# Utah Transit Authority Future of FrontRunner



#### FrontRunner

The mission of our FrontRunner family is to serve and connect communities as the backbone of UTA's world-class transit system







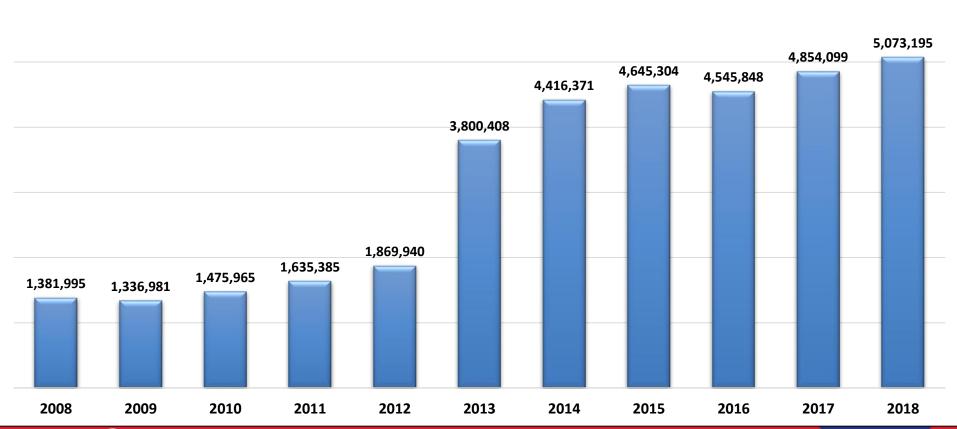






## Ridership

#### **TOTAL ANNUAL RIDERSHIP 2008 - 2018**





## What the Public is Asking for:

- Sunday service
- 30 minute service mid-day and in the evening
- 15 minute service during peak hours
- More cars (seats) on peak trains
- Faster travel time to destination
  - Express service with fewer stops
- Better connections
- More parking
- Expanding to the north and south



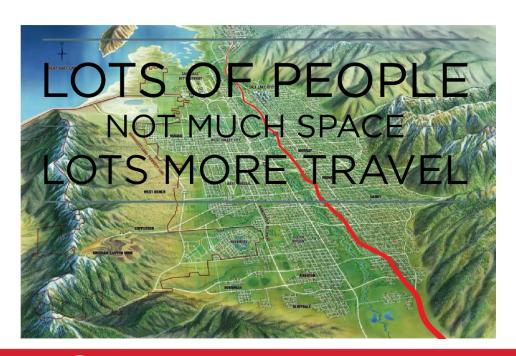
#### Recent Activities

- Wasatch Central Corridor Study (WFCCS)
- Implementation of Positive Train Control
- Future of FrontRunner Study



## Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study



















## WFCCS - Planning Differently



IMPROVE SAFETY



INCREASE PERSON THROUGHPUT



IMPROVE TRAVEL
TIME RELIABILITY



INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY
TO JOBS & EDUCATION



IMPROVE AIR QUALITY



IMPROVE ECONOMIC OUTCOMES



REDUCE HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS

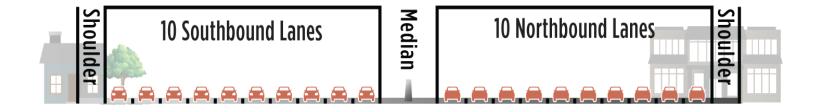


IMPROVE MODE BALANCE



# WFCCS - Planning Differently

I-15 Lanes Needed by 2050 at 7200 South if Widening is the Only Solution Considered



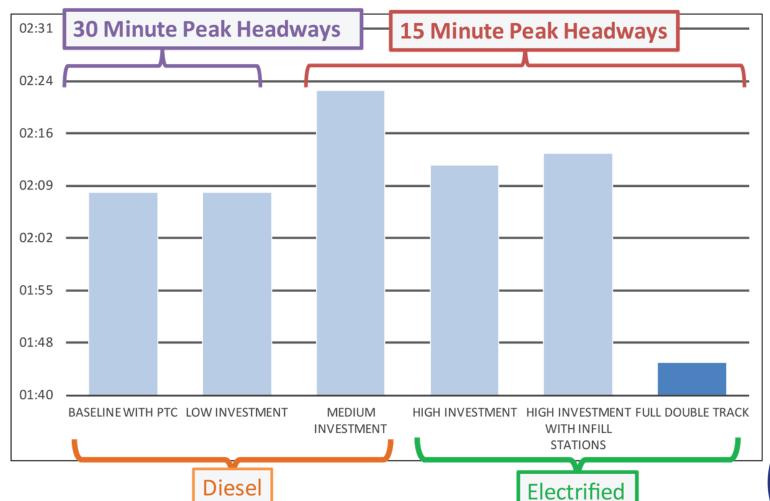


## Future of FrontRunner Study: Scenarios

	Standard Train Consist	Additional Miles of Double Track Ogden- Provo	Additional Miles of Track (Extensions)	Peak / Off- Peak Headways
Future PTC Baseline	Loco + Single Level Coach + 3 Bi-Levels	0	0	30/60
2030 Low Investment	Loco + 5 Bi-Levels	10	17	30/60
2050 Medium Investment	Loco + 6 Bi-Levels	46	17	15/30
2050 High Investment	8-Car EMU Diesel Shuttle	34	17	15/30
2050 High Investment w/ Infill Stations	8-Car EMU Diesel Shuttle	34	42	15/30

