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Free UTA

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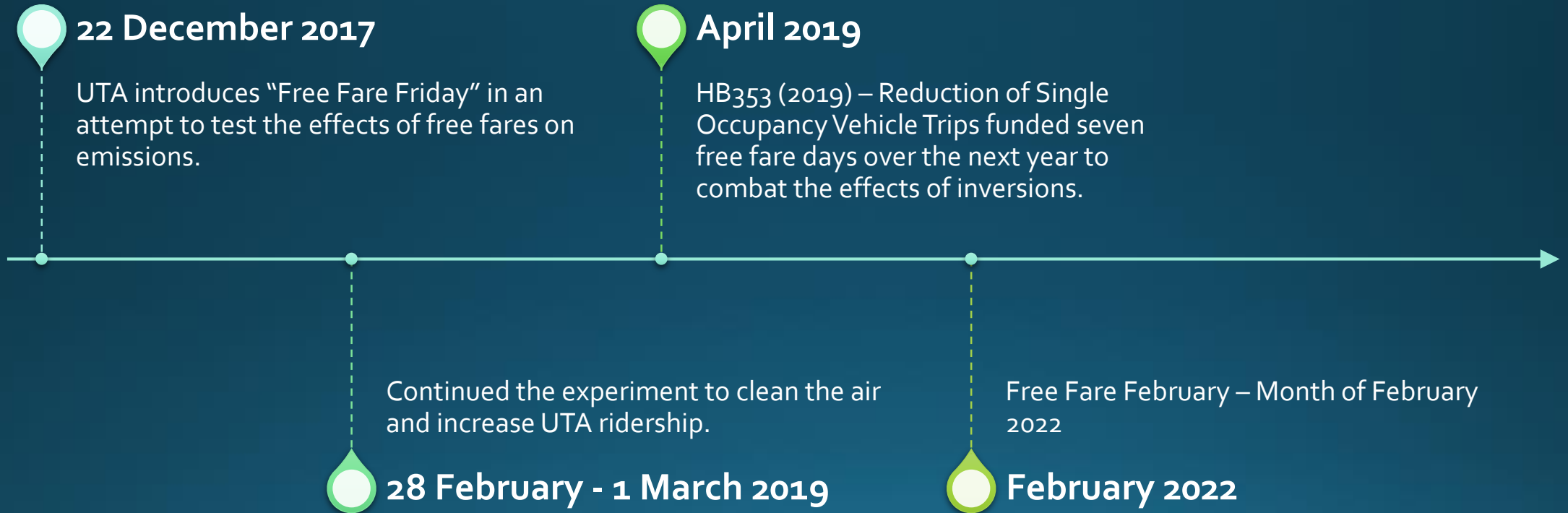
House Revenue and Taxation Committee

History of free fares


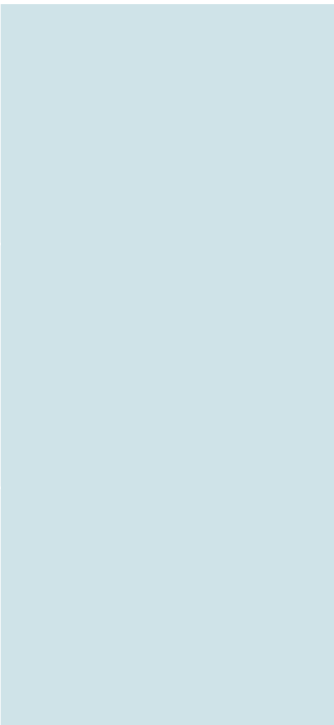





Luxembourg	Malta	Wales
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Akron	Avon	Baltimore	Boston	Bozeman	Breckenridge	Cache Valley	Chapel Hill	Clemson	Cleveland	Columbus	Commerce	Corvallis
Crested Butte	Emeryville	Hanover	Hoboken	Island County	Jacksonville	Kansas City	La Cañada Flintridge	Miami	Missoula	Niles	North Central New Mexico	Olympia
Park City	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Presidio	Savannah	Scottsdale	Summit County (CO)	Tacoma	Staten Island Ferry	Vail	Watauga County	West Memphis	Worcester

History of UTA Free Fares



Free Fare February Ridership

Daily Average Ridership Increases						
Weekdays		21%		43%		Saturday Microtransit
Saturdays		41%		41%		Saturday Fixed Route Bus
Sundays		34%		191%		Saturday Frontrunner

Source: [Utah Transit Authority](#) (23 Feb. 2022)

Free Fare February Story

- A buddy of mine who is a teacher shared a sweet story with me this morning. He works at a charter school . . . and I guess their budget for field trips is quite limited.
- Not only does he ride TRAX to work each day, he said he's using the UTA free-fare February to do THREE field trips this month with his students. But it would NOT have been possible without the free fares.
- And he knows at least one other teacher who is using UTA to do two field trips this month with his students.

Who benefits from fareless transit?

- Access to transportation can be a barrier for many cancer patients, making it difficult for them to get to their appointments and maintain the treatment regimen their doctor has prescribed. Transportation is also one of many potential barriers for individuals not receiving recommended cancer screenings, which are of course critical in preventing cancer and detecting in early, when it is more treatable.
- Making transportation more accessible and removing the cost barrier for Utahns has the potential to be a good thing for cancer patients.

