Pando Tree Utah Highway 25 Signage Project

Transportation and Infrastructure

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Albrecht, Carl R.

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Each year, thousands of visitors come to visit and enjoy the Pando Tree, some 11 ,000 in 2025 alone. It is estimated those visitors conservatively spend $40 a day, generating $27,084 in state tax revenues. Today, the State Highway, (UT Hwy 25) lacks signage to help visitors to get where there is adequate parking, information and facilities to help folks visit and enjoy this Utah wonder. UDOT Region 4, Fishlake National Forest and Friends of Pando has collaborated on a plan to install highway signage (attached). The total costs for the project is $4,454.04. Fishlake National Forest and Friends of Pando worked with UDOT on a cost share model to reduce overall cost for UDOT to $2,454.04. The request is for $2454.04 to undertake and complete the project in 2026. The project is shovel ready and has broad community support from groups in conservation , grazing, hospitality, recreation and tourism.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Cody Marchant

Organization: Utah Department of Transportation (Region 4)

Position: Traffic Operations Engineer

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

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In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $2,500.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$2,500.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

Transportation Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$2,500.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	$2,500.00	$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Infrastructure and Mobility

TOUREC

Agency:

810 / Transportation

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

1. Visitors who come to see the Pando Tree seeking parking, information and facilities. 2. Local businesses who rely on Pando Recreation in their operations. 3. Local and State Travel and Tourism Organizations who have asked for Highway signage, 4. Pando (the tree itself). When people get lost or use improper vehicles to see the site, they may cause damage to the tree.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Guide visitors to a new interpretive plaza dedicated to Pando at the Old Spanish Trailhead which offers adequate parking, a soon to be built information plaza, nearby bathrooms, and new trail signage to help guide visitors on an educational tour through the Tree.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Agencies and organizations collect information on Pando related tourism. That work includes gathering feedback from local conservation, hospitality and recreation groups about the quality of visit. That information will be shared with sponsoring legislator is generally, made available to the public via annual reviews, or upon request.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

- Albrecht Pando signage info 2026.pdf

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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