# Regular Meeting of the **Advisory Board of the Utah Transit Authority**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Utah Transit Authority Headquarters 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah Golden Spike Conference Rooms



1.	Call to Order & Opening Remarks	Chair Jeff Acerson
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Jeff Acerson
3.	Oath of Office	Cathie Griffiths
4.	Safety First Minute	Lamount Worthy
5.	Public Comment Period	Karen Cronin
6.	Approval of February 20, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes	Chair Jeff Acerson
7.	Agency Report	Steve Meyer
8.	Board of Trustees Report	Carlton Christensen
9.	Discussion Items  a. Mid-Valley Connector BRT Update	Mary DeLoretto
	b. Coordinated Mobility	Eddy Cumins Ryan Taylor
10.	AR2019-03-01 Approving Ogden Central, Midvale TRAX, and West Jordan City Center Station Area Plans	Paul Drake
11.	<b>Trustee Retirement Benefits</b> Advisory Board may make a motion regarding trustee retirement benefits.	Kim Ulibarri
12.	Other Business a. Next meeting: June 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.	Chair Jeff Acerson
13.	Adjourn	Chair Jeff Acerson

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Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Utah Transit Authority Headquarters, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah
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#### **UTA Advisory Board Members Present:**

Jeff AcersonJulie FullmerJacqueline BiskupskiRobert HaleLeonard CallClint SmithErik Craythorne (joined by phone)Troy Walker

Karen Cronin

#### **Advisory Board Members Excused/Not in Attendance:**

Also attending were members of UTA staff, as well as interested citizens and members of the media.

#### Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Acerson welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. with eight board members present. Eric Craythorne joined the meeting by telephone. Following Chair Acerson's opening remarks, the advisory board and meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Oath of Office

Cathie Griffiths performed the oath of office for advisory board member Clint Smith and alternates Jennifer McGrath and Mark Johnson.

#### **Safety Minute**

Chair Acerson yielded the floor to Jonathan Yip, UTA Senior Manager for Operations Analysis and Solutions, for a brief safety message.

#### **Public Comment Period**

Member Cronin introduced two attendees who gave public comment. Andrew Jackson, Executive Director of Mountainland Association of Governments, requested that the issue of compensation for the UTA Board of Trustees be revisited at the March advisory board meeting. Discussion ensued and there was some agreement that the topic could be discussed again if there is new information to be considered.

Megan Townsend of Wasatch Front Regional Council thanked advisory board members for their partnership on the station area plans being discussed later in the meeting.

#### Approval of January 16, 2019 Joint Board-Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the January 16, 2019 Joint Board-Advisory Board Meeting Minutes was made by Member Walker and seconded by Member Cronin. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Audit Committee Report**

Member Walker reported on the meeting of the UTA Audit Committee held February 13, 2019. The audit committee reviewed the 2018 Fourth Quarter Audit Report and the 2019 Audit Plan. Member Walker expressed confidence in the work of the UTA Internal Auditor and in the efforts of the agency to ensure areas of concern are addressed quickly and effectively.

#### **AR2019-02-01 Approving Station Area Plans**

Paul Drake, UTA Senior Manager of Real Estate and Transit-Oriented Development, gave a brief introduction to the station area plans to be presented, emphasizing that approval of the plans does not constitute approval to move forward with development, rather approval of the vision of the plans for future consideration.

#### **Clearfield Station Area Plan Approval**

Mr. Drake and Clearfield City Senior Planner Brad McIlrath, presented the Clearfield City transitoriented development (TOD) plan, explaining the geographical area and desired vision for the proposed station area plan. The plan focuses on sixty acres owned by UTA and intends for the area to be an exciting destination and complete community. Questions were posed regarding affordable housing, parking, service area, existing uses of the area, retail occupancy rate in the area, mixed use plans, previous plans with Stadler Rail, zoning, building heights, and density. Questions were answered by UTA staff and Mr. McIlrath.

