Legislative Funding Request

Summary

The Point of the Mountain Transit Study is a coordinated effort to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. The pink area on the map is the focus of the Point of the Mountain Transit Study.

The study needs $250,000 to complete its current analysis of alternative transit corridors (analysis steps shown in gray in the timeline below). Once the alternatives analysis is complete, the project will conduct an environmental analysis, beginning with very conceptual engineering, following federal and/or local regulations. This analysis and basic conceptual design will require an additional $3.5 million to $10 million to begin the analysis, depending on the complexity of the transit corridor (alignment and mode) selected.

The goal of the project is to provide faster, more frequent, and reliable transit service to:

- Improve access and mobility
- Connect to the regional transit system
- Support plans for managing employment and residential growth
- Support land use and economic goals
- Protect the environment, air quality, and quality of life

Why is this project needed?

- Roadways are becoming more congested and travel times are unreliable.
- Local communities are asking for better access to the region’s transit system.
- The region and its local communities are growing rapidly. Policymakers and civic leaders have expressed the need for a good transportation system to support this growth.
- Community centers, that will have more jobs and people, need improved transit to meet their transportation needs.

Public Engagement and Outreach

- Describe Setting and Problem - Aug-Oct 2019
- Set Project Goals - Sep-Nov 2019
- Develop Draft Alternatives - Oct-Dec 2019
- Evaluate Alternatives - Jan-Mar 2020
- Refine Best Performing Alternatives - April-June 2020 (Unfunded)
- Select a Preferred Alternative - July-August 2020 (Unfunded)
- Conduct an Environmental Analysis - Sep 2020 to Dec 2021*
  or Sep 2020 to Aug 2023** (unfunded)

$250,000 needed for completion of these steps

* $3.5M; assumes a basic alignment, straightforward analysis, and ~10% design

** $10M; assumes a complex alignment, preliminary analysis, and ~10% design

Project Partners

- Bluffdale
- Draper City
- Lehi City
- MAG
- South Jordan
- Sandy
- Salt Lake County
- UDOT
- UTA
- Wasatch Front Regional Council