



UTRU

Outline

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What is the Utah Transit Riders Union?

Mission Statement

Utah Transit Riders Union advocates for transit users statewide. We strive to make transit reliable, accessible, comfortable, efficient, and affordable for all—and to foster a transit-affirming culture.

UTRU welcomes people of all ages and from all social, cultural, and economic backgrounds who use public transit out of necessity, convenience, or for the common good. Together, we advocate for the best transit system—for today and for the future.

We're advocates, not adversaries

Problems That Exist In UTA

1. UTA lacks late night service.
2. UTA lacks frequent weekend/holiday service.
3. UTA lacks intuitive transitions between Frontrunner/TRAX/Bus service.
4. Bus stops amenities inadequate.
5. First/Last mile problem.

Look to comparable transit systems.

Criteria

1. Fare structure
2. System structure
3. Revenue structure

UTA vs. Denver

	UTA	Denver
One way fare:	\$2.50	\$2.50
Monthly fare:	\$83.75	\$100
Reduced Senior:	\$1.25	\$1.00

UTA vs. Denver

	UTA	Denver
Annual Ridership:	44,118,500	101,996,064
Number of Bus Routes:	131	127
Number of Rail Lines:	5	6

UTA vs. Denver

Public funding structure: Sales tax rate capped by the State Legislature, but set by Counties.

Public funding structure: A regional sales tax of 1% on all sales.

UTA vs. Minneapolis

	UTA	Minneapolis
One Way Fare:	\$2.50	\$1.75/\$2.25
Monthly Fare:	\$83.75	\$85
Reduced Senior:	\$1.25	\$0.75/\$2.25

UTA vs. Minneapolis

	UTA	Minneapolis
Annual Ridership:	44,118,500	81,368,750
Number of Bus Routes:	131	123
Number of Rail Lines:	5	3

UTA vs. Minneapolis

Public funding structure: Sales tax rate capped by the State Legislature, but set by Counties.	Public funding structure: Motor Vehicle Sales Tax and State General Funds.
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Solutions?

Increase Revenue For UTA

Rep. Johnny Anderson's HB388 in 2014

Minimum Standard of Service

Basic minimum service is guaranteed service and coverage that can't be reduced. For example, from 10pm – 6am there should be service in which everyone is within a mile of a line – bus or lightrail that runs at least every hour.

Community Oversight

- Committee of Consumers/Advocates
- Board of Trustee reform

A Regional UTA Tax Rate?

- Successful transit systems have a consistent rate of funding between counties.

Questions?