# Advisory Council of the Utah Transit Authority

September 25, 2019



# Call to Order and Opening Remarks



# **Pledge of Allegiance**



# **Safety First Minute**



## **Be Prepared, Not Scared**





### September 2019

# **Public Comment Period**



### **Public Comment Guidelines**

- Each comment will be limited to two minutes per citizen or five minutes per group representative
- No handouts allowed



# Approval of July 17, 2019 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes



# **Recommended Action** (by acclamation)

Motion to approve



# **Board of Trustees Report**



## **Board of Trustees Report**

- UTA service choices study update
- Stakeholder outreach
- Status of legislative studies
- Introduction of new Executive Director, Carolyn Gonot

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### **Service Choices Study Update**



## **Service Choices Study Update: UTA Direction**

- 1. Plan for future transit needs of the sub-regions poised to receive the majority of the Wasatch Front's growth.
- 2. Coordinate transit service with **local government long-range plans** for economic centers and affordable housing in response to H.B. 34, and focus on a limited number of more productive transit routes.
- 3. Consider **sharing of resources across regions** if improving transit service in one county will support another by easing congestion, serving employment centers, or minimizing inter-county travel demand.
- 4. Identify opportunities for **efficiencies within the existing transit system** to bolster ridership and productivity.
- 5. Shift UTA's service towards a greater focus on ridership.
- 6. Create a vision for the future that ensures good mobility and a high quality of life along the Wasatch Front through the year 2050.



## **Stakeholder Outreach: City Councils in Transit District**

Total Visits Complete Total Visits Remaining Percentage Visits Complete Percentage Visits Remaining

59 24 71.08% 28.92%



### **Status of Legislative Studies**

## Introduction of New Executive Director, Carolyn Gonot

# **Agency Report**



#### Key data points that we have observed since August 11th, 2019:

#### Salt Lake County

- Weekday changes show in an increase of 1-3% overall on routes that were changed, with room to grow.
- Weekend changes brought big increases:
  - 200 South: +35% Saturday, +48% Sunday
  - 2100 South: +34% Saturday, +90% Sunday
  - 900 South and associated changes: +138% Saturday, +145% Sunday



#### Salt Lake County

Salt Lake City is putting resources toward promoting Routes 2, 9 and 21 in the community to increase awareness and drive ridership. They put together a few video spots highlighting the 15-minute service, night service and weekend service.



#### Key data points that we have observed since August 11th, 2019:

#### **Weber County**

- New Ogden Trolley carrying 160-190 people per day. The route is so short that these numbers already meet our passengers per hour threshold for this route. Industry best practice (per the TCQSM) is that it takes about two years for a route to reach full ridership potential.
- So far, more people are riding the Ogden Trolley on Saturday than on Weekdays.



#### Key data points that we have observed since August 11th, 2019:

#### **Tooele County**

- Total ridership has stayed almost exactly the same through the changes.
- New midday flex route has attracted 44 boardings per day so far (about half of what it needs to meet standard.)



#### Key data points that we have observed since August 11th, 2019:

#### **Utah County**

- Weekday and Saturday ridership in North County/Lehi Tech Corridor is down 1-3% as people adjust to the change.
- Sunday ridership is up 189% in Utah County with the addition of route 850 service.
- UVX, with UVU in session averaged over 11,000 boardings per day. On Aug. 28 (U of U vs. BYU Football) ridership was over 17,000. For comparison, the TRAX Green Line has averaged about 14,000 boardings per weekday in 2019.

