of $342 million (full-year forecast of $685 million). Sales tax revenue, totaling $269 million ($517 million full-year, or 54% of total), represents the largest funding source for the 2027 budget. Federal preventive maintenance funds are anticipated at $37 million ($74 million full-year, or 8%) and fares are planned at $21 million ($41 million full-year, or 4%). Other revenues include, in order of magnitude, investment income, local support, other revenue, advertising, and fees.

UTA plans to draw $88 million from our existing savings in the enterprise fund balance to finance the full 2027 Tentative Budget.

External Capital sources of $250 million are further described in the Capital Budget Summary.

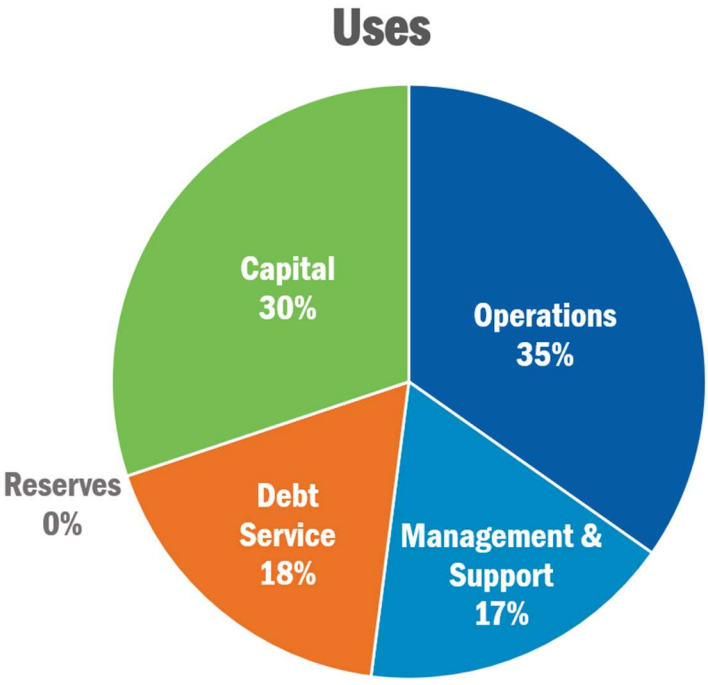


2027 Expense Summary

The total Partial 2027 Tentative Budget includes a $259 million (full-year forecast of $517 million) Operating Budget for Operations (35% of total) and Management & Support of the system (17% of total). These functions are represented in dark and light blue on the graph. Operations expenses include, in order of magnitude: bus, light rail, commuter rail, paratransit, vanpool, and microtransit. Management & Support includes planning and capital support, communications, IT, HR, finance, leadership, and other admin group expenses.

Debt Service expenses of $80 million (full-year $177 million, or 18% of total) are budgeted to repay bond debt from building out rail systems and financing bus, paratransit, and other vehicles.

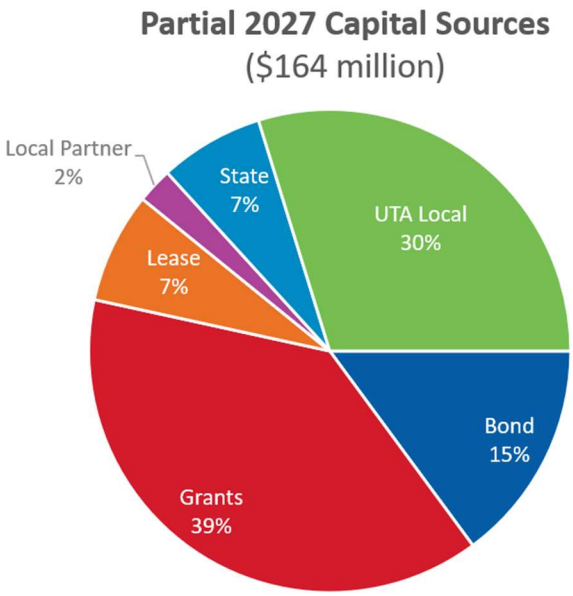
Contributions to Reserves are required by policy and ensure that we have emergency funding in a variety of scenarios. However, these funding requirements have already been met for next year.



Capital uses are further described in the Capital Budget Summary on the next page.

2027 Budget Summary

Capital Budget Details



10 Largest Capital Budget Projects
Light Rail Vehicle Replacement
Clean Diesel Bus Purchase
Paratransit Vehicle Replacement
Light Rail Vehicle Rehabilitation
S-Line Extension
5600 West Bus Route
Rail Replacement Program
Grade Crossing Replacement Program
Fares Systems Replacement Program
Train Control Rehab & Replacement

UTA receives $79 million in federal grant, state, and local partner (cities and counties) funding to complete Capital projects. Bond financing for major infrastructure projects and new vehicle acquisition using financing or "lease" revenue brings in another $36 million of debt-based funding sources. The remaining $49 million of UTA's Capital Budget expenses require use of UTA local enterprise funds, as noted above.

The 10 largest-budget projects in 2027 make up about 59% of the total Partial 2027 Capital Budget of $164 million. Overall, 72% of this budget is for maintaining a state of good repair on existing service vehicles & infrastructure.

Ways To Get Involved

Review the 2027 Tentative Budget and submit comments by October 26, 2026.

Submit your feedback in any of the following ways:

- Website comment form: rideuta.com/budget
- Email: hearingofficer@rideuta.com
- Phone: 801-287-3888
- Mailing: Jolisha Branch, c/o Utah Transit Authority, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

You are also welcome to attend the public hearing and open house:

- Thursday, October 26
  - Open house: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
  - Public hearing: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Join virtually: rideuta.com/meetings

More information on the 2027 Tentative Budget can be found at rideuta.com/budget.

