

Utah State Legislature Transportation Interim Committee June 2024 Briefing

Utah Transit Authority

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Long-Range Transit Plan

UTA's 30-Year Plan

- Understanding needs
- Planning to meet needs
- Vision for future transit

Investment to Support Growth

- SGR: State of Good Repair
- More frequent service
- System modernizing
- Expand service to high-growth areas



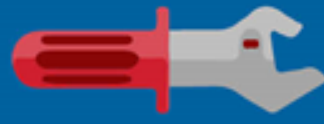
Four Investment Strategies

Maintain Our System

Maintain infrastructure and human resource investments.



FLEET



STATE OF GOOD REPAIR



CORRIDOR PRESERVATION



WORKFORCE



FACILITIES

Enhance Our System

Make the system faster, more reliable, easier to understand, and more responsive.



INFO



CAPITAL



TECH



ON TIME

Expand Our Frequent Service Network

Service every 15 minutes or better makes service more attractive.



FREQUENT BUSES



FRONTRUNNER AND TRAX

Serve Our Growth Areas

Expand service to areas that will see new transit-oriented development or activity.



LOCAL SERVICE

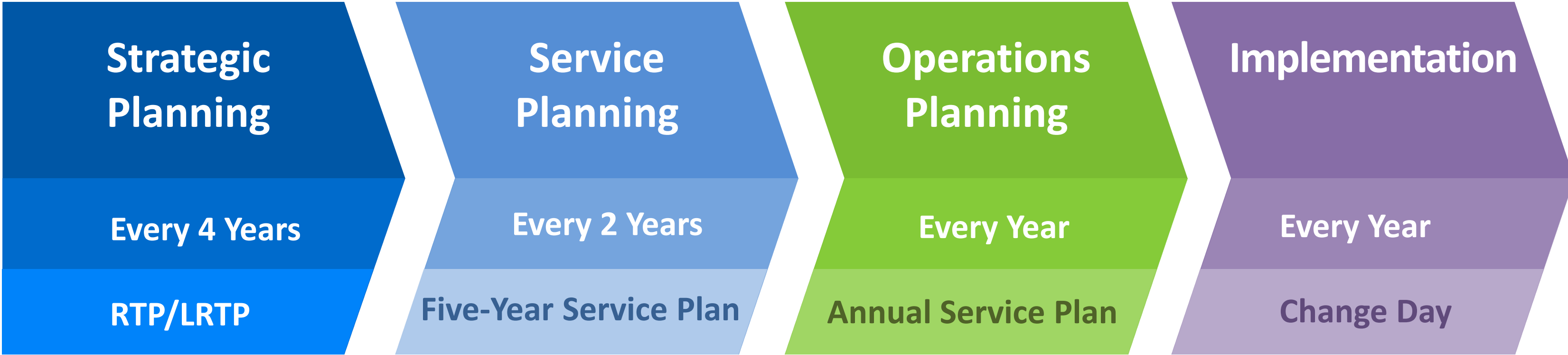


EARLIER AND LATER SERVICE



NEW SERVICE

Five-Year Service Plan



Responsive Service

- Improve
- Adapt
- Change

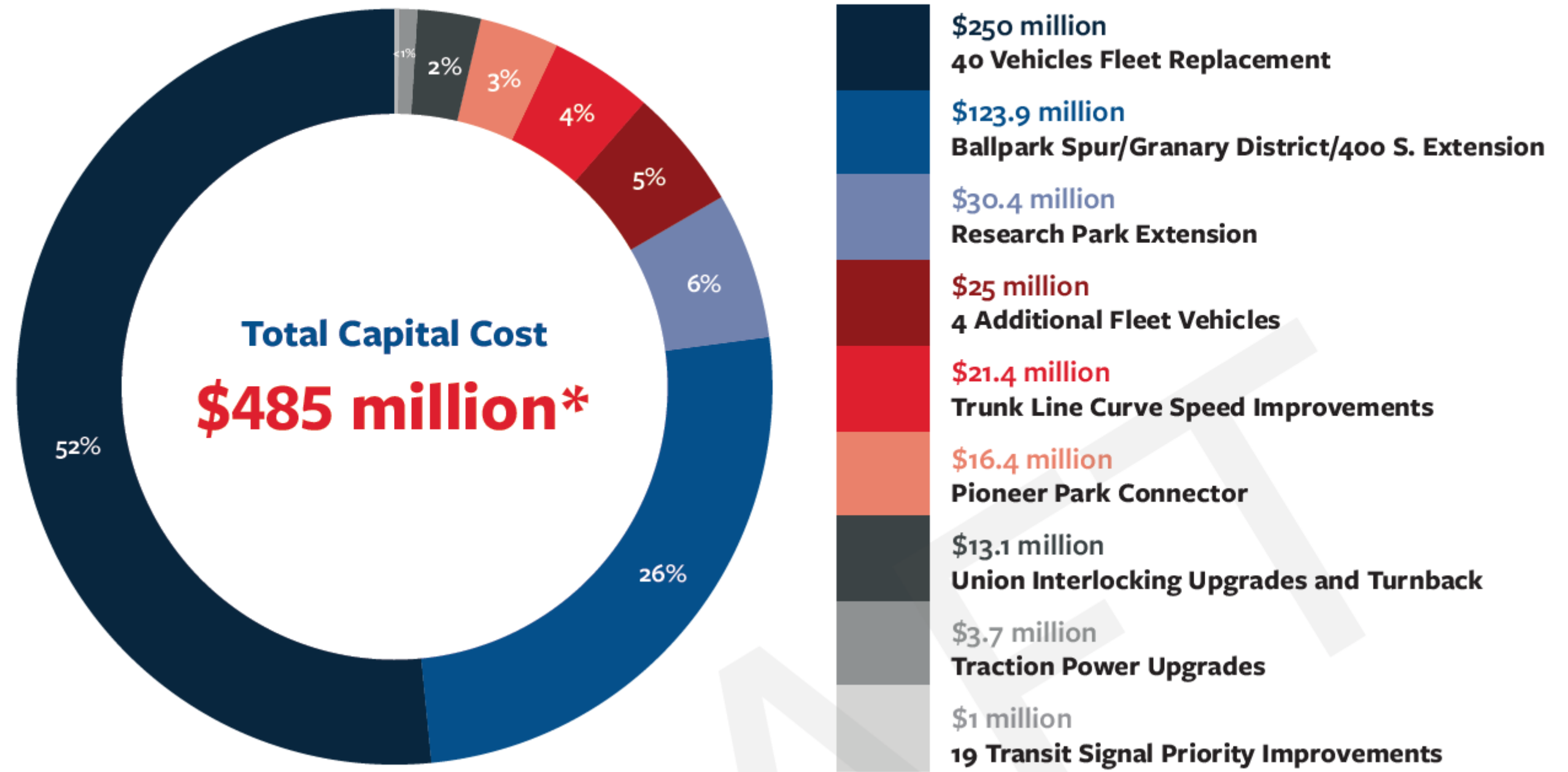


TRAX Modernization

Five priorities:

1. Service expansion
2. Fleet efficiency
3. Key infrastructure
4. Transit signal priority
5. Span of service

PROJECT COST



TECHLINK

POTENTIAL TECHLINK TRAX IMPROVEMENTS



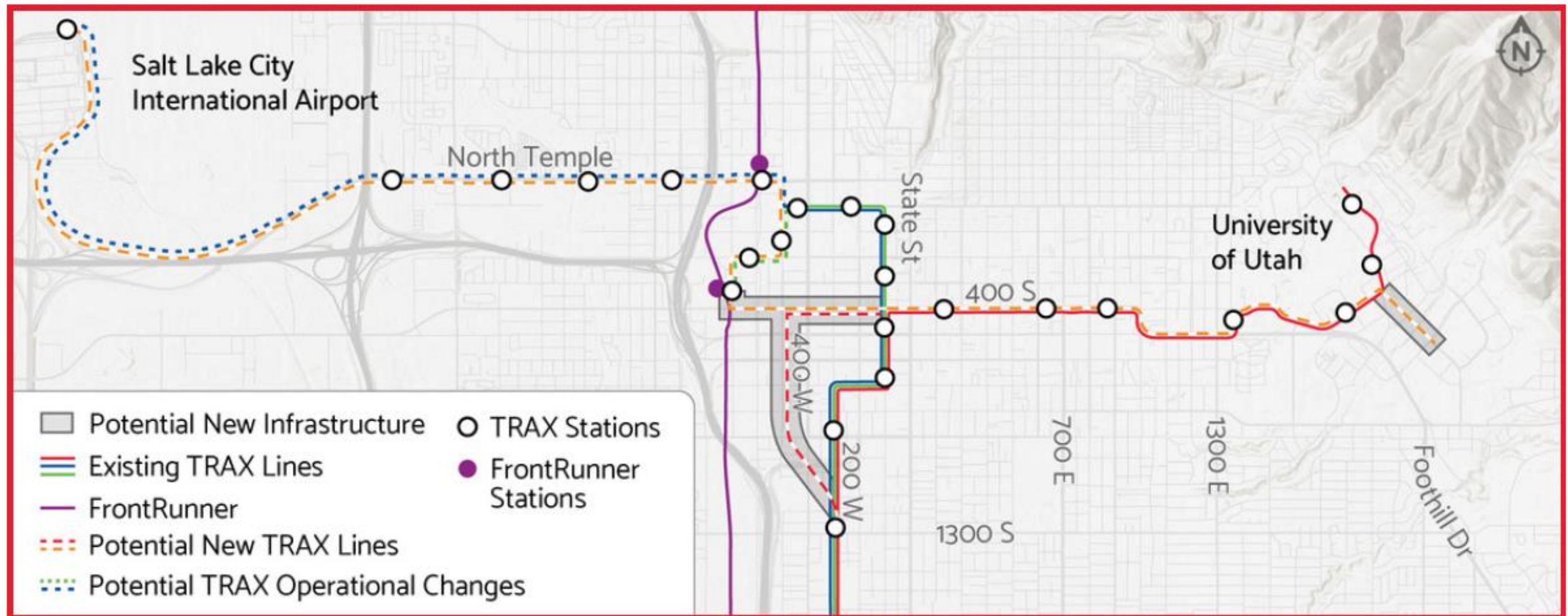
Realignment of the TRAX Red Line



A new TRAX Orange Line



Modified TRAX Blue & Green Line operations



How UTA Prioritizes Projects

Prioritization Inputs

- RTPs – Regional Transportation Plans
- Available Funding
- UTA Financial Plan
- Service Design
- Staffing
- Vehicles
- Stakeholders

UTA Strategic Plan
Framework & Priorities



Long-Range
Transit Plan

10-Year
Capital
Service Plan

Five-Year
Service Plan
& Capital
Projects

Annual
Service
Plan

Change Day



UTA Strategic Plan & Priorities

Mission

We Move You

Vision

Leading Utah's mobility solutions and improving quality of life



Moving Utahns to a Better Quality of Life



Exceeding Customer Expectations



Achieving Organizational Excellence



Building Community Support



Generating Critical Economic Return



Growing Demand for UTA Service

System-wide for 2024, UTA ridership is already up 19% January-May 2024 vs. 2023

Service Type	2023 Ridership	Year Over Year Change
All UTA Services	35,059,930	+11.5%
Bus Service	18,079,307	+14.4%
Commuter Rail	3,736,621	+15.7%
Light Rail*	10,677,306	+3.6%
Paratransit	343,532	+8.4%
Vanpool	1,033,123	+44.7%
Microtransit	415,010	+68.2%



* TRAX (light rail) was greatly affected by track work through the summer



Project Updates

Midvalley Express (MVX)

- Construction started
- 7-mile bus route across Murray, Taylorsville, and West Valley City
- Connects local destinations and planned developments

Capital Budget

- 60% State of Good Repair (SGR)
- Major SGR projects in 2024



Substation Rehab



Grade Crossing Replacement



Grade Crossing Replacement (cont'd)



Rail Switch Replacement



S-Curve Replacement

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UTA's Economic Value

UTA is an economic engine that positively impacts Utah's statewide economy, benefiting every Utahn.

