



Utah Transit Authority Long Range Planning & Emerging Issues

Transportation Interim Committee --- 20 May 2015

UTA: 2014 Accomplishments



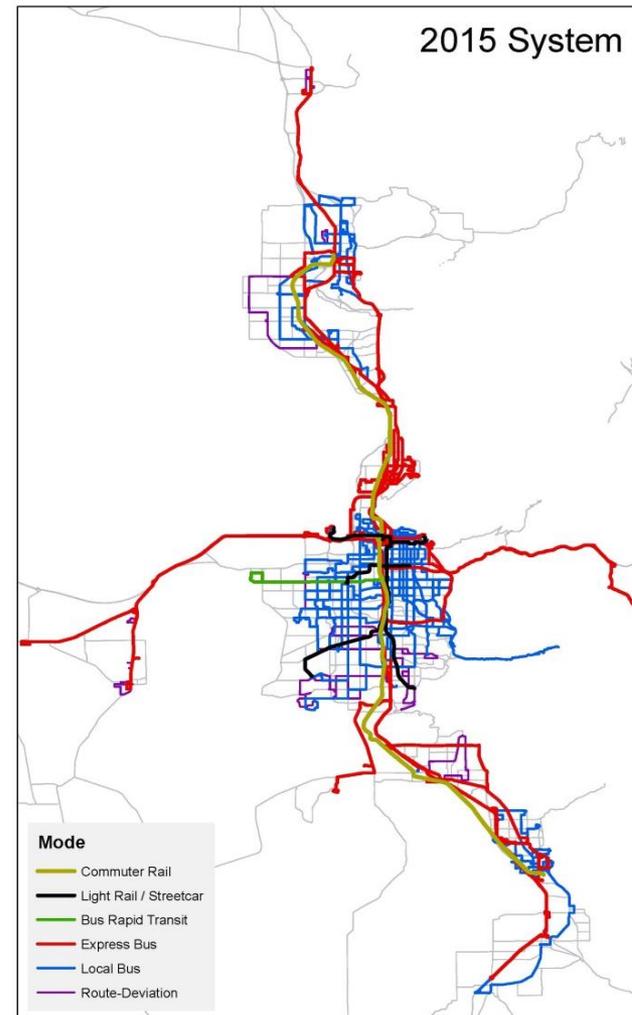
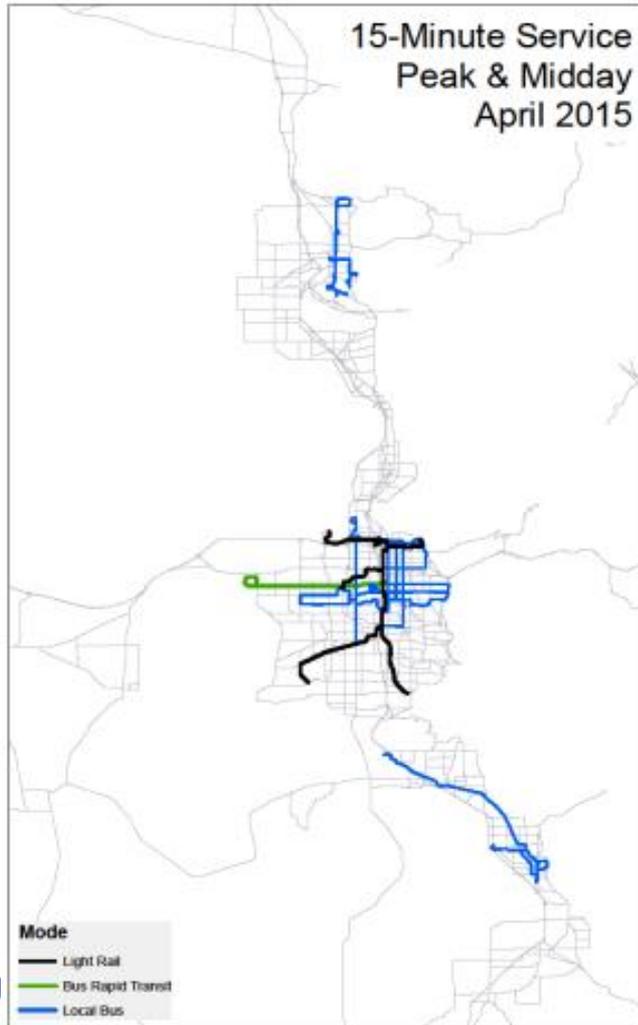
- 45 Million Boardings
- \$6 Million Under Budget
- 70 Miles of Rail Built in 5 Years
- \$300 Million Under Budget & 2 Years Ahead of Schedule

Emerging Issues...