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2027 Budget

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Budget Summaries

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PARTIAL 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
September 23, 2026

Exhibit A

		Partial 2027 Tentative Budget
	Revenue	
1	Sales Tax	$ 269,377,000
2	Federal Preventative Maintenance	36,865,000
3	Passenger Revenue	20,783,000
4	Advertising	1,106,000
5	Investment Income	3,784,000
6	Other Revenues	10,359,000
7	**Total Revenue**	**342,273,000**
	Operating Expense	
8	Bus	87,623,000
9	Commuter Rail	18,554,000
10	Light Rail	34,347,000
11	Paratransit	17,393,000
12	Rideshare/Vanpool	2,431,000
13	Microtransit	12,053,000
14	Operations Support	40,341,000
15	Administration	37,471,000
16	Planning/Capital Support	8,398,000
17	Non-Departmental	809,000
18	**Total Operating Expense**	**259,421,000**
	Debt Service, Contribution to Reserves, and Transfer to UTA Fund	
19	Principal and Interest	78,199,000
20	Bond Service Utah County for UVX BRT program	1,518,000
21	Contribution to Reserves	-
22	Transfer to/(from) UTA Fund Balance	3,135,000
23	**Total Debt Service, Reserves, Transfers**	**82,852,000**
24	**Total Expense**	**$ 342,273,000**

Note: Rounding may cause minor Total discrepancies

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PARTIAL 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET
September 23, 2026

Exhibit A-1

		Partial 2027 Tentative Budget
	Funding Sources	
1	UTA Current Year Funding	$ 48,976,000
2	Grants	63,371,000
3	Local Partner Contributions	3,921,000
4	State Contribution	11,515,000
5	Leasing	12,205,000
6	Bonds	24,478,000
7	**Total Funding Sources**	**164,466,000**
	Expense	
8	State of Good Repair	124,205,000
9	5600 West Bus Route	5,850,000
10	FrontRunner 2X	3,000,000
11	S-Line Extension	6,580,000
12	HB322 Future Rail Car Purchase Payment	-
13	EAM/WM/RISC (Trapeze)	1,705,000
14	Other Capital Projects	23,126,000
15	**Total Expense**	**$ 164,466,000**

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UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PARTIAL 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
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Exhibit A-2

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7	**Total Revenue**	**342,273,000**

			FTE
	Operating Expense		
8	Executive Director	5,281,000	44.7
9	Communications	1,856,000	19.0
10	Operations	189,601,000	2,527.9
11	Finance	10,613,000	123.0
12	Capital Services	4,461,000	66.0
13	Planning & External Relations	18,728,000	110.1
14	Enterprise Strategy	3,297,000	44.0
15	Technology	17,425,000	90.0
16	People Office	7,349,000	106.8
17	Non-Departmental	809,000	-
18	**Total Operating**	**259,421,000**	**3,131.4**
19	Debt Service	79,717,000	
20	Contribution to Reserves	-	
21	Transfer to/(from) UTA Fund Balance	3,135,000	
22	**Total Operating Budget**	**$ 342,273,000**	**3,131.4**

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Partial 2027 Tentative Budget Supplementary Exhibits

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PARTIAL 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
September 23, 2026

Tentative Exhibit Operating

		Adj. 2026 Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	Calendar Year 2027	Change
	Revenue					
1	Sales Tax	$ 516,541,000	$ 269,377,000	$ 269,377,000	$ 538,753,000	$ 22,212,000
2	Federal Preventative Maintenance	96,548,000	36,865,000	36,865,000	73,730,000	(22,818,000)
3	Passenger Revenue	40,887,000	20,783,000	20,783,000	41,566,000	679,000
4	Advertising	2,172,000	1,106,000	1,106,000	2,211,000	39,000
5	Investment Income	14,384,000	3,784,000	3,784,000	7,567,000	(6,817,000)
6	Other Revenues	14,867,000	10,359,000	10,359,000	20,718,000	5,851,000
7	**Total Revenue**	**685,399,000**	**342,273,000**	**342,273,000**	**684,545,000**	**(854,000)**
	Operating Expense					
8	Board of Trustees	3,794,000	-	-	-	(3,794,000)
9	Executive Director	7,790,000	5,281,000	4,757,000	10,038,000	2,248,000
10	Communications	5,250,000	1,856,000	2,997,000	4,853,000	(397,000)
11	Operations	356,112,000	189,601,000	190,396,000	379,998,000	23,886,000
12	Finance	19,976,000	10,613,000	10,421,000	21,034,000	1,058,000
13	Capital Services	8,383,000	4,461,000	4,423,000	8,884,000	500,000
14	Planning & External Relations	29,691,000	18,728,000	18,586,000	37,314,000	7,624,000
15	Enterprise Strategy	34,596,000	3,297,000	3,243,000	6,540,000	(28,056,000)
16	Technology	-	17,425,000	14,667,000	32,092,000	32,092,000
17	People Office	13,994,000	7,349,000	7,349,000	14,698,000	704,000
18	Non-Departmental	8,997,000	809,000	810,000	1,619,000	(7,378,000)
19	**Total Operating**	**488,582,000**	**259,421,000**	**257,648,000**	**517,069,000**	**28,487,000**
	Debt Service, Contribution to Reserves, and Transfer to UTA Fund					
20	Principal and Interest	173,176,000	78,199,000	95,577,000	173,776,000	600,000
21	Bond Service Utah County for UVX BRT program	3,374,000	1,518,000	1,855,000	3,373,000	(1,000)
22	Contribution to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
23	Transfer to/(from) UTA Fund Balance	20,267,000	3,135,000	(12,808,000)	(9,673,000)	(29,940,000)
24	**Total Debt Service, Reserves, Transfers**	**196,817,000**	**82,852,000**	**84,624,000**	**167,476,000**	**(29,341,000)**
25	**Total Expense**	**$ 685,399,000**	**$ 342,273,000**	**$ 342,272,000**	**$ 684,545,000**	**$ (854,000)**

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UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PARTIAL 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET
September 23, 2026