## **UVX 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

### **UVX Customer Appreciation Event**

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Provo and Orem FrontRunner Stations* 









## FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TRIENNIAL REVIEW



## **2020 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**



# **Budget Consultation**



### AR2019-09-01: Resolution Recommending Adoption of the Proposed 2020-2024 Capital Plan

### **5-Year Capital Plan Overview**

- Capital projects include:
  - new construction
  - state of good repair
  - facilities maintenance
  - vehicles
  - safety & security items
  - IT projects
  - major equipment purchases (over \$25K)
- 5-year forecast helps mitigate challenges of applying a 1-year budget to multi-year projects and helps in long range budget planning



- New project requests are submitted annually and prioritized by management for funding consideration
- Prioritization considerations:
  - Assure a safe system
  - Take care of or replace what we have
  - Leverage grants and partner funds
  - System improvements
- Projects with lower priority may be reduced in scope or moved to subsequent years
- Prioritized list of projects for 5-year plan is submitted to the Executive Team for review





- 2020-2024 capital requests were compiled and prioritized
- Total requests over the 5-year period exceed available budget projections
- Prioritization resulted in plan consistent with TFP
- Proposed plan will fund 82% of requests
- Any new, unforeseen items will be considered for annual budget amendments as needed





### **Proposed 2020 Capital Budget Summary**

Projects	2020 Proposed Budget	Grants	State/Local Partners	UTA Funds
New Vehicles	\$32,041,871	\$2,775,830		\$29,266,041
Information Technology	\$6,531,838	\$757,838		\$5,774,000
Facilities/Safety	\$2,750,000			\$2,750,000
Rail Maintenance	\$10,050,000	0,050,000		\$10,050,000
Vehicle Rehab & Repair	\$8,524,194	\$786,684		\$7,737,510
Airport LRT	\$13,000,000			\$13,000,000
Depot District	\$40,936,916	\$40,936,916 \$3,736,916 \$2,500,00		\$34,700,000
Ogden-Weber BRT	\$28,197,076	\$18,706,000	\$2,900,000	\$6,591,076
Other Capital Projects	\$48,517,104	\$12,599,633	\$19,215,957	\$16,701,514
Total	\$190,548,999	\$39,362,901	\$24,615,957	*\$126,570,141

- \* UTA 2020 funds include:
- \$41,111,076 in bonds
- \$31,298,470 in leasing





### Proposed 5-Year Capital Plan Summary by Project

Projects	5-Yr Proposed Budget	Grants	State/Local Partners	UTA Funds
New Vehicles	\$169,759,390	\$2,775,830		\$166,983,560
Information Technology	\$29,801,838	\$757,838		\$29,044,000
Facilities/Safety	\$15,505,000	0		\$15,505,000
Rail Maintenance	\$83,211,063			\$83,211,063
Vehicle Rehab & Repair	\$52,390,629	\$10,487,147		\$41,903,482
Airport LRT	\$18,550,000			\$18,550,000
Depot District	\$48,630,092	30,092 \$7,930,092 \$5,000,000		\$35,700,000
Ogden-Weber BRT	\$91,974,076	\$70,503,996	\$13,579,004	\$7,891,076
Other Capital Projects	\$115,002,018	\$37,085,810	\$25,660,219	\$52,255,989
Total	\$624,824,105	\$129,540,713	\$44,239,223	*\$451,044,169

- \* UTA funds include:
- \$66,741,076 in bonds
- \$183,701,989 in leasing





### **Proposed 5-Year Capital Plan Summary by Year**

Year	Proposed Budget	Grants	State/Local Partners	UTA Funds
2020	\$190,548,999	\$39,362,901	\$24,615,957	\$126,570,141
2021	\$172,796,119	\$53,180,445	\$16,423,266	\$103,192,408
2022	\$83,331,867	\$24,547,367	\$500,000	\$58,284,500
2023	\$84,275,100	\$8,450,000	\$2,700,000	\$73,125,100
2024	\$93,872,021	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$89,872,021
Total	\$624,824,105	\$129,540,713	\$44,239,223	\$451,044,169

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### **Potential Future Capital Development Projects - Unfunded**

