



Utah Department of Transportation

Rail Transit State Safety Oversight Program

Report to UTA Board of Trustees

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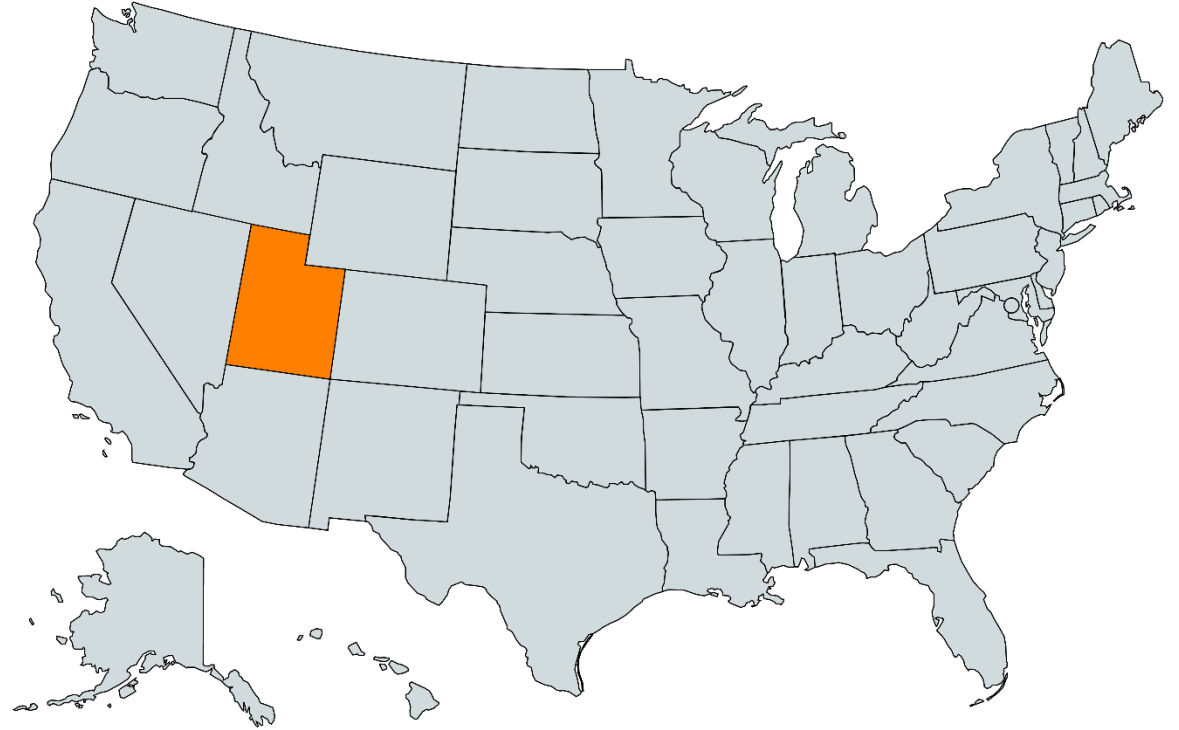
Overview



1. Utah DOT State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program
2. Key Program Activities
3. 2021 Program Highlights

1. Utah SSO Program

- Required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) since 1995 and updated in 2015
- Lines covered under this legislation are TRAX Light Rail and the Sugar House Streetcar (S-Line)



1. Utah SSO Program

UDOT is compliant with 49 CFR Part 674, which requires:

- Legal independence from UTA
- Enforcement authority
- SSOA and contractor staff follow an established training plan
- Involvement with and oversight of UTA capital projects



Rail Transit State Safety Oversight Program Procedures & Standards

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2. Key Program Activities



- Oversight activities conducted by UDOT staff and contractors include:
 - Regularly meeting with UTA staff
 - Conducting scheduled audits and as-needed special assessments,
 - Approving primary UTA safety and emergency preparedness documents,
 - Adopting UTA investigations of accidents, incidents, and hazards, and
 - Verifying UTA progress in correcting safety deficiencies.

3. 2021-22 Program Highlights: Triennial Audit

- In September and October 2021, UDOT conducted a virtual and on-site Three-Year Safety and Security Audit of UTA.
- The audit resulted in 10 Findings of Non-Compliance and 22 Findings of Compliance with Recommendation.
- At this time, 19 corrective action plans (CAPS) remain open and in progress. UDOT continues to work with UTA to approve and verify completion of these CAPS



3. 2021-22 Program Highlights: Event Investigation

- In 2021 UDOT tracked 16 UTA accident investigations that met UDOT or FTA mandated reporting criteria.
- Roughly one third of these events involved minor collisions between a train and an automobile at a grade crossing or intersection.



3. Capital Projects 2021: TRAX Airport Relocation Oversight



- UDOT's SSO program successfully aided with the planning and design stages for the new TRAX light rail station at Salt Lake City International Airport.

3. Planned Projects for 2022: New Station: 600 South TRAX Station

- In April 2022, UDOT conducted a final inspection of UTA's new 600 South TRAX Station.



3. Planned Projects for 2022: Hours of Service Audit



- UDOT will conduct its annual hours of service audit to ensure compliance with FRA requirements.

Thank You



Questions or comments?

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