Tentative Exhibit Capital

	Funding Sources	2026 Adj. Budget*	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	Calendar Year 2027	Change
1	UTA Current Year Funding	$ 84,361,000	$ 48,976,000	$ 29,546,000	$ 78,522,000	($ 5,839,000)
2	Grants	111,703,000	63,371,000	49,333,000	112,704,000	1,001,000
3	Local Partner Contributions	13,478,000	3,921,000	3,686,000	7,607,000	(5,871,000)
4	State Contribution	45,672,000	11,515,000	21,359,000	32,874,000	(12,798,000)
5	Leasing	36,714,000	12,205,000	29,743,000	41,948,000	5,234,000
6	Bonds	47,285,000	24,478,000	1,318,000	25,796,000	(21,489,000)
7	**Total Funding Sources**	**339,213,000**	**164,466,000**	**134,985,000**	**299,451,000**	**(39,762,000)**
	Expense					
8	State of Good Repair	211,111,000	124,205,000	92,546,000	216,751,000	5,640,000
9	5600 West Bus Route	4,250,000	5,850,000	11,150,000	17,000,000	12,750,000
10	FrontRunner 2X	2,761,000	3,000,000	5,156,000	8,156,000	5,395,000
11	S-Line Extension	39,460,000	6,580,000	750,000	7,330,000	(32,130,000)
12	HB322 Future Rail Car Purchase Payment	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
13	EAM/WM/RISC (Trapeze)	5,356,000	1,705,000	595,000	2,300,000	(3,056,000)
14	Other Capital Projects	71,275,000	23,126,000	19,788,000	42,914,000	(28,361,000)
15	**Total Expense**	**$ 339,213,000**	**$ 164,466,000**	**$ 134,985,000**	**$ 299,451,000**	**$ (39,762,000)**

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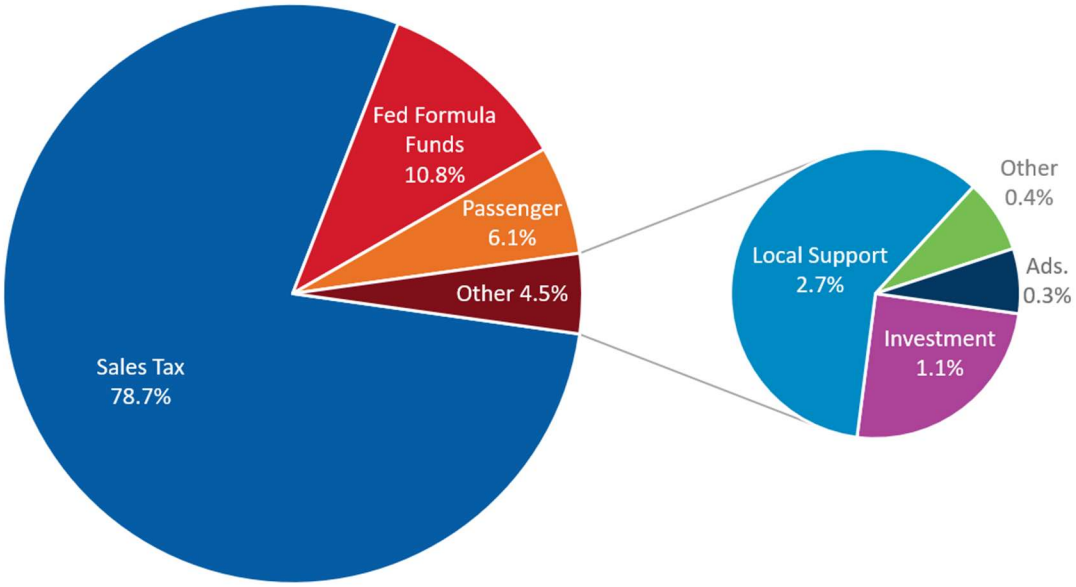
Partial 2027 Tentative Operating Revenue
($342 million)



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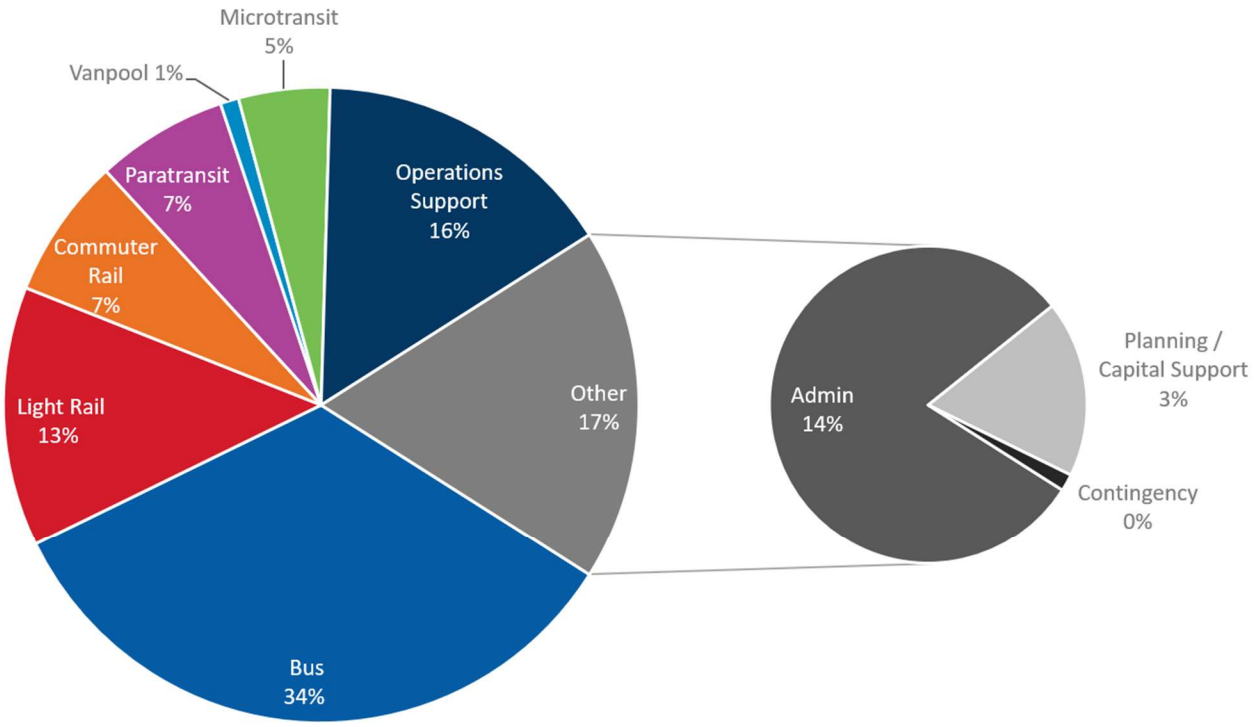
2027 Operating Expense Summary

The Partial 2027 Tentative Operating Budget of $259 million ($517 million full-year forecast) will fund day-to-day operations at UTA. This includes almost $213 million ($426 million full-year) for operations and maintenance of the system (82% of total). These functions are represented in the green shaded segments in the graph below. Service modes in order of greatest expense include bus, light rail (TRAX and S-Line), commuter rail (FrontRunner), paratransit, microtransit (UTA On Demand) and rideshare (Vanpool).