#### Salt Lake Central Station Area Plan Approval

Susan Lundmark from the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency introduced the Salt Lake City Central Station Plan which was a very collaborative effort involving many stakeholders and community partners, including UTA. Ms. Lundmark thanked all involved in the process. Mr. Drake presented details of the Salt Lake City Central Station Plan which includes transit-oriented development of housing, commercial, and mixed use components in three main development nodes. The development area encompasses property from Interstate 15 to 300 West and from 300 North to 400 South and is intended to be a walkable community with excellent access to transit and other amenities. There were no questions from the advisory board.

#### **Murray Central Station Area Plan Approval**

Jared Hall, Planning Manager for Murray City, began the presentation of the Murray City Central Station area plan. Mr. Drake presented details of the station area plan addressing environmental challenges and highlighting amenities that will be included in the proposed plan. Features of the plan include a pocket park, commercial space, pedestrian bridge, and an enhanced transit station building. The development area faces significant environmental

challenges which limit possible uses of the land and preclude potential housing development. The emphasis of this plan is on improving station connections. Advisory board members posed questions regarding housing, zoning overlay, building heights or limitations, plans for cleaning up the site, the pocket park, and the percentage of UTA land ownership. Mr. Drake and Mr. Hall provided answers.

#### **Provo Central Station Area Plan Approval**

Bill Peperone, Assistant Director of Community Development for Provo City, joined Mr. Drake for the presentation of the Provo Central Station Area Plan. This station area plan was developed through a robust community outreach effort and includes residential, office, and modest retail uses. Residential options include home ownership opportunities and live-work units, with a range of affordability options. The plan also calls for open space and office buildings with the key objectives being to create connections to the surrounding communities and transit opportunities, while enhancing social and cultural interactions. A question regarding housing affordability was posed and then answered by Mr. Peperone.

Mr. Drake and advisory board members clarified that station area plans establish a shared vision for the area through a process that engages regional, local and UTA partners. As defined in UTA Policy approved by the advisory board on January 16, 2019, the advisory board reviews and approves station area plans and makes recommendations to the board of trustees who will then approve station area plans. All approved station area plans will then be considered for site selection by the board of trustees who will use the TOD System Analysis tool to inform their decision.

Member Call moved to approve AR2019-02-01 Approving Station Area Plans. Member Walker seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

#### **Discussion Items:**

#### **Introduction to Service Planning and Capital Projects Implementation Policies**

Interim Executive Director Steve Meyer gave an introduction to the Service Planning and Capital Project Implementation policies and processes emphasizing the importance of involving all segments of the agency and community in the planning process to create better outcomes.

#### **Service Planning Implementation Policy**

Laura Hanson, UTA Director of Planning, presented on the Service Planning Implementation Policy and process. Ms. Hanson explained the process of how projects move from a long range vision to planning to implementation and where the advisory board and board of trustees will weigh in throughout the process. Ms. Hanson outlined the four phases of the process including Phase 1 – Regional Transportation Plan Strategic Planning led by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) on a four-year cycle; Phase 2 – Five Year Mobility Plan and Service Planning led by UTA on a two-year cycle; Phase 3 – Annual Service Change Process and Operations Planning; and Phase 4 – Service Implementation. There were no questions from the advisory board.

#### **Capital Project Implementation Policy**

Mary DeLoretto, UTA Director of Capital Projects, reminded the advisory board that one of their responsibilities is to approve and recommend final adoption of all new capital development projects, including funding. Ms. DeLoretto clarified that the capital projects process being presented includes all new or extended rail or bus rapid transit (BRT) projects and construction of new or replacement transit facilities. Ms. DeLoretto presented the Capital Project Implementation Policy and process, outlining where the advisory board would be involved throughout the process. Questions regarding the alternatives analysis phase of the process, timing of approval by advisory board, and opportunities for input and information were posed by advisory board members and answered by Ms. DeLoretto and Mr. Meyer. Mr. Meyer also pointed out that the capital development team is developing a five year capital project plan.

#### **Ogden BRT Update**

Hal Johnson, UTA Manager of Project Development and Systems Planning, presented information on the Ogden bus rapid transit project. This project is currently in the later end of the environmental stage and approaching implementation. Mr. Johnson outlined project funding projections, economic development along transit corridor, current efforts, budget proposals, and project schedule. When asked by the advisory board, Mr. Johnson confirmed that Weber State University participates in the student transit pass program.