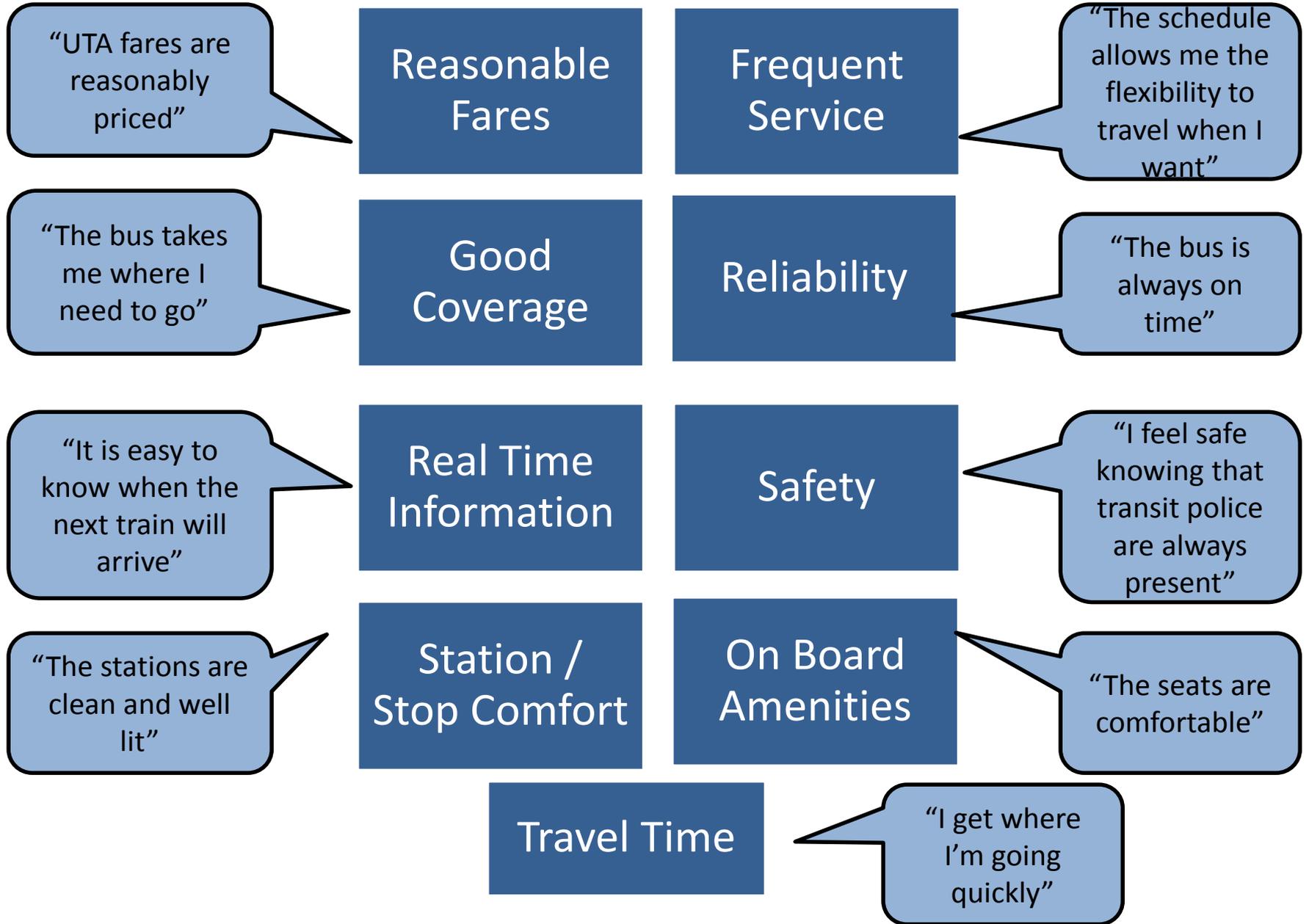


- More frequency & coverage needed
- More Span of Service (early morning, late night)
- Expansion of “core network”
- Increased capacity and frequency on FrontRunner
- Fast, direct transit connections between FrontRunner/TRAX stations and employment centers (i.e. Circulators)
- Growing demand for active transportation accessibility to transit
- Housing and employment options located near transit
- Clean Air
- Funding additional service

Core Network



What do customers want?