The Other functions (gray segments comprising 17%) include administration, planning/capital support, and $0.8 million ($1.6 million full-year) set aside to fund emerging/emergency needs. Administration includes executive leadership and support, human capital management, communications, payroll, accounting, fares, purchasing, warehouse, service development, information technology, strategic planning, continuous improvement, data management, and other functions that support the capital and operating programs.

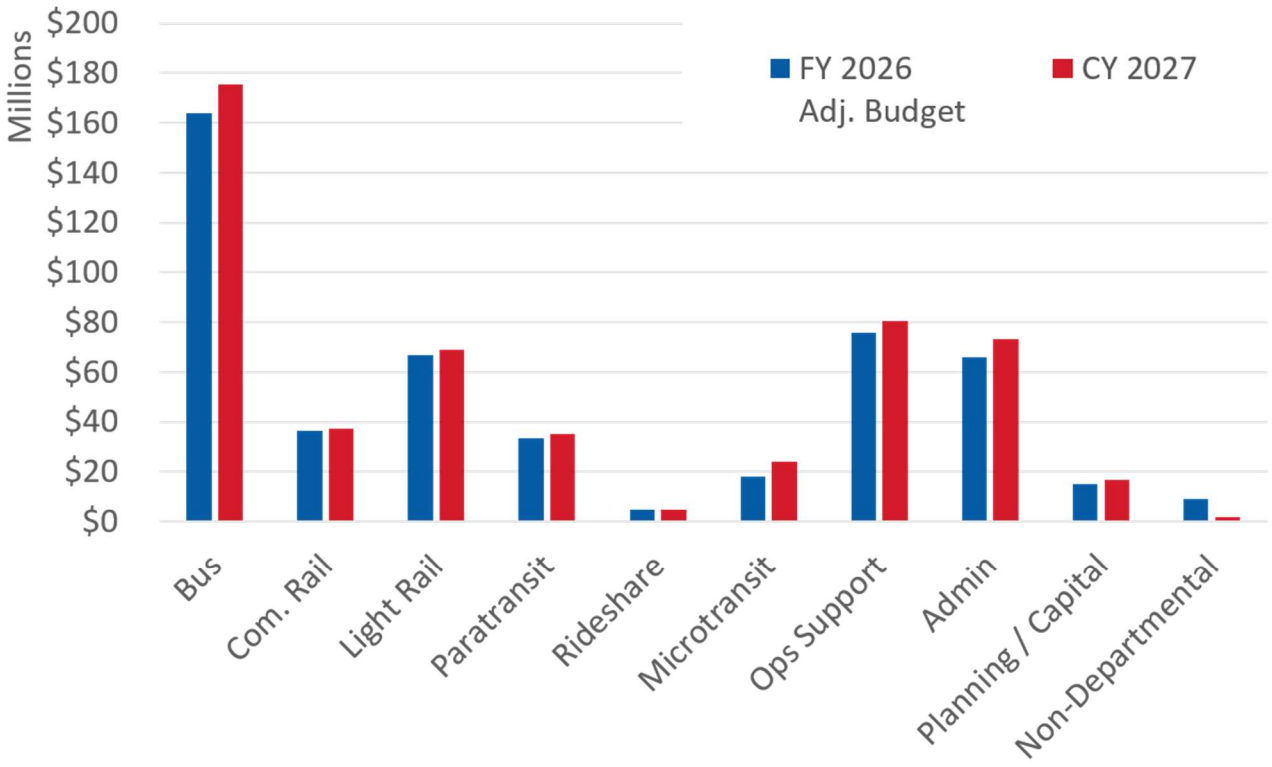
Partial 2027 Tentative Operating Budget
($259 million)



2027 Tentative Operating Expense Budget

Summary by Mode

Mode	FY 2026 Adj. Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	CY 2027	Change	% Change
Bus	$163,700,000	$87,623,000	$87,835,000	$175,458,000	$11,758,000	7.2%
Commuter Rail	36,317,000	18,554,000	18,685,000	37,239,000	922,000	2.5%
Light Rail	66,854,000	34,347,000	34,447,000	68,794,000	1,940,000	2.9%
Paratransit	33,364,000	17,393,000	17,562,000	34,954,000	1,590,000	4.8%
Rideshare/Vanpool	4,563,000	2,431,000	2,430,000	4,861,000	298,000	6.5%
Microtransit	17,968,000	12,053,000	12,054,000	24,107,000	6,139,000	34.2%
Operations Support	75,682,000	40,341,000	40,057,000	80,398,000	4,716,000	6.2%
Administration	66,075,000	37,471,000	35,673,000	73,144,000	7,070,000	10.7%
Planning/Capital Support	15,063,000	8,398,000	8,097,000	16,495,000	1,432,000	9.5%
Non-Departmental	8,997,000	809,000	810,000	1,619,000	(7,378,000)	-82.0%
Total Division	**$488,582,000**	**$259,421,000**	**$257,648,000**	**$517,069,000**	**$28,487,000**	**5.8%**



Summary by Office

Office	FY 2026 Adj. Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	CY 2027	Change	% Change
Executive Director	10,542,000	5,281,000	4,757,000	10,038,000	(504,000)	-4.8%
Operations	356,112,000	189,601,000	190,396,000	379,998,000	23,886,000	6.7%
Finance	19,976,000	10,613,000	10,421,000	21,034,000	1,058,000	5.3%
Capital Services	8,383,000	4,461,000	4,423,000	8,884,000	500,000	6.0%
Planning & External Relations	30,732,000	18,728,000	18,586,000	37,314,000	6,582,000	21.4%
Technology	28,612,000	17,425,000	14,667,000	32,092,000	3,480,000	12.2%
Enterprise Strategy	5,984,000	3,297,000	3,243,000	6,540,000	555,000	9.3%
People Office	13,994,000	7,349,000	7,349,000	14,698,000	704,000	5.0%
Communications	5,250,000	1,856,000	2,997,000	4,853,000	(397,000)	-7.6%
Non-Departmental	8,997,000	809,000	810,000	1,619,000	(7,378,000)	-82.0%
Total Division	**$488,582,000**	**$259,421,000**	**$257,648,000**	**$517,069,000**	**$28,487,000**	**5.8%**