### • Transit Opportunities:

- South Davis BRT
- Mid-Valley Connector BRT
- Future of FrontRunner
- Point of the Mountain Transit
- Sandy/South Jordan Circulator
- Facilities:
  - South Salt Lake County bus garage
  - LRT facility near airport and/or in Utah County
  - CRT facility in Ogden and/or in Provo
  - Warm Springs Expansion
  - Riverside Expansion
  - Timpanogos Remodel and Expansion
  - Remodel OK Manufacturing building





- Today, Draft Plan presented to the Advisory Council for consultation
- Plan presented to the UTA Board for review and approval
- First year of the 5-Year Capital Plan is incorporated into UTA's proposed 2020 annual budget





# Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to recommend for approval:

AR2019-09-01: Resolution Recommending Adopting of the Proposed 2020-2024 Capital Plan


### Consultation: Bond Refunding and New Money Issuance Opportunity and Proposed Fifth Amendment of the Authority's 2019 Budget

### **Interest Rates at Historic Lows**



Source: U.S. Department of Treasury; UST range from 1/1/2008 through 9/6/2019



# Bond Refunding and Restructuring Considerations

	Refunding Bonds	Restructuring Bonds
Net Present Value Savings 5% or more	Х	
Consider options to lower maximum annual debt service	Х	Х
Move principal payments from June 15 to December 15	Х	Х
High refunding efficiency	Х	
Minimize use of refunding savings reserve	Х	Х
Consider change from subordinate to senior debt	х	Х

# Current Debt Service (Base Case)

Total Outstanding Debt Service: Senior and Subordinate Debt



# Refunding/Restructuring – 2012 Subordinated Bonds Projected Results (Structured)

	Projected Results
Net Present Value Savings 5% or more	14.4%; \$24.7mm NPV
Consider options to lower maximum annual debt service	Lowers MADs in 2036 by \$8.87 million
Move principal payments from June 15 to December 15	Yes
High refunding efficiency	Approximately 77%
Minimizes use of refunding savings reserve	None required
Moves refunding of subordinate lien Series 2012 Bonds to senior lien level	Yes

### Refunding/Restructuring – 2012 Subordinated Series

Uniform Savings Scenario: Debt Service Comparison (12/31)																							
		\$10,000,000																					
Par Refunded	\$171,600,000	\$8,000,000																					
		\$6,000,000																					
<b>Refunding Par</b>	\$185,245,000	\$4,000,000																					
		\$2,000,000		_				_	-	-								-	_	-		_	
NPV Savings (\$)	\$25,498,255	\$0																					
		(\$2,000,000)																					
NPV Savings (%)	14.86%	(\$4,000,000)	2020	2021	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	2031 2031	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
			20	20	2023	2024	20	20	20	20	20	50		S C	20	20	20	20	20	2039	204C	204	20

#### **Restructuring Scenario: Debt Service Comparison (12/31)**



# Bond Refunding – 2015 Senior Bonds Projected Results (Structured)

	Projected Results
Net Present Value Savings 5% or more	7.46%; \$7.45mm NPV
Consider options to lower maximum annual debt service	Lowers MADs by an average of \$938 k/yr in 2027-2036
Move principal payments from June 15 to December 15	Yes
High refunding efficiency	Approximately 50%
Minimizes use of refunding savings reserve	None required
Keeps refunding of Senior Series 2015 Bonds at senior lien level	Yes

### Refunding/Restructuring – 2015 Senior Bonds



#### **Restructuring Scenario: Debt Service Comparison (12/31)**



# Bond Refunding – 2015 Subordinated Bonds Projected Results (Structured)

	Projected Results
Net Present Value Savings	Neutral
Consider options to lower maximum annual debt service	Lowers MADs by an average of \$9.85mm/yr in 2027-2035
Move principal payments from June 15 to December 15	Yes
Minimizes use of refunding savings reserve	None required
Keeps refunding of 2015 Subordinated Bonds at subordinate lien level	Yes

