

Utah Transit Authority

Salt Lake City, Utah

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The Utah Transportation Authority, known as UTA, is the regional transit agency of the Salt Lake City, Utah metropolitan area. UTA was founded in 1970 when the cities of Sandy, Salt Lake, and Murray voted to approve the creation of a transit district. Today UTA provides commuter rail, light rail, fixed route bus, demand response, and vanpool service for the Salt Lake City region. In April 2008, UTA's Commuter Rail line called Frontrunner began operation

Consisting of 6 counties, UTA is governed by a city/county appointed 16-member Board of Trustees. The number of board appointments varies based on population. Those counties vote to approve a local option sales tax to fund UTA operations and maintenance.

UTA Members

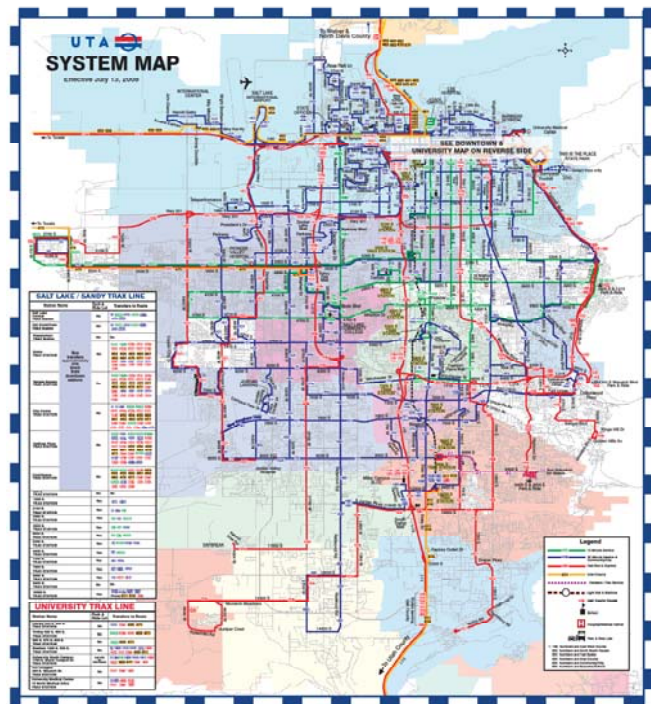
Davis County	Box Elder County
Tooele County	Salt Lake County
Utah County	Weber County

REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Population: 945,000
Land Area: 231 sq mi

REGIONAL MODES

- Light Rail
- Commuter Rail
- Local/Express Bus
- Demand Response
- Vanpool



Source: UTA, 2008

UTA Mission

Utah Transit Authority strengthens and connects communities enabling individuals to pursue a fuller life with greater ease and convenience by leading through partnering, planning, and wise investment of physical, economic, and human resources.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Local Bus – 6am-12am (M-F) / 7am-12am (Sat) / 9am- 6pm (Sun)
 Light Rail – 5:30am-11pm (M-Th) / 5:30am-1am (F&Sat) / 9:30am-9:30pm (Sun)
 Commuter Rail – 5am-11:30pm (M-F) / 7am-11pm (Sat) / No Service (Sun)

FUNDING

Funding for transit operations in Salt Lake City stems from a variety of sources including, local sales tax, federal funding, motor vehicle sales tax, and rental car tax. In 2000, an approved sales tax was allocated exclusively to fund commuter rail and expanded light rail service in the Salt Lake City region. Voters also secured funding for future transit expansion through the passing of Proposition 3, a one-quarter-cent sales tax, in 2006.

UTA FUNDING SOURCES

Sales Tax – 42 percent
 - 0.48 Utah (District Wide Increase)
 - 0.55 Box Elder, Davis, Weber Counties
 - 0.68375 Salt Lake County
 - 0.5260 Utah County
 - 0.30 Toole Area
 Federal Funds – 46 percent
 Fare Box – 10 percent
 Other – 2 percent

SUSTAINABILITY GOALS/POLICIES

- Every Resident along the Wastach Front within one mile of a major transit stop by 2030
- Dedicated to promoting transit oriented development
- Only transit agency both ISO 9001 and 14001 certified
- Assist in developing a statewide air quality policy

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Transportation provider for 2002 Winter Olympic Games
- Purchased more than 175 miles from Union Pacific Railroad in 2002
- Rail Transit has been embraced by the community
- Created innovative project management solutions that allowed projects to be completed ahead of schedule and under budget

FRONTLINES 2015

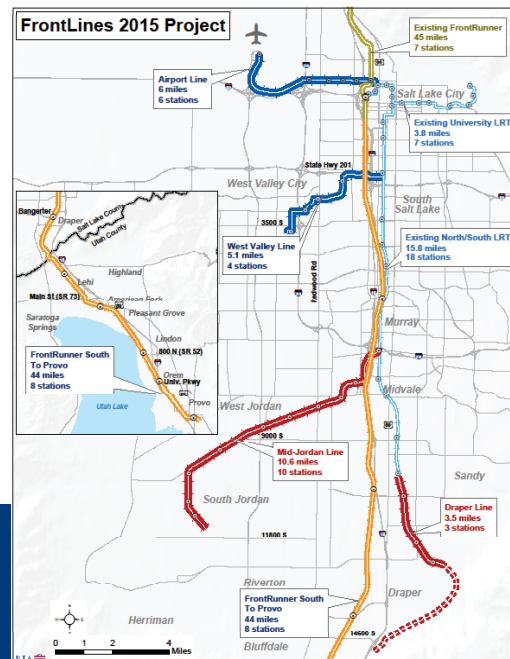
- Mid-Jordan – 10.1-miles of LRT opening in 2012
- Fronrunner South – 44-miles of CRT opening in 2013
- West Valley – 5-miles of LRT opening in 2013
- Draper – 4.9-miles of LRT opening in 2014
- Airport – 6-miles of LRT opening in 2015

Street Car

- South Davis
- Sugar House
- Ogden

Transit Studies

- Taylorsville/Murray
- 9400 South
- Westside Transit



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