Local Option Priorities



Service Investments

- Added Bus Frequency
 - High Ridership Corridors
- Longer Span of Service
- More Weekend Service
- Expanded TRAX Service on Sundays
- Additional Streetcar Service

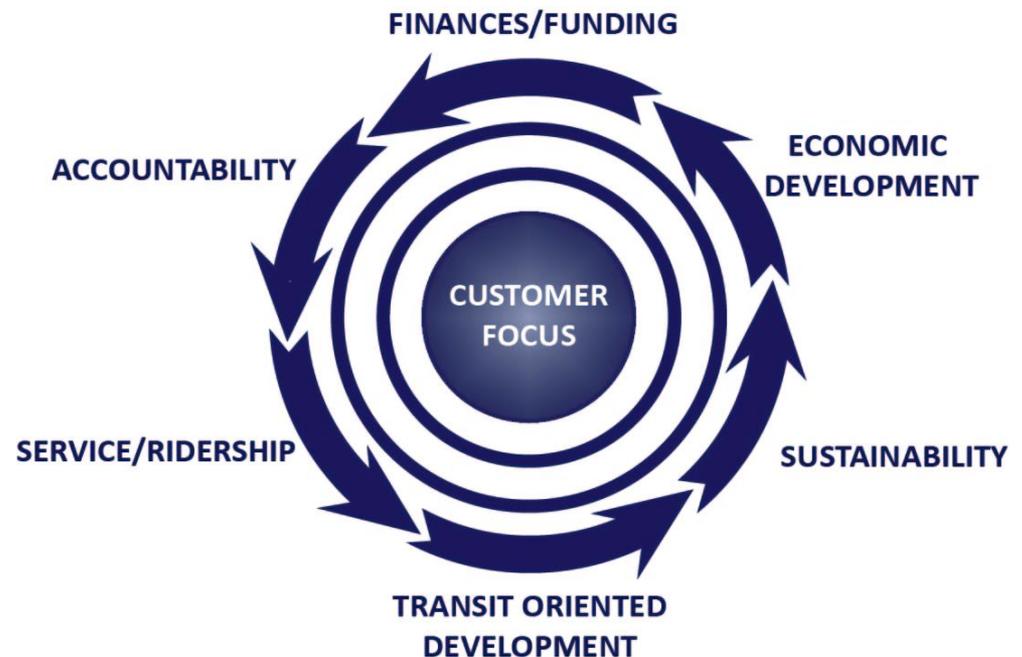
Service Oriented Capital Investments

- Purchase new buses
- Bus stops, amenities, shared initiatives
- Wayfinding improvements
- Right-of-Way preservation

UTA's 2020 Strategic Plan



A blueprint for UTA's future, the 2020 Strategic Plan was developed with extensive input from key stakeholder groups, local elected officials, business leaders, rider advocates, and UTA employees.



Accountability



UTA will maintain an open and transparent dialogue with its stakeholders.

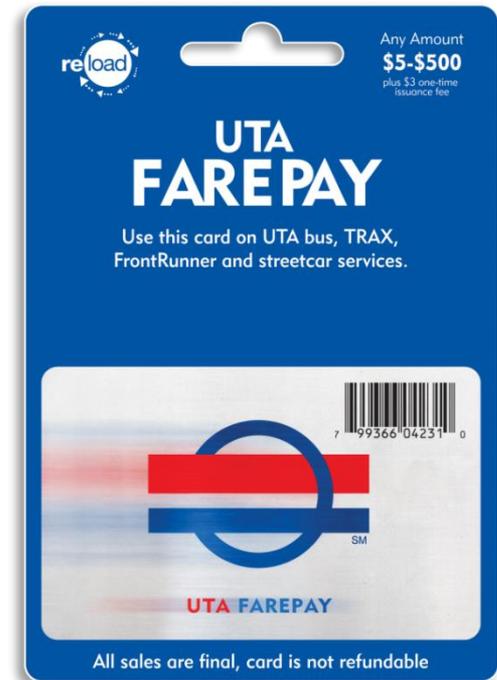
- Governance
- Transparency
- Audits
- Outreach