Summary by Expense Category

Category	FY 2026 Adj. Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	CY 2027	Change	% Change
Wages	$234,395,000	$121,534,000	$121,788,000	$243,322,000	$8,927,000	3.8%
Fringe	117,404,000	61,402,000	61,400,000	122,802,000	5,398,000	4.6%
Services	58,596,000	35,185,000	31,840,000	67,024,000	8,428,000	14.4%
Fuel/Power	36,604,000	19,108,000	19,079,000	38,187,000	1,583,000	4.3%
Parts	25,891,000	14,073,000	14,395,000	28,468,000	2,577,000	10.0%
Utilities	7,325,000	3,987,000	4,036,000	8,023,000	699,000	9.5%
Other O&M	25,138,000	11,761,000	13,167,000	24,929,000	(209,000)	-0.8%
Capitalized Costs	(16,771,000)	(7,630,000)	(8,057,000)	(15,686,000)	1,085,000	-6.5%
Total Budget	**$488,582,000**	**$259,421,000**	**$257,648,000**	**$517,069,000**	**$28,487,000**	**5.8%**

FTE Summary by Office

Office	FY 2026 Adj. Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	CY 2027	Change	% Change
Executive Director	53.2	44.7	44.7	44.7	(8.5)	-16.0%
Operations	2,460.2	2,527.9	2,527.9	2,527.9	67.7	2.8%
Finance	119.0	123.0	123.0	123.0	4.0	3.4%
Capital Services	64.5	66.0	66.0	66.0	1.5	2.3%
Planning & External Relations	109.6	110.1	110.1	110.1	0.5	0.5%
Technology	89.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	1.0	1.1%
Enterprise Strategy	43.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	1.0	2.3%
Communications	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	-	0.0%
People	105.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	1.0	0.9%
Non Dept	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total FTE	**3,063.2**	**3,131.4**	**3,131.4**	**3,131.4**	**68.2**	**2.2%**

FTE Summary by Mode

Mode	FY 2026 Adj. Budget	Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	CY 2027	Change	% Change
Bus	1,302.5	1,344.0	1,344.0	1,344.0	41.5	3.2%
Commuter Rail	208.5	200.8	200.8	200.8	(7.8)	-3.7%
Light Rail	468.0	454.8	454.8	454.8	(13.3)	-2.8%
Paratransit	214.0	206.0	206.0	206.0	(8.0)	-3.7%
Rideshare/Vanpool	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	-	0.0%
Microtransit	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	1.0	18.2%
Operations Support	515.2	537.4	537.4	537.4	22.2	4.3%
Administration	231.7	256.2	256.2	256.2	24.5	10.6%
Planning/Capital Support	106.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	8.0	7.5%
Non-Departmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Division	**3,063.2**	**3,131.4**	**3,131.4**	**3,131.4**	**68.2**	**2.2%**

Key Assumptions & Requests

UTA works with the Economic Evaluation Unit at the University of Utah to develop sales tax forecasts. The 2027 Tentative Budget was developed during a time of nominally increasing ridership, increasing inflation, and somewhat higher unemployment comparable to recent years. Job creation in Utah is outpacing the rest of the country but at slower rates than in the past. Consumer spending is seen as resilient, despite concerns over tariffs, fuel prices, and broader economic uncertainty.

This Tentative Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan (5YCP) include assumptions from the University's June 2026 forecast. UTA will monitor the economic situation and work with the University of Utah to update its sales tax forecast later this year to inform the 2027 Final Budget and 5YCP.

Assumptions

The key assumptions in the 2027 Tentative Budget are provided below.

Operating Expenses

- Wages: 3%
- Fringe: 6%
- Parts: 2.5%
- Fuel:
  - Diesel: $ 3.45
  - Gasoline: $ 3.15
  - CNG DGE*: $ 2.15
- Other Expenses: 2.4%

Revenues

- Sales Tax: 3.0%
- Passenger: 6.0%

*Compressed Natural Gas Diesel Gallon Equivalent

Agency Requests

2027 Budget Requests	Expenses	FTEs	External Funding
CAPITAL SERVICES			
Environmental Compliance Administrator: part-time to full-time	$70,360	1.0	Yes
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR			
Safety Manager position to manage the 7-person Safety Admin team	140,000	1.0	-
FINANCE			
2 Contract Specialists to support the Contract Management Office	177,800	2.0	-
OPERATIONS			
Eligibility team member	85,820	1.0	Yes
PLANNING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS			
UDOT-sponsored supplementary ski service	1,140,000		Yes
Grand Total	**$1,613,980**	**5.0**	

2027 Tentative Capital Budget & Five-Year Plan

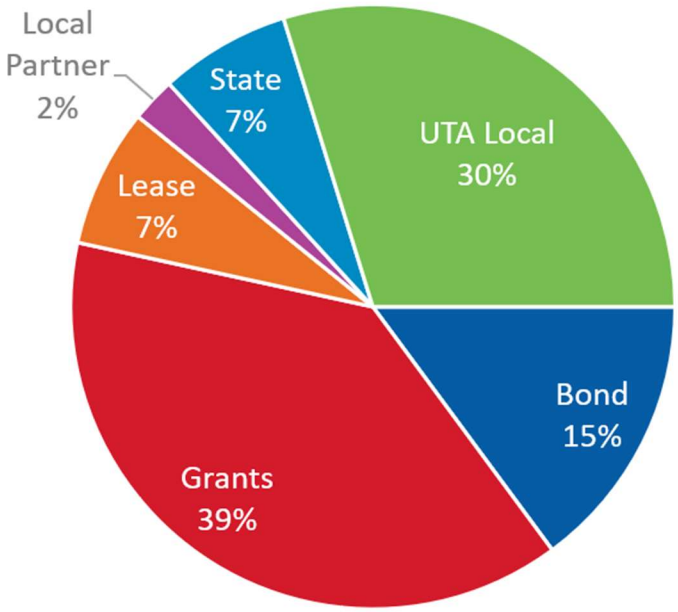
The following tables are developed with reference to the Five-Year Capital Plan (5YCP) documents produced by Project Controls in the Service Development Office. For the current planning cycle, the Five-Year Capital Plan will be presented as an updated version of the 2026 plan. The capital revenue in this section is listed on an accrual basis such that projects balance in each year of work.