According to preliminary findings from a third-party economic report (to be released summer 2024):

Investing in UTA benefits Utah's economy

The economic value of UTA services directly and indirectly benefits:

- Spending and producing in Utah's economy
- Travel efficiencies for drivers, business, riders
- Transportation savings for drivers, business, riders
- Job creation, market access and workforce participation
- Tax generation (local, state, federal)



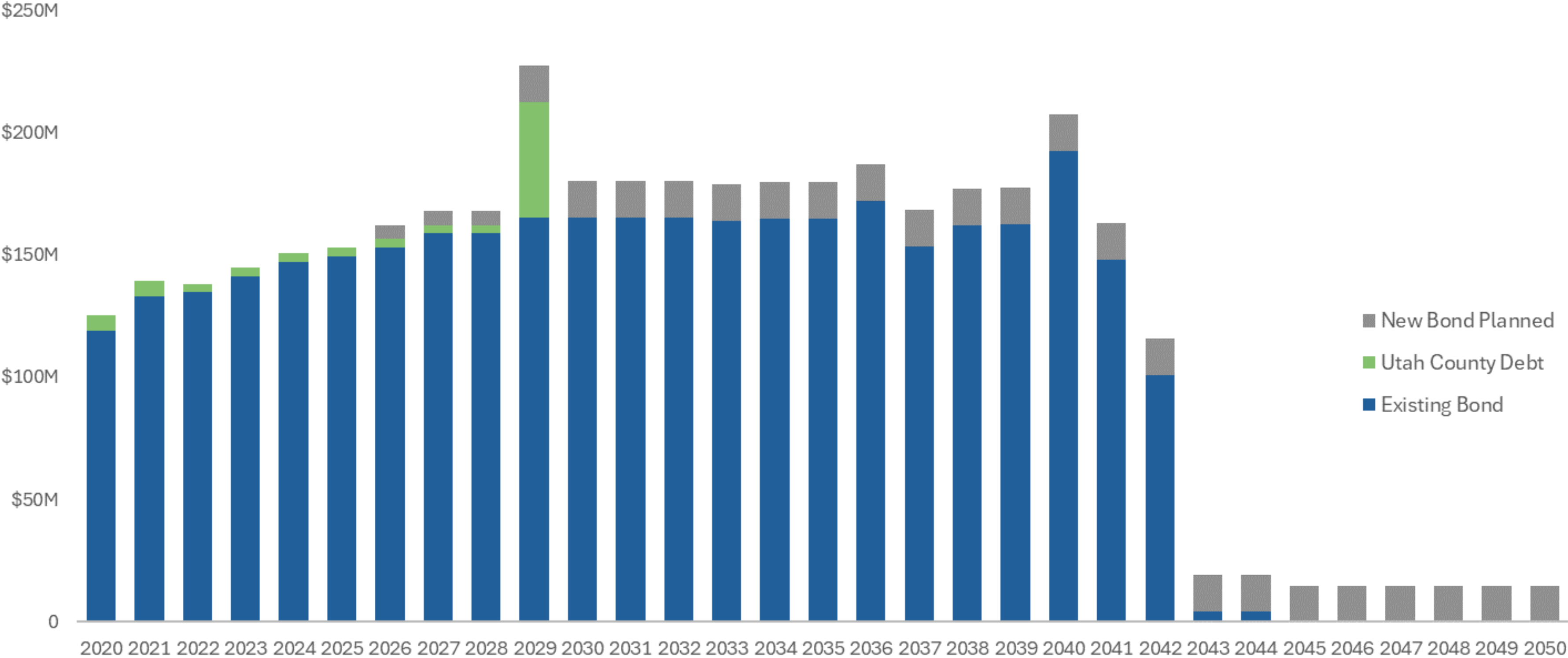
UTA Rail Debt Portfolio

UTA Projects Financed by Bonds	
TRAX Blue Line (Draper)	\$144.9M
TRAX Green Line (Airport)	\$313.9M
TRAX Green Line (West Valley)	\$367.1M
FrontRunner North	\$611.2M
FrontRunner South	\$945.1M
TRAX Red Line (UofU)	\$118.5M
TRAX Red Line (UofU Medical Center)	\$89.4M
TRAX Red Line (Mid-Jordan/Daybreak)	\$510.1M
Positive Train Control	\$33.9M
TRAX Green Line (Airport) relocation	\$21.6M

TOTAL \$3.16B



UTA Debt Service



Questions?