#### **Other Business**

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the advisory board will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. with a motion by Member Cronin, second by Member Hale, and a unanimous vote in favor.

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#### **Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees**

#### **2019 First Quarter Report**



This report summarizes the major activities of the full time, three-member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees since the new governance structure was implemented in November 2018.

#### Oversight & Accountability

#### **Finance**

- Approved 2019 final budget
- Established contract authorization and expenditure authority with increased board oversight
- Met with bond counsel to discuss UTA's bonds, debt portfolio, and agency rating strategies
- Reviewed agency reserves and debt stabilization fund
- Reviewed agency investments
- Reviewed capital budget and established process for increased board oversight of budget reallocations
- Initiated new 5-year capital project plan and budget process to enhance input, visibility, oversight, and continuity of capital budgets; plan will be implemented alongside the 2020 budget
- Revised financial dashboard to inform most relevant metrics for monthly review and transparency

#### Governance

- Initiated weekly meetings of the Board of Trustees to authorize key actions of the agency and provide a public meeting forum for discussion and direction of agency operations and administration
- Established new governing bylaws
- Established independent authorities for Advisory Board to elect its own officers and conduct its delegated business with autonomy
- Established new governing policies, in consultation with the Advisory Board, to define the agency's process and governing oversight of transit-oriented development plans, capital project plans and funding, and service plans
- Initiated review and redrafting of all governing policies that will be re-established this year (including financial, ethics, real property, fare and other policies)

#### Audit & Fthics

- Initiated and launched UTA Ethics Hotline
- Formed new UTA Audit Committee with the Advisory Board and established 2019 Internal Audit Plan

#### Agency Leadership & Structure

- Launched recruitment for permanent Executive Director through an independent search firm
- Assessed and restructured UTA's leadership and organizational structure
- Set and authorized compensation of all UTA officers and employees
- Amended UTA's Employee 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to establish a uniform benefit for all employees

- Initiated review and discussion of executive team's key performance metrics (to be finalized in March)
- Negotiated extension of Interim Executive Director service (delaying his retirement) to allow continuity
  of leadership to the agency and allowing the board to implement a more extensive search for a
  permanent Executive Director

#### Employee Engagement

- Met with Amalgamated Transit Union leadership
- Toured and engaged with employees in every business unit and department in the UTA organization

#### Community Engagement

#### General Engagement

- Launched new UTA ad campaign "A better today, for a better tomorrow"
- Initiated service choices study with stakeholders to define their priorities for ridership and coverage as the agency plans future service (study results and new 5-year mobility plan will be finalized this fall)
- Conducted public benchmark survey in January/February 2019 with results of citizen and transit rider feedback available this spring
- Sponsored free fare days on February 28 and March 1 in partnership with Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Davis County, and Intermountain Healthcare, demonstrating significant ridership increases on all modes of transit and providing data to support a \$500K legislative appropriation for additional free fare days to aid in the mitigation of poor air quality days over the next year
- Engaged in more than 150 meetings with local leaders and officials
- Participated in 132 council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, county commission, partner agency, and city council meetings

#### Salt Lake City

 Finalized interlocal agreement with Salt Lake City for a service buy-up to expand bus service on their core routes, increasing bus service by 4% next year with additional phased plans thereafter

#### Utah County

Collaborating with County Commission on a service level agreement to affirm implementation of their
 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funds

