Making Transportation Affordable, Safe and Accessible—At the Same Time

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• (1) CNG
• (2) Technology Integration
• (3) TOD
What the Future Holds

• Population along the Wasatch Front will grow to 3 million people by 2040— the statewide population from the 2010 census was just under 3 million.
UTA Snapshot

• Owns 200+ acres unutilized, tax-exempt excess property
• UTA has no authority to condemn land as other transit authorities traditionally have
• If UTA were to divest this property, it would have to pay back the Federal government for that portion of land
2010 Senate Bill 272

• Allows limited liability participation in five Transit-Oriented developments near transportation stations
• UTA may contribute its underutilized property to a limited liability partnership, but must partner with a private developer who will make at least 25 percent equity contribution
• Generates an additional revenue source for transit operations reducing reliance on sales taxes and other traditional taxpayer-funded sources
A Win-win Situation

- UTA’s underutilized land doesn’t sit vacant
- Concentrates and increases ridership around transit stations
- UTA receives portion of the development’s profits to support operations
- Brings economic development and tax revenue to the city
- Increases employment and property values
Sugar House

Trackway Excavation 200 E
jordan valley station

**total area**
~33 acres of UTA-owned property

**project features**
- 1.8M sf planned mixed-use development
  - 1,400 residential units
  - 35,400 sf of retail
  - 61,000 sf of office
- adjacent to Jordan Valley Hospital and Salt Lake Community College

**line(s)**
TRAX, bus
100th south sandy station

**total area**
~47 acres of UTA-owned property

**project features**
- 32 acre master planned property adjacent to station
  - 1.5M sf of mixed-use development
  - 1,185 residential units
  - 360,000 sf of commercial space (office and retail)
- part of overall downtown sandy revisioning

**line(s)**
TRAX, bus
Uniting Behind Transportation

• Transportation stakeholders: Everyone
• Republicans and Democrats contribute to transportation planning
• Capacity vs. roads