2027 Tentative Capital Budget

Summary by Chief Office

Reporting Group	Partial 2027 Budget
Capital Services	$134,567,000
Technology	5,070,000
Executive Director (Safety)	823,000
Finance	14,573,000
Operations	8,497,000
Planning & Engagement	936,000
Grand Total	$164,466,000

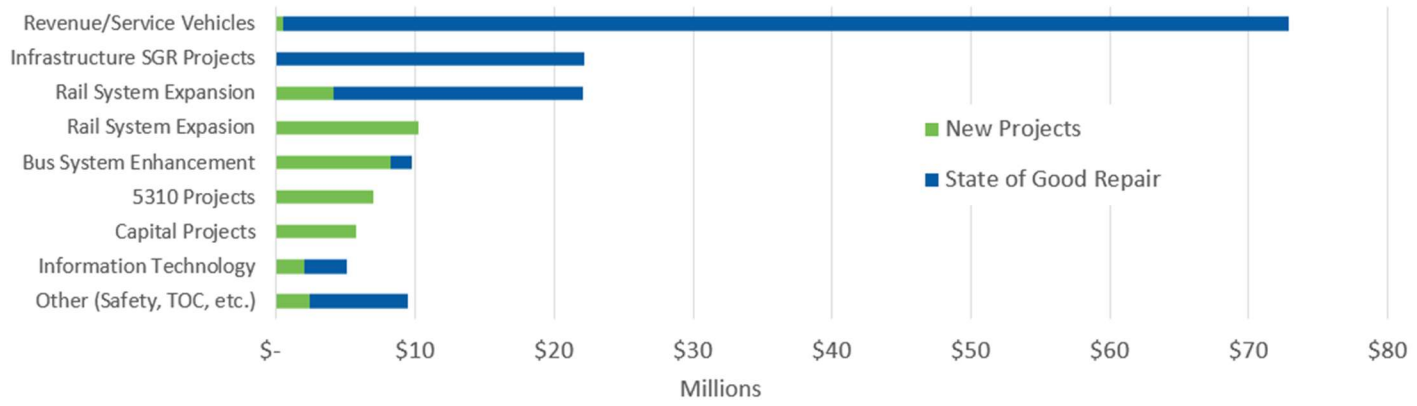
Summary Capital Sources

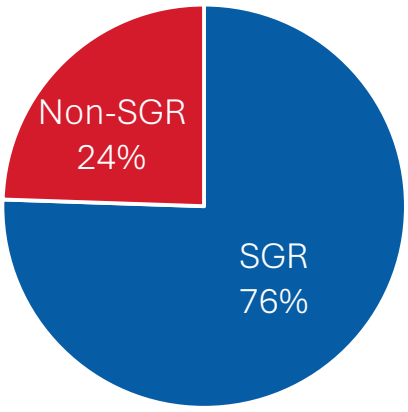


Summary by Project Category

Category	2027 Total Budget	2027 Grants	2027 State & Local	2027 UTA & Lease	2027 Bonds
Revenue/Service Vehicles	**$72,871,000**	**$29,218,000**	**$0**	**$19,944,000**	**$23,709,000**
Infrastructure SGR Projects	22,185,000	16,458,000	150,000	5,577,000	-
Facilities	22,090,000	10,180,000	-	11,141,000	769,000
Rail System Expasion	10,205,000	400,000	9,255,000	550,000	-
Bus System Enhancement	9,796,000	1,775,000	2,685,000	5,336,000	-
5310 Projects	7,011,000	4,602,000	2,396,000	13,000	-
Capital Projects	5,780,000	-	-	5,780,000	-
Information Technology	5,088,000	200,000	-	4,888,000	-
Finance	5,034,000	-	-	5,034,000	-
Safety and Security	2,609,000	208,000	-	2,401,000	-
Property/TOC	1,336,000	330,000	950,000	56,000	-
Planning	461,000	-	-	461,000	-
Grand Total	**$164,466,000**	**$63,371,000**	**$15,436,000**	**$61,181,000**	**$24,478,000**