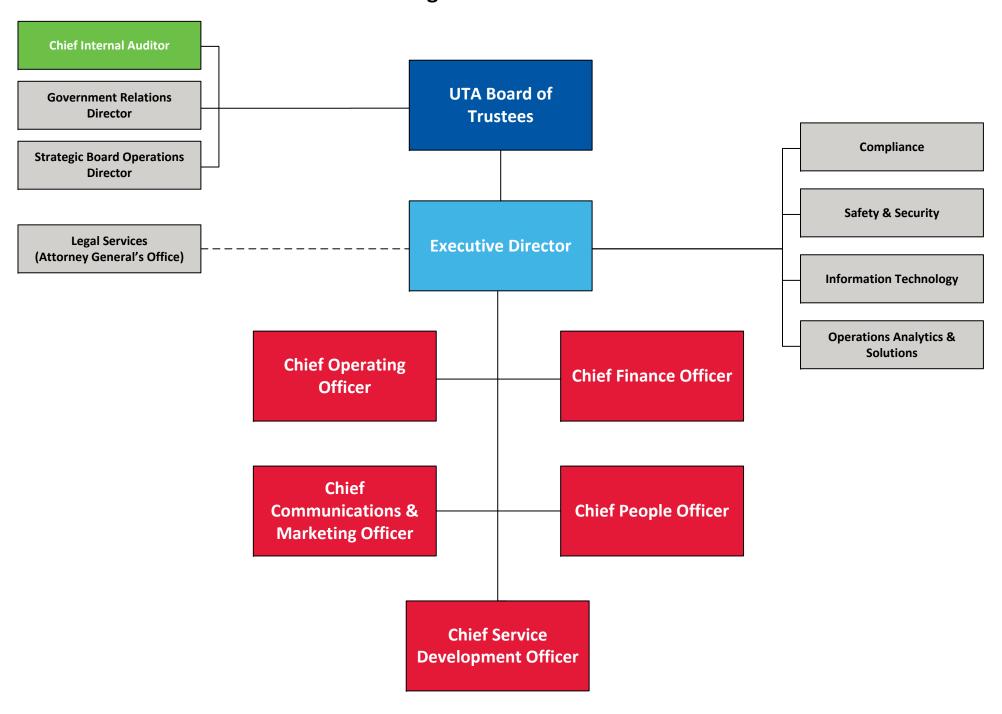
#### Weber County

- Moved Ogden-Weber bus rapid transit into next phase of development following completion of the environmental study and Federal Transit Administration finding of no significant impact
- Exploring Ogden Hub scenarios at the request of Ogden-Weber officials

#### Legislature

- Worked with legislative leaders to inform tax base reform initiative
- Endorsed legislative bills that would broaden the sales tax base, provide several days of free transit fare
  to the public for improved air quality, and address affordable housing, and endorsed Senate Concurrent
  Resolution 10 encouraging transportation partnerships
- Secured \$250K to develop a tool that will connect varied community stakeholder transit resources into a coordinated mobility solution

#### **UTA Organizational Structure**





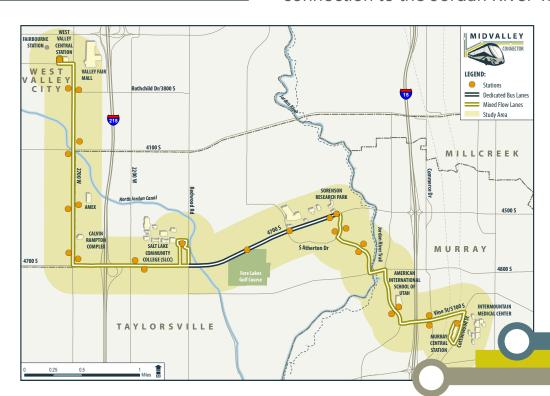


CAPITAL COST: \$45,400,000
ANNUAL O&M COST\*: \$4,710,000

\*Annual cost includes leasing buses

Bus rapid transit delivers fast, comfortable, and cost-effective transit service with more frequent bus service, larger capacity buses, and dedicated bus lanes. Midvalley Connector BRT could be open for riders in 2021 and includes:

- 7 miles of BRT service to large employment, activity, and civic centers.
- 15 stations with shelters, benches, and offboard fare collection/ticketing machines
- 1.4 miles of dedicated transit lanes on 4500/4700 South with 3 stations featuring amenities such as shelters, benches, realtime bus information, and unique branding and infrastructure
- **Frequent service** throughout the day (10to 15-minute headways), with transit signal priority for BRT buses at most intersections
- A new transit hub at SLCC
- 3 bus bays at Murray Central Station
- 11 new 40-foot buses
- Projected Daily Ridership: 2,200-2,700
- Mobility and Air Quality: BRT will use clean fuel buses, provide an alternative to single occupancy vehicles, and will add 1.4 miles of new bike lanes with direct connection to the Jordan River Trail.



## RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY APPROVING STATION AREA PLANS

AR2019-03-01 March 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the Utah Transit Authority (the "Authority") is a public transit district organized under the laws of the State of Utah and was created to transact and exercise all of the powers provided for in the Utah Limited Purpose Local Government Entities – Local Districts Act and the Utah Public Transit District Act:

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Trustees has adopted Executive Limitations Policy No. 2.2.4 – Transit-Oriented Development (the "Policy");

WHEREAS, the Policy requires the Authority to establish Station Area Plans in collaboration with applicable municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Policy requires the Local Advisory Board to review and approve Station Area Plans it determines to be in the best interest of the Authority and the applicable municipalities prior to approval by the Authority's Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the Authority has presented Station Area Plans for Ogden Central Station, Midvale TRAX Station, and West Jordan City Center Station to the Local Advisory Board for review;

WHEREAS, the Local Advisory Board believes it is in the best interest of the Authority and the applicable municipalities to approve the Station Area Plans for Ogden Central Station, Midvale TRAX Station, and West Jordan City Center Station and to forward the Station Area Plans to the Board of Trustees for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Local Advisory Board of the Utah Transit Authority:

- 1. That the Local Advisory Board hereby approves the Station Area Plan for Ogden Central Station, attached as Exhibit A, and forwards it to the Authority's Board of Trustees for review.
- 2. That the Local Advisory Board hereby approves the Station Area Plan for Midvale TRAX Station, attached as Exhibit B, and forwards it to the Authority's Board of Trustees for review.
- 3. That the Local Advisory Board hereby approves the Station Area Plan for West Jordan City Center Station, attached as Exhibit C, and forwards it to the Authority's Board of Trustees for review.

Approved and adopted this 20 <sup>th</sup> day of	March, 2019.
	Jeff Acerson, Chair Local Advisory Board
ATTEST:	
Karen Cronin, Second Vice Chair Local Advisory Board	
(Corporate Seal)	
Approved As To Form:	
Legal Counsel	

#### Exhibit A



# OGDEN ONBOARD

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BRT ALIGNMENT-



Harrison Blvd.



TRANSIT-ORIENTED VISION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

FEBRUARY 2019



McKay-Dee Hospital





# TRANSIT-ORIENTED VISION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



Ogden Onboard is the result of many contributions from the people of Ogden who attended a meeting or participated online. Thank you! Special thanks goes to city leaders, decision makers, and partner representatives for their guidance and support.

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Downtown

**Ogden Station** 

23rd St

# CHAPTER 1

BRT ALIGNMENT

Weber State
University

ee Hospita

McKay-Dee Hospital

**Dee Events** 

## THE PURPOSE OF OGDEN ONBOARD:

#### STRONG CONNECTIONS, STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS

#### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Ogden has a strong past rooted in transportation, growth, and change. Today, the people of Ogden are proud of the city's unique identity and quality of life, with access to industry, education, and the outdoors. Community members are also interested in stronger connections across the city, including access to public transit. With new transit potential comes an opportunity to plan ahead for the desired type and scale of development that could take place along the future bus rapid transit corridor.

Ogden City and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) have been studying high performance transit in Ogden for over a decade. Ogden Onboard is a continuation of work begun in 2005 to improve transit in Ogden. Most recently, the Ogden-Weber State University Transit Study (2015) recommended bus rapid transit (BRT) connecting Downtown Ogden and WSU via 25th Street.

Building on all this work, Ogden Onboard examines how the community envisions future development around future transit stations and identifies strategies to achieve this vision, focusing on:

- Preserving a mix of equitable housing;
- Enhancing access to essential services;
- Creating well-designed and welcoming stops and station areas; and
- Providing improved active transportation connections and greater connectivity to the regional transit system.

"I look forward to a more transit oriented Ogden."