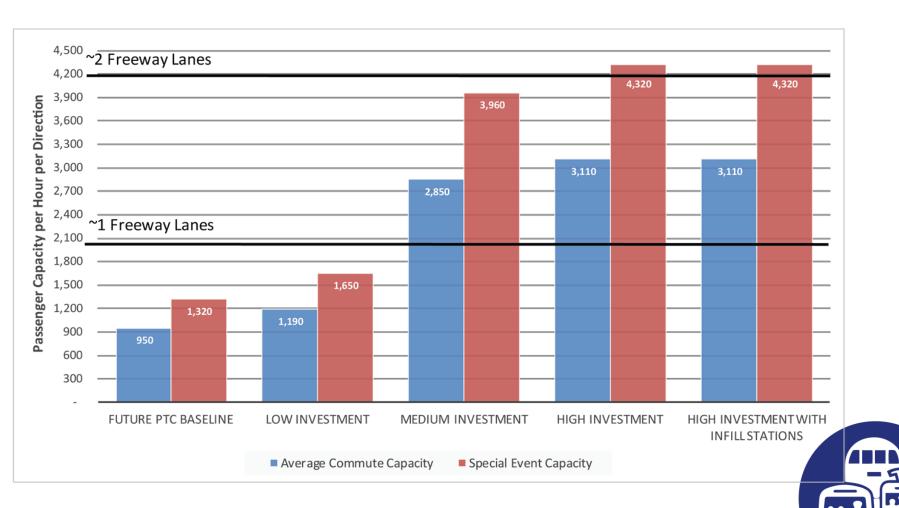
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#### Future of FrontRunner – Travel Time





### Future of FrontRunner – Added Person Capacity



## Current Activities: Vineyard

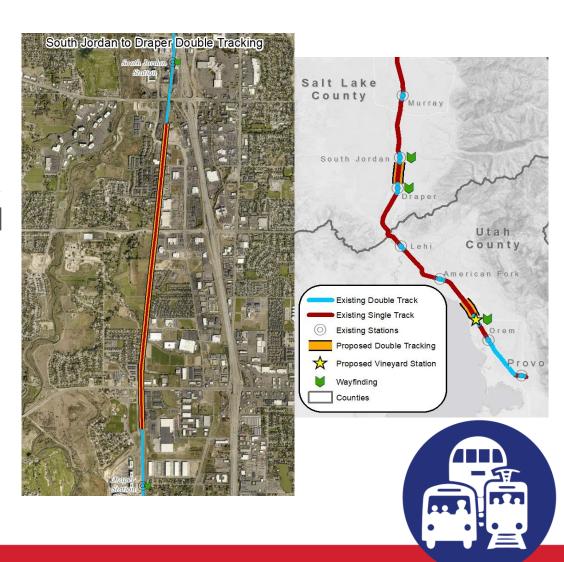
- Vineyard Station
  - \$4M allocated
  - REQUIRES 1.8 miles of DOUBLE TRACK (not funded)



#### Current Activities: Pursuit of BUILD Grant

- BUILD grant application submitted for \$25 million
- Includes double track north of Vineyard and between Draper and South Jordan
- Requires \$12M local match

AWARDS anticipated to be announced by November 12, 2019



#### **Current Activities: Other**

- Box Elder right-of way preservation
  - Local sales tax
- Payson Transit Study
  - MAG First Phase
  - \$500K so far



#### Vision

- We need to work together to build a vision for FrontRunner
  - What are the trade-offs
  - Key priorities
    - Travel Time
    - Frequency
    - Electrification/Air Quality
- What we decide for the future impacts UTA's decisions today



## Next Steps

- Develop a Business Plan for FrontRunner
  - Joint effort with agency partners and communities
  - In-depth technical and policy document
  - Sets direction for future
  - Makes the business case for future investments
  - Builds on existing commitments and projects
  - Financial strategy to support future growth



#### Caltrain Business Plan

#### Choosing a Long Range Service Vision is a key Step in developing a Business Plan



#### A successful Long Range Service Vision:

- Is rooted in thorough and credible analysis
- Respects, integrates, and supports the existing plans and commitments that Caltrain and its partners have made
- Is detailed enough to provide actionable guidance to the agency as it develops its own plans and engages with local, regional, and state partners
- Is sufficiently flexible to remain relevant even as the details, timing, and costs of individual projects change or evolve



## Supporting Next Steps

- Robust analysis of alternative operating scenarios today and future
  - Skip stop
  - Express
  - Partial length
- Determine double and triple track locations and lengths
- Resultant ridership analyses
- Conceptual engineering/better cost estimates
- Corridor Preservation





## Thank You