Ridership & Service



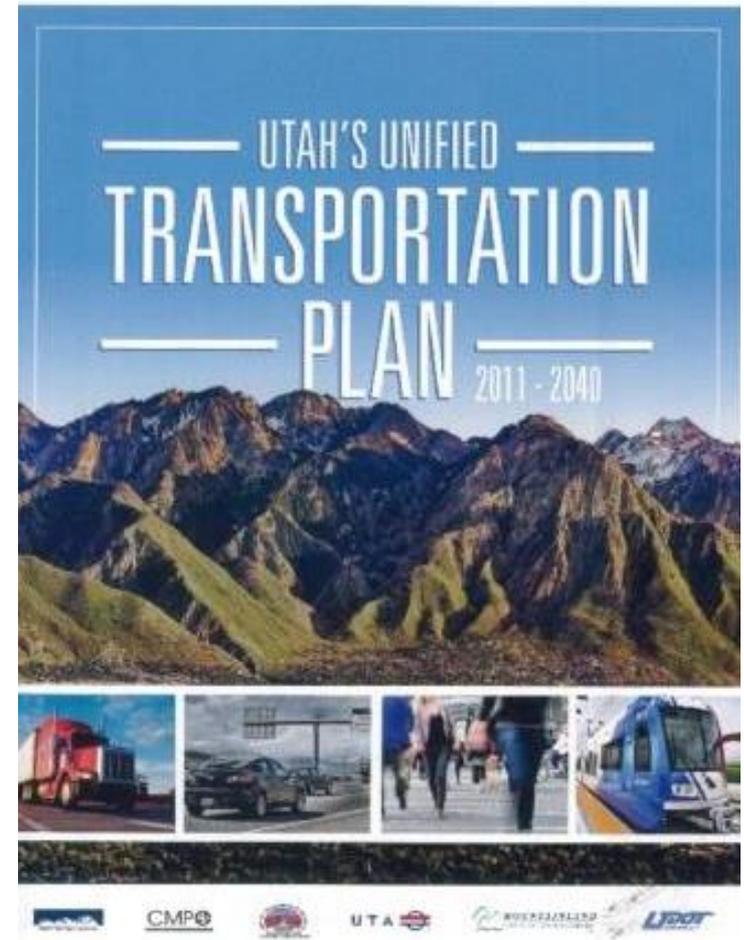
- Long Term Strategy
 - Increase levels of service by 50 percent
 - Double Ridership
 - Develop new fare products and equitable fare policies
 - Develop a fully integrated first/last mile strategy
- Immediate Improvements
 - Extended hours on TRAX
 - Increased service on select bus routes
 - 20% FAREPAY discount on rail
 - 40% FAREPAY discount on bus
 - \$10 Group Pass



Finances/Funding



- Long Term Strategy
 - Support full funding of Unified Plan
 - Retire long term debt ahead of schedule
- Immediate Improvements
 - \$85m in bond refinance savings in 2015
 - Savings used to retire high cost debt
 - \$95m in reserve



Sustainability



UTA will strengthen its commitment to sustainability as a core value.

- Support clean air initiatives
- Transition to CNG and alternative energy fleet
- Support active transportation
- Fully fund a “State of Good Repair” program
- Smart land use



Transit-Oriented Development



UTA will pursue an ambitious transit-oriented development program

- Private-Public Partnership
- Surplus land put to good use
- 8 authorized sites; 3 potential sites
- Wasatch Choice for 2040
- Station area planning with communities

Building The Future We Want

The Greater Wasatch Vision for 2040

The Greater Wasatch is one region stretching from Wasatch County south to Utah County and from Tourist County east to the Wasatch Basin. We compete internationally with other regions, compete one job and housing market, and share the same air and natural resources. Vision and how we shape tomorrow's neighborhoods, communities, and economy matters within our region will dramatically affect the quality of our lives, including how much time and money we spend getting around, the quality of the air we breathe, and the choices we have available to live, work, shop, and play.

Wasatch CHOICE for 2040

Highlights

- Vision Summary:**
 - 1. **Connect:** Connect the region with a high-speed rail line, a regional transit system, and a network of local transit services.
 - 2. **Grow:** Grow the region's economy by attracting investment, creating jobs, and supporting small businesses.
 - 3. **Protect:** Protect the region's natural resources, including its water, forests, and mountains.
 - 4. **Improve:** Improve the region's quality of life by creating vibrant, walkable, and bikeable communities.
- Green Spaces:** Increase the amount of green space in the region, including parks, trails, and urban forests.
- Equity:** Ensure that the benefits of the vision are shared by all residents, regardless of their income or background.
- Water Resilience:** Protect the region's water resources and ensure that they are used sustainably.
- Climate Resilience:** Prepare the region for the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and extreme weather.
- Community:** Strengthen the region's sense of community and shared identity.
- Quality of Life:** Improve the region's quality of life by creating vibrant, walkable, and bikeable communities.

General Land Use Legend

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Public Space
- Open Space
- Water
- Transportation

Wasatch CHOICE for 2040

Economic Development



UTA supports and participates in economic development initiatives throughout the region.

- Current investments contributed \$6-8 billion
- Corporate partnerships supporting sustainable transportation initiatives
- Partner with state tourism agencies
- Cooperation with Legislature's International Relations & Trade Commission
- Promote transit infrastructure to attract new companies
- Promote the economic benefits of transit





Thank you

David Kallas

Utah Transit Authority

Senior Advisor

801-310-0038

dkallas@rideuta.com