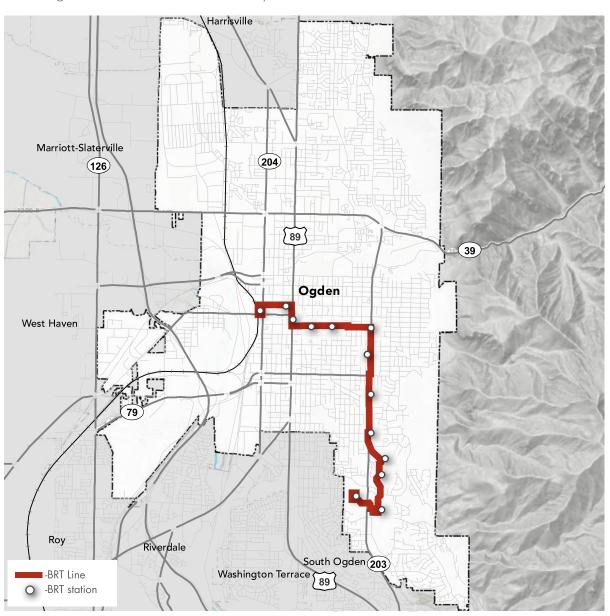
- public comment

#### **The Study Area**

Ogden City sits near the Great Salt Lake and at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains approximately 40 miles north of Salt Lake City. Along with the Frontrunner commuter rail system, Interstate 15 and Highway 89 provide convenient and direct connections with neighboring communities and to the larger region.

The Ogden Onboard study area focuses on the future bus rapid transit corridor connecting Ogden's intermodal hub and Downtown, with McKay-Dee Hospital and WSU shown in red below (Map 1). The corridor study area includes surrounding areas within a ½-mile distance from the BRT alignment.

MAP 1 Regional Context and Connectivity





#### Planning for TOD

UTA has created a framework for transit-oriented development, organized around a series of policies to guide the planning, design, and development of future transit stations and surrounding neighborhoods. Ogden Onboard combines two types of plans: corridor planning and station area planning.

**Corridor planning** is intended to assess land availability, public support, accessibility, and market strength to understand conditions for station areas in a defined corridor. Based on the vision and from

Wasatch Choice 2040/50, the system analysis describes which stations are better suited for development.

**Station area planning** identifies where opportunities and constraints occur within a station area, identifies opportunities for affordable housing, describes a preferred vision shared by the community within and around the station area, and provides strategic recommendations that may be pursued by both UTA and the respective local government to help facilitate implementation.

#### WHAT IS BRT? TOD?

**Bus rapid transit (BRT)** is a high-quality bus-based transit system that delivers fast, comfortable, and cost-effective services at metro-level capacities. It does this through the provision of dedicated lanes, with busways and iconic stations. Because BRT contains features similar to a light rail or metro system, it is much more reliable, convenient and faster than regular bus services.

**Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)** is the centered growth described in Wasatch Choice 2040/50. Compact, intense centers that surround transit infrastructure have the capability of becoming Transit-Oriented Development. To orient development around transit, the following five qualities are typically considered during planning and implementation:

- **Proximity to transit:** a comfortable walking distance (about ½-mile) most people are willing to travel to reach transit;
- Compactness: a greater number of people living, working, or recreating near transit stations;
- Accessibility: comfortable, convenient, and safe connections for all modes;
- Mixture of choices: a variety of places to shop, play, live, and work within a station area; and
- Sense of place: a cohesive arrangement of streets, buildings, and public spaces.

Source: UTA TOD Policies and Procedures, 2019.

#### THE CASE FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED NEIGHBORHOODS

**Travel behavior:** Young people aged 16-34 drove 23 percent fewer miles on average in 2009 than they did in 2001.<sup>1</sup>

**Connected lifestyles and technology:** Millennials are more likely to want to live in urban and walkable neighborhoods and are more open to non-driving forms of transportation than older Americans. They are also the first generation to fully embrace mobile Internet-connected technologies, which are rapidly spawning new transportation options.<sup>2</sup>

**Housing affordability:** Across the country and in the region, housing affordability continues to be a major issue as the gap between income and housing costs widens. Between 2005 and 2016, the rate of renter households spending more than 30 percent of income on housing has grown steadily.<sup>3</sup>

Air quality and congestion issues: Total annual vehicle miles travel is anticipated to increase from 1 million in 2014 to over 3.7 million in 2040, leading to worsening air quality issues, more time stuck in traffic, and an overall decrease in productivity.<sup>4</sup>

**Development patterns:** Since 2010, nearly 60% of new apartment units constructed in Salt Lake County have been within ½-mile of