### Refunding/Restructuring Analysis – 2015 Subordinated Bonds



**Restructuring Scenario: Debt Service Comparison (12/31)** 

\$125,135,000	\$:
\$149,285,000	
(\$2,621,017)	
(2.09%)	
	\$149,285,000 (\$2,621,017)





# Refunding/Restructuring Summary

Net Present Value Savings 5% or more	\$32.15 million total NPV Savings; 14.4% (2012); 7.5% (2015)
Consider options to lower maximum annual debt service	Lowers MADS by \$12.9 million
Move principal payments from June 15 to December 15	Yes
High refunding efficiency	77% (2012); 50% (2015)
Minimizes use of refunding savings reserve	None Required
Moves refunding of subordinate lien to senior lien level	2012 only

# Refunding/Restructuring Plan



# Refunding/Restructuring Plan

Debt Service Comparison (12/31)									
FY 12/31	Refunded DS	Refunding/Restructured DS	Savings						
2020	19,152,750	15,855,612	3,297,138						
2021	19,152,750	15,452,343	3,700,408						
2022	19,152,750	15,455,167	3,697,583						
2023	19,152,750	15,451,837	3,700,914						
2024	19,152,750	15,451,961	3,700,790						
2025	19,152,750	15,454,933	3,697,818						
2026	19,152,750	15,450,907	3,701,844						
2027	27,391,500	14,519,610	12,871,891						
2028	27,398,000	14,517,738	12,880,263						
2029	27,392,250	14,519,769	12,872,482						
2030	27,403,000	14,520,936	12,882,064						
2031	27,384,375	14,515,823	12,868,553						
2032	27,370,750	14,519,520	12,851,231						
2033	28,903,450	14,517,142	14,386,309						
2034	28,909,275	14,518,800	14,390,475						
2035	28,892,700	14,519,336	14,373,364						
2036	51,617,675	35,016,191	16,601,485						
2037	80,060,050	87,364,718	(7,304,668)						
2038	79,562,750	86,864,478	(7,301,728)						
2039	27,008,500	34,317,792	(7,309,292)						
2040	4,900,000	12,206,549	(7,306,549)						
2041	30,142,750	99,842,735	(69,699,985)						
2042	73,912,750	145,673,808	(71,761,058)						
Total	732,319,025	740,527,698	(8,208,673)						

# New Money Bonds Five-year Capital Plan Projections

<b>2020 Bonds</b> For 2020-2021	<b>2022 Bonds</b> For 2022-2024	
Capital Budgets	Capital Budgets	Totals
<u>\$54,291,076</u>	<u>\$12,450,000</u>	<u>\$66,741,076</u>

# Cash Flow Comparison July TFP and Proposed Bonding

Year	Current TFP	Proposed Bond Issue	Favorable or (Unfavorable)
2020	\$1,017,958	\$2,765,000	(\$1,747,042)
2021	2,035,915	2,661,850	(625,935)
2022	2,300,478	2,661,850	(361,372)
2023	2,565,040	2,661,850	(96,810)
2024	2,565,040	2,661,850	(96,810)
2025	4,436,025	4,350,000	86,025
2026	4,436,025	4,350,000	86,025
2027 & thereafter	4,843,387	4,350,000	493,387

# Net Effect on Annual Debt Service

(in millions)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
2012 Refunding & Restructure	\$1.859	\$2.083	\$2.083	\$2.083	\$2.083
2015 Refunding & Restructure	.005	.003	.001	.004	.004
2015 Restructure	1.433	1.614	1.614	1.614	1.614
2019 New Money	<u>(1.747)</u>	<u>(.626)</u>	<u>(.362)</u>	<u>(.097)</u>	<u>(.097)</u>
Net Savings	<u>\$1.550</u>	<u>\$3.074</u>	<u>\$3.337</u>	<u>\$3.604</u>	<u>\$3.604</u>

For 2024 thru 2026, net savings ranges from \$3.6 million to \$3.8 million. For 2027 thru 2036, net savings ranges from \$13.3 million to \$17.1 million. For 2037 thru 2040, net cost is \$6.8 million per year. For 2041 and 2042, the net cost is \$69.2 million and \$71.3 million, respectively.