Summary by Project Category & SGR Designation



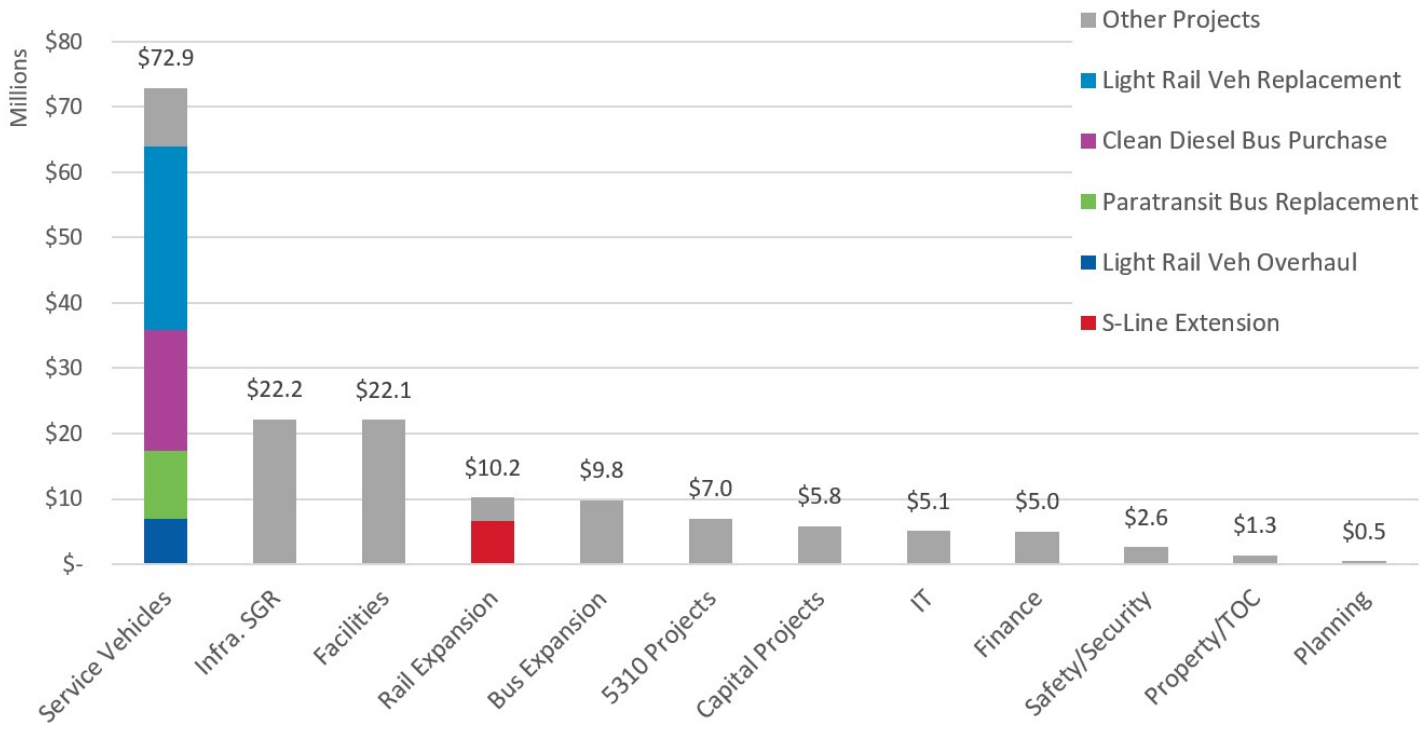


Major Project Summary

Non-SGR projects with the 10 largest budgets in 2027:

Highlighted Projects	2027 Total Budget	2027 Grants	2027 State & Local	2027 UTA & Lease
5600 West Bus Route	$ 17,000,000	$ 3,059,000	$ 10,941,000	$ 3,000,000
FrontRunner 2X	8,156,000	-	8,156,000	-
S-Line Extension	7,330,000	-	6,130,000	1,200,000
HB322 Future Rail Car Purchase Payment	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
EAM/WM/RISC (Trapeze)	2,300,000	-	-	2,300,000
Wheel Truing Machine- Jordan River Service Center	1,977,000	1,582,000	-	395,000
Box Elder County Corridor Preservation	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Utah County Park & Ride Lots (x2)	970,000	904,000	-	66,000
Layton Station Improvements	840,000	-	-	840,000
Transit Signal Priority On Board Units (TOBU) Project	695,000	-	-	695,000
Grand Total	**$ 45,268,000**	**$ 5,545,000**	**$ 26,227,000**	**$ 13,496,000**

**No Bonding for major non-SGR projects in 2027*



State of Good Repair Summary

Highlighted Projects ($ Thousands)	2027 Total Budget	2027 Grants	2027 State & Local	2027 UTA & Lease	2027 Bonds
Revenue/Service Vehicles	**$ 72,396**	**$ 29,218**	**$ -**	**$ 19,469**	**$ 23,709**
Light Rail Vehicle Replacement	28,100	3,891	-	500	23,709
Revenue Bus Replacement	50	-	-	50	-
Replace Non-Rev Support Vehicles	18,489	16,383	-	2,106	-
Low/No CNG Bus Procurement	1	-	-	1	-
Paratransit Bus Replacement	10,486	-	-	10,486	-
Other Revenue/Service Vehicles	26,404	13,935	-	12,469	-
Infrastructure SGR Projects	**$ 22,185**	**$ 16,458**	**$ 150**	**$ 5,577**	**$ -**
Train Control Rehab & Replacement	4,860	3,888	-	972	-
Rail Switches & Trackwork Controls	2,823	2,258	-	565	-
Rail Replacement Program	5,580	4,464	-	1,116	-
Grade Crossing Replacement Program	5,125	4,099	-	1,026	-
Overhead Catenary System Rehab and Replacement	750	600	-	150	-
Other Infrastructure SGR Projects	5,281	1,849	300	3,132	-
Facilities	**$ 18,010**	**$ 7,694**	**$ -**	**$ 9,547**	**$ 769**
Mt Ogden Administration Building	3,840	3,071	-	-	769
Escalators Replacement- North Temple Station	1,000	200	-	800	-
Facility Strategic Plan: Electrical Systems Remediation	1,504	1,203	-	301	-
UTA End of Line (EOL) Enhancements	2,892	1,280	-	1,612	-
UTA Operator Restrooms	807	-	-	807	-
Other Facilities	10,432	3,260	-	7,172	-
Information Technology	**$ 3,030**	**$ 200**	**$ -**	**$ 2,830**	**$ -**
ERP System Replacement Phase 2: Procurement	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Network Infrastructure Equipment & Software	400	-	-	400	-
Electronic Communication System Rehab/Replacement	350	-	-	350	-
Electronic Communication Rehab/Replacement	650	-	-	650	-
Radio Communication System	250	200	-	50	-
Other Information Technology	275	-	-	275	-
Other	**$ (78,544)**	**$ (43,729)**	**$ (150)**	**$ (33,347)**	**$ (1,318)**
SD100/SD160 Light Rail Vehicle Replacement	28,100	3,891	-	500	23,709
Low/No CNG Bus Procurement	1	-	-	1	-
Paratransit Bus Replacement	10,486	-	-	10,486	-
Other SGR projects	(46,143)	(20,826)	-	(1,608)	(23,709)
Grand Total	**$ 124,205**	**$ 53,690**	**$ 150**	**$ 45,887**	**$ 24,478**

2027 Capital Sources & Uses Summary

Sources		Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	2027	CY 2027 %
	UTA Local	$48,976	$29,646	$78,622	26%
	Grants	63,371	49,333	112,704	38%
	Lease	12,205	29,743	41,948	14%
	Bond	24,478	1,318	25,796	9%
	State	11,515	21,359	32,874	11%
	Local Partner	3,921	3,686	7,607	3%
TOTAL (in $USD Thousands)		**$164,466**	**$135,085**	**$299,551**	**100%**