More benefits from zero fares:

- Here at . . . , we provide medical, mental health care, and case management to almost 100 residents as well as other outside patients. Many of our patients fit into the low-income criteria or have recently experienced or are experiencing chronic homelessness and this bill would greatly impact those who are not able to afford transportation.

Families benefit from fareless transit:

- We currently live in Utah County and it would mean so much to our family of 6 to be able to use UTA for free. We are so excited this month to be able to go to the Planetarium and meet up with a family friend. I also hope to be able to go to the Farm at Gardner Village or the National History Museum of Utah, via UTA with my kids this month, too. Money is extremely tight right now so those may not be possible, but without having to worry about the transportation cost this month, it is exciting to even be able to consider it.

Scientific evidence strongly shows the positive health and economic impacts of reducing ambient levels of fine particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and other pollutants to and below concentrations defined by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

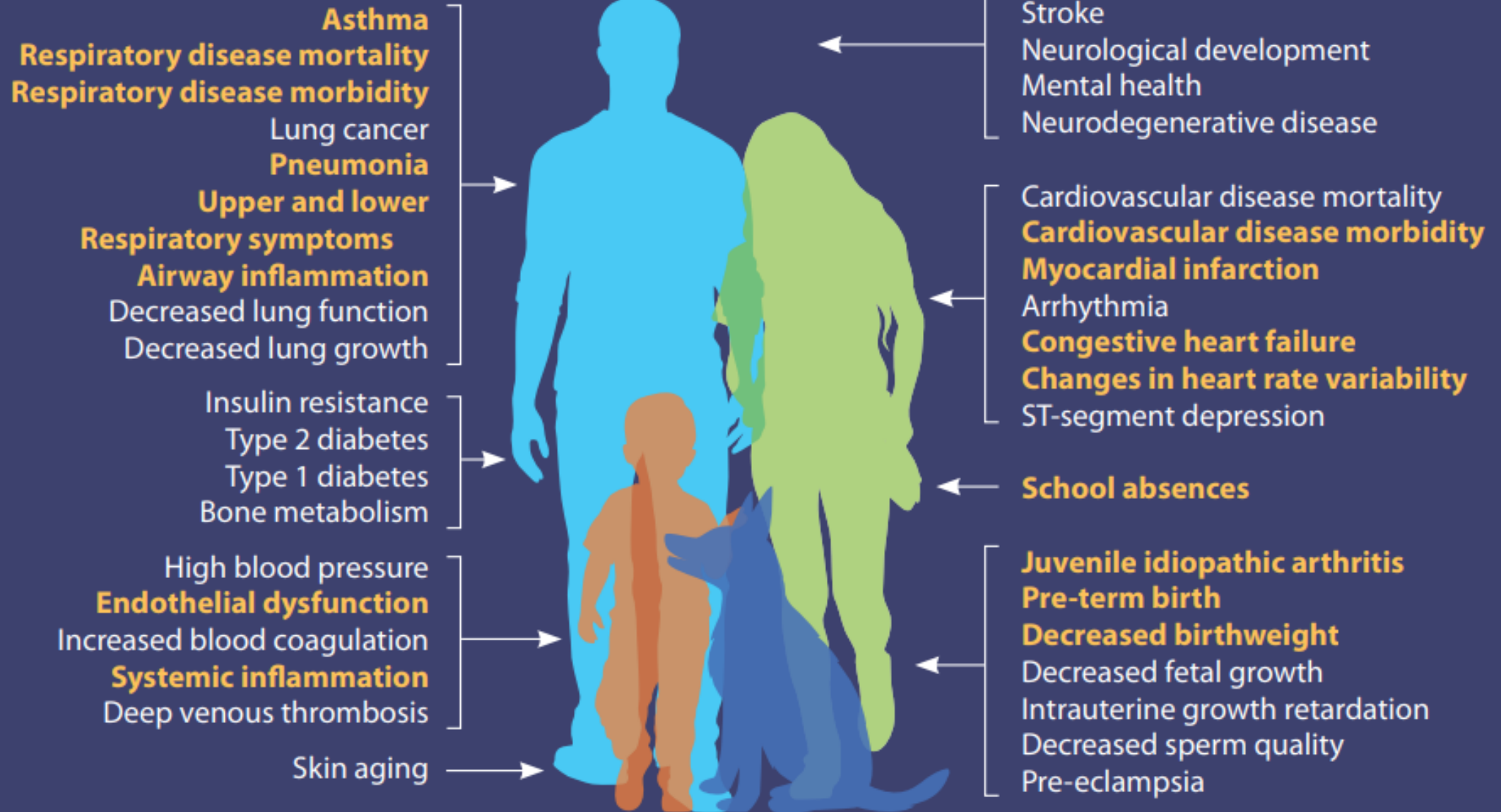
- Air pollutants have an undeniably profound effect on illness and death. They are indiscriminately inhaled, can travel through the bloodstream, and can interact with multiple organs, including the heart, arteries, lungs, and brain.

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Salt Lake City, showing a dense urban area with many buildings and trees. In the background, there are mountains under a hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

***Utah has
among the
nation's
largest
emissions of
hazardous
air pollutants
linked to
cancer and
birth defects.***

Health Effects of Air Emissions and Pollutants

Utah-based health studies highlighted in **yellow**

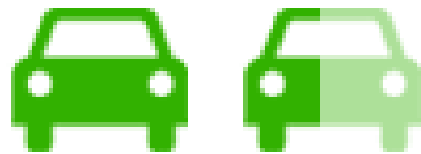


Current Transportation Costs (WFRC)



\$14,364

Annual Transportation Costs



1.92

Autos Per Household



22,529

Average Household VMT

[Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology Housing and Transportation Index](#)



PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE UNITED STATES



Single ticket

Monthly ticket

• SALT LAKE CITY	\$2.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$198
• DENVER	\$2.8	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$114
• SACRAMENTO	\$2.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$100
• AUSTIN	\$3.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$96.25
• DOVER	\$2.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$96
• ATLANTA	\$2.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$95
• BOSTON	\$2.4	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$90
• SAINT PAUL	\$2.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$90
• COLUMBUS	\$2.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$85
• ANNAPOLIS	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$80
• HONOLULU	\$2.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$70
• PROVIDENCE	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$70
• ALBANY	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$65
• NASHVILLE	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$65
• MADISON	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$65
• PHOENIX	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$64
• HARTFORD	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$63
• COLUMBIA	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$62
• INDIANAPOLIS	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$60
• RICHMOND	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$60

• CHARLESTON	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$60
• BATON ROUGE	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$56
• TRENTON	\$1.6	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$54
• TOPEKA	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$50
• OKLAHOMA CITY	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$50
• HARRISBURG	\$1.8	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$49
• DES MOINES	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$48
• MONTGOMERY	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$45
• SALEM	\$1.6	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$45
• CHEYENNE	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$45
• BOISE	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$42
• JACKSON	\$1.5	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$42
• JUNEAU	\$2	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$40
• AUGUSTA	\$1.25	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$40
• RALEIGH	\$1.25	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$40
• TALLAHASSEE	\$1.25	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$38
• LITTLE ROCK	\$1.35	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$36
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• MONTPELIER	\$1	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$33
• CONCORD	\$1.25	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$32
• CARSON CITY	\$1	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$25
• SANTA FE	\$1	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$20
• LINCOLN	\$1.75	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$17
• FRANKFORT	\$0.25	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$15
• OLYMPIA	\$0	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	\$0

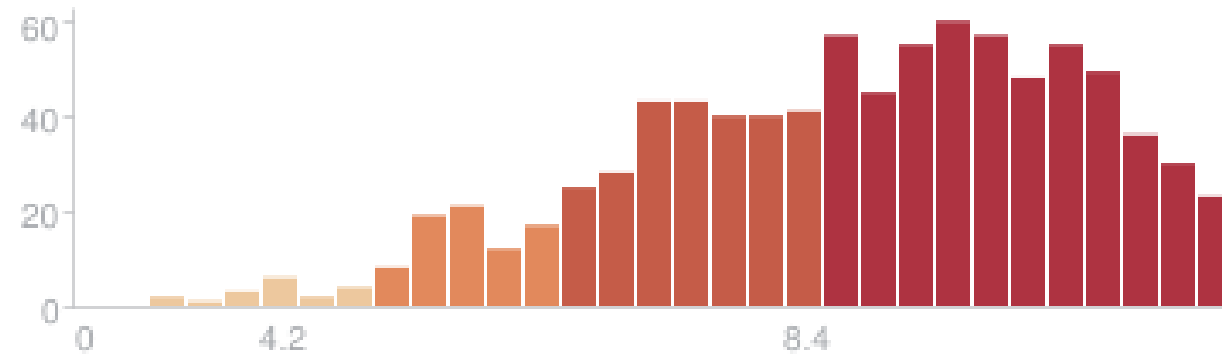
Selected cities. Monthly tickets for various means of public transport within the city were taken into consideration.
As of March, 2020.

What's the cost?

- Fiscal note for zero fares for all UTA transit:
 - \$40 - \$50 million
 - - \$3 million for collecting fares =
 - \$37 - \$47 million
- Fiscal note for zero fares for all UTA buses:
 - \$22 - \$34 million
- Back of the envelope Fiscal note for winter zero fares all UTA transit (12 weeks):
 - \$10 - \$12.5 million

Clean Air

- 9.39 Tons (18,780 Lbs) of greenhouse gases emitted each year per household on the Wasatch Front



Annual GHG per Household ?

Average : 9.39 Tonnes Range: 3.68 - 13.75

Population	Household	Neighborhood
	Households	% of Households
< 3.3 Tonnes	0	0%
3.3 - 5.1 Tonnes	10,848	2.1%
5.1 - 6.5 Tonnes	35,707	6.8%
6.5 - 8.6 Tonnes	131,368	25%
8.6 + Tonnes	347,924	66.2%
Total	525,847	100%

[Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology Housing and Transportation Index](#)