# Recommendations

- Refund outstanding 2012 Subordinated Bonds for savings, restructure, use senior lien
- Refund select 2015 Senior Bonds for savings and restructure
- Restructure select 2015 Subordinated Bonds to lower MADS
- Move principal payments to December 15 on refunding bonds
- Utilize senior lien to sell new money bonds
- Negotiated sale

# **Calendar of Events**

- October 9 Market update to Board of Trustees and authorization to proceed
- October 16 State Bonding Commission Approval
- October 30 Public hearing
- November 6 Sale Date and Board Approval of Bond Purchase Agreement
- November 27 Closing

### **Information: 2020 Budget Assumptions Update**

# 2020 Budget Goals

### Service Improvements

- Salt Lake City Service Full Year
- Salt Lake County Service
  - Southwest County Pilot
  - August 2020 Changes

### Favorable Work Environment

- Competitive Compensation
- Improve Working Conditions
- Forward Looking





# 2020 Budget Goals

### State of Good Repair

- Bus, Paratransit, and Vanpool Replacements
- Light Rail and Commuter Rail Vehicle Rehab
- Rail Systems and Infrastructure
- Facilities

### Capital Projects

- Depot District
- Ogden/Weber BRT
- Airport TRAX
- Vineyard Station

### Long-term Financial Sustainability





### **Key Budget Changes**

- Salt Lake County Funding to Capital and Operations
- Full Year of Salt Lake City Purchased Service
- Staffing Changes For:
  - New Service
  - Workload Adjustments



# **Key Budget Changes**

- State of Good Repair Increases
- Capital:
  - Ogden/Weber BRT
  - Depot District Facility
  - Airport TRAX Station



### **Office of the Executive Director**





### 2020 Proposed Operating Budget Expenses: \$490.9M





# **Operating Expense**





2019 Amended Budget 2020 Proposed



### 2020 Proposed Operating Revenues: \$490.9M





### **Operating Revenue**





# **FTE Summary**

	2019 Budget	2019 Amended*	2020 Proposed	Change
Operations	2,206.4	2,252.7	2,252.7	0.0
Service Development	45.5	44.5	45.5	1.0
Finance	102.5	104.5	104.5	0.0
People Office	67.5	74.7	74.7	0.0
Communications & Marketing	62.0	69.0	69.0	0.0
Executive Director	130.0	128.0	130.0	2.0
Board	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0
Total	2,627.9	2,687.4	2,690.4	3.0

\* Budget amendments and organizational changes



### 2020 Proposed Capital Revenues: \$190.5M





### **Capital Revenue**

Millions



### 2020 Proposed Capital Expenses: \$190.5M





### **Capital Expense**





# Initiatives

- Strategy for Sustainable Growth and Efficiency
- Align System Improvement and Expansion with Regional Growth
- Explore Innovative Ways to Increase Mobility and Access



- Leadership Development and Workforce Succession Planning
- Service Choices Study and Service Implementation
- Continued Emphasis on the UTA Customer Experience, Safety and Security



# Challenges

- Aging Infrastructure
- Workforce Retention and Reliability
- Increasing Need for Resources





### **Next Steps**

- October 23, 2019
  - Tentative Budget presented to Board of Trustees
- October 30, 2019
  - Board of Trustees approves Tentative Budget and sets Public Hearing
- November 20, 2019
  - Tentative Budget presented to Local Advisory Council
- December 11, 2019
  - Final Budget Presented to Board of Trustees
- December 18, 2019
  - Board of Trustees approves Final Budget



# **Trustee Compensation Review**



# **Other Business**

a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.



# Adjourn