Uses		Partial 2027 Tentative Budget	2027 Q3-4 Forecast	2027	%
Major Projects	LR Vehicle Replacement	$28,100	$250	$28,350	9%
	Replacement Buses	50	24,807	24,857	8%
	Commuter Rail Rehab/Replace	4,250	4,250	8,500	3%
	Midvalley Connector	5,580	-	5,580	2%
	Paratransit Replacements	6,580	750	7,330	2%
Project Categories	Revenue/Service Vehicles	33,891	38,267	72,158	24%
	Bus System Enhancement	4,216	26,441	30,657	10%
	Facilities	22,090	16,412	38,502	13%
	Rail System Expasion	10,205	6,206	16,411	5%
	Infrastructure SGR Projects	22,185	7,901	30,086	10%
	Information Technology	5,088	1,607	6,695	2%
	5310 Projects	7,011	263	7,274	2%
	Capital Projects	5,780	3,970	9,750	3%
	Finance	5,034	-	5,034	2%
	Safety and Security	2,609	2,511	5,120	2%
	Property/TOC	1,336	500	1,836	1%
	Charging Infrastructure	-	100	100	0%
	Planning	461	850	1,311	0%
TOTAL (in $USD Thousands)		**$164,466**	**$135,085**	**$299,551**	**100%**

Capital Budget Acronyms & Terms

- APC: automatic passenger counter
- BRT: bus rapid transit
- CR: commuter rail
- LR: light rail
- OCS: overhead catenary system
- SGR: State of Good Repair
- TOC: Transit-Oriented Communities
- TPSS: traction power substation
- UDOT: Utah Department of Transportation
- UZA: urbanized area
- 5310: Projects focused on community development of specialized transportation using pass-through 5310 grant funds

Annual Budget Schedule

Task	Completion Date
Budget Office Distributes Budget Memo	*Mar. 17, 2026*
Executive Team reviews & approves Base Targets	*Apr. 28, 2026*
Executive Team reviews and approves Draft Tentative Budget	*Sep. 1, 2026*
Budget Work Sessions	*Aug. 7 - Aug. 20, 2026*
Transit Commission receives 2027 Tentative Budget	*Sep. 23, 2026*
Budget review and comment period	*Sep. 23 – Oct. 26, 2026*
Transit Commission reviews 2027 Tentative Budget	*Oct. 14, 2026*
2027 Budget Open House/Public Hearing	*Oct. 26, 2026*
Transit Commission reviews public comments and 2027 Final Budget	*Nov. 18, 2026*
Transit Commission considers approval of the 2027 Final Budget	*Dec. 9, 2026*
Staff submits Final Budget to State Auditor	*Dec. 30, 2026*
Staff prepares, prints, and distributes 2027 Budget Document to the Transit Commission, Operating Departments, and interested parties	*Dec. 30, 2026*

Appendix 1: 10-Yr Financial Forecast

	USD $ Millions	Forecast	T. Budget	Forecast	T. Budget	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	Sources	**2026**	**Q1-2 '27**	**Q3-4 '27**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**	**2031**	**2032**	**2033**	**2034**	**2035**	**2036**
A	**Beginning Balance**	$ 317.8	$ 310.0	$ 264.2	$ 310.0	$ 192.7	$ 90.3	$ 10.0	$ (31.8)	$ (121.3)	$ (218.5)	$ (328.9)	$ (441.8)	$ (614.9)
	Sales Tax	$ 528.4	$ 269.4	$ 269.4	$ 538.8	$ 551.9	$ 565.0	$ 578.1	$ 591.3	$ 604.7	$ 618.4	$ 632.5	$ 646.8	$ 659.8
	PM Funds (FTA)	144.8	$ 36.9	36.9	73.7	74.6	75.4	76.1	76.9	77.6	78.4	79.2	80.0	80.8
	Passenger Funds	40.9	$ 20.8	20.8	41.6	42.6	46.6	47.3	49.2	50.0	50.7	52.7	53.5	54.3
B	Capital Sources	230.1	$ 115.5	102.2	217.7	199.1	101.1	101.9	105.5	151.7	98.3	86.2	121.8	144.6
	Bonding	47.3	24.5	1.3	25.8	54.3	21.7	36.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Leasing	44.2	12.2	26.5	38.8	25.5	29.6	26.4	60.5	87.4	26.8	25.5	28.8	46.6
	Grants	81.5	63.4	7.1	70.5	42.0	1.1	5.0	12.0	12.2	12.5	12.7	13.0	13.2
	Formula Funds	30.2	21.1	21.1	42.2	49.2	43.2	30.2	33.0	52.0	59.0	48.0	80.0	84.8
	State	14.3	3.3	5.6	8.9	11.1	3.4	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TTIF	31.1	8.2	15.8	24.0	10.7	1.0	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Local Revenues	13.5	3.9	3.7	7.6	6.3	1.1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	(32.0)	(21.1)	21.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Sources	34.7	15.2	15.2	30.5	30.9	45.9	110.9	30.2	37.3	35.3	36.0	36.7	37.5
C	Total Sources	$ 978.9	$ 457.8	$ 444.5	$ 902.3	$ 899.0	$ 834.0	$ 914.3	$ 853.1	$ 921.2	$ 881.1	$ 886.6	$ 938.8	$ 977.0
	Uses													
D	Operating Expense	$ 488.6	$ 259.4	$ 257.6	$ 517.1	$ 540.9	$ 558.5	$ 592.8	$ 612.1	$ 632.2	$ 652.9	$ 674.2	$ 696.3	$ 719.1
E	Capital Expense	259.2	164.5	135.1	299.6	272.3	163.4	155.4	119.1	170.6	118.6	104.3	191.8	196.0
F	Debt Service	175.2	79.7	97.4	177.1	188.2	192.4	201.7	207.9	212.1	216.4	217.1	219.8	220.4
G	Total Uses	$ 923.0	$ 503.6	$ 490.2	$ 993.8	$ 1,001.5	$ 914.3	$ 949.9	$ 939.1	$ 1,014.8	$ 987.8	$ 995.6	$ 1,107.9	$ 1,135.5
H	Net Change	$ 55.9	$ (45.8)	$ (45.7)	$ (91.5)	$ (102.4)	$ (80.3)	$ (35.6)	$ (86.0)	$ (93.6)	$ (106.7)	$ (109.0)	$ (169.1)	$ (158.4)
I	Contribution to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.1
J	Cash Amended	(63.7)	-	(25.8)	(25.8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K	Ending Balance	$ 310.0	$ 264.2	$ 192.7	$ 192.7	$ 90.3	$ 10.0	$ (31.8)	$(121.3)	$ (218.5)	$ (328.9)	$ (441.8)	$ (614.9)	$ (777.4)
L	Reserves	232.3	237.3	237.3	237.3	190.8	191.5	197.7	201.2	204.8	208.5	212.4	216.3	220.4

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