

Recent and Upcoming Transit Improvements with New UTA Resources

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Introduction and Approach

2019 Vision and Strategic Priorities: A Busy 8 Months!

- State and Legislative Priorities
 - Implementing new governance model
 - Organizational restructuring
 - Increasing transparency
- Local Priorities
 - Extensive city and county outreach and collaboration
 - Partnerships on economic development and strategic growth
- Public Priorities
 - Service Choices study
 - Magnifying the customer's voice
 - Expanding public engagement opportunities
- Employee Relations Priorities
 - Aligning goals
 - Collaborating with agency leadership
 - **Hiring new Executive Director: welcome Carolyn Gonot!**



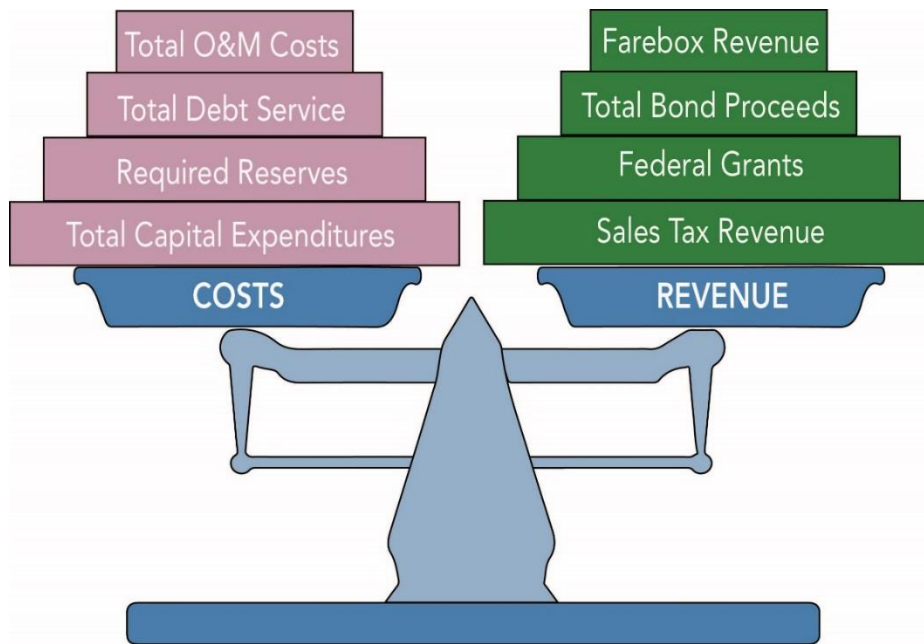
Introduction and Approach (cont.)

- Mar 1970: UTA created
- Feb 1974: first “quarter” authorized
- Mar 1990: second “quarter” authorized
- Sep 2006: third “quarter” authorized
- Mar 2015: fourth “quarter” authorized
- Mar 2018: fifth “quarter” authorized



Introduction and Approach (cont.)

UTA and Regional Equity in Revenues and Expenses



- All transit modes are evaluated, including paratransit and vanpool services
- Analysis is independently verified by a third party accounting firm

August 2019 Change Day Highlights

- Over half of UTA's routes were optimized/improved
 - New routes in Salt Lake County
 - New routes in Weber County
 - Midday service in Tooele County
 - Increased service to Lehi Tech Corridor
- SLC's Funding our Future Partnership
 - Routes 2, 9, 21
 - Additional vehicles, drivers, mechanics, support staff
- Extensive public, rider, and stakeholder input
- More details later in 4th quarter local option sales tax discussion



Prop One Success: Davis County

- Starting in 2016
 - New service highlights: Mid Town Trolley and Ski Bus Service (Layton to Snowbasin)



- 2016-2018: Other new routes and increased service
 - Improved frequency or span of service on routes 455, 470, 473, 626, 627, 640, 667 (Lagoon/Station Park)
 - Added new flex route F605
- 2020 and beyond: SLC-Davis Community Connector (BRT)
 - Partnering to realize capital and O&M resources



Prop One Success: Davis County (cont.)

- Bus stop improvements (81 total)



Park Lane and State St, Farmington
(before)



Park Lane and State St, Farmington
(after)

Prop One Success: Weber County

- 2016-2018: Improved service
 - Increased service on routes 455, 470, 473, 603, 612, 613
 - Bus stop improvements (94 total)
- Ogden to WSU Bus Rapid Transit project (partial Capital \$ and all O&M \$)
- August 2019 change day
 - New route 601 (Ogden Trolley)
 - New route F620 (West Haven Flex)



2000 West 4600 South, Roy (before)



2000 West 4600 South, Roy (after)

Prop One Success: Tooele County

- Starting in 2016: Focus on bus stops and ped/bike connections
- 2018: Overnight/light maintenance bus facility
 - Includes a \$1.4M fed grant



- Early 2019: Tooele Shuffle
- August 2019 change day
 - New midday service on route F453
 - All other changes made within existing budget



Utah County 4th Quarter Local Option Sales Tax

Interlocal Agreement between Utah County and UTA:

- First collections come to UTA in September 2019
- Estimated first year collections are \$9.7 million
- Uses
 - Pay Principal and interest on Utah County bonds issued for UVX
 - Pay additional annual O&M cost for UVX
 - Repay Utah County 3rd quarter for previously paid P&I and O&M
 - Retire debt, no later than 12/31/28, earlier, if possible
 - New operations or capital possible, starting in 2028



Salt Lake County 4th Quarter Local Option Sales Tax

Phased Approach to Service Implementation

- Mobilization phase, fall 2019- August 2021
 - Completion of Service Choices study
 - Plan route improvements
 - Design and construct support infrastructure
 - Preparation for new bus service:
 - Complete Depot District maintenance facility
 - Procure additional buses
 - Hire operators/support staff
- New bus service, beginning August 2021



Salt Lake County 4th Quarter Local Option Sales Tax (cont.)

Mobilization phase: 2019-2021

Estimated allocation of funds (draft):

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| ▪ Bus service improvement and expansion | 19% |
| ▪ Service related facility improvements | 47% |
| ▪ State of good repair | 28% |
| ▪ Administrative service support | 6% |



Salt Lake County 4th Quarter Local Option Sales Tax (cont.)

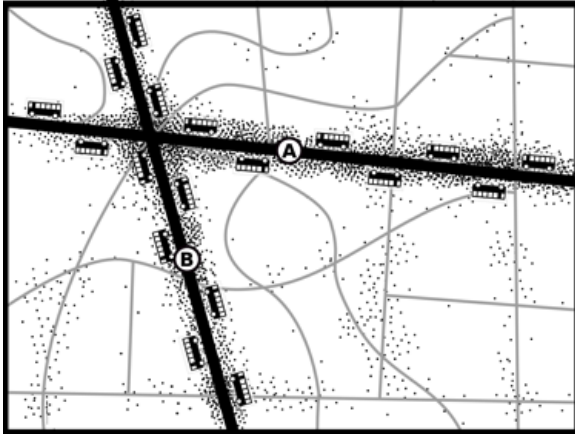
New bus service and ongoing needs: Aug 2021 and beyond

Estimated allocation of funds (draft):

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| ▪ Bus service improvement and expansion: | 71% |
| ▪ Service related facility improvements: | 5% |
| ▪ State of good repair (Light Rail-TRAX): | 24% |
| ▪ Administrative service support | included above |



Moving Forward: The *Service Choices* Approach



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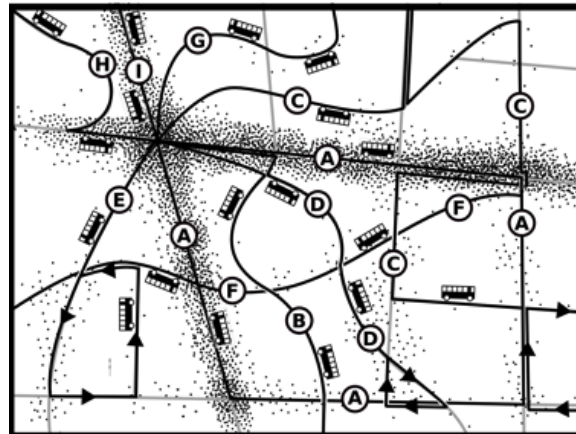
Think like a business

Focus on highest ridership potential

Support dense, walkable development

Compete with cars

VMT reduction



Coverage

Think like a public service

Focus on access for all

Support low-density development

Lifeline access

Service to every community

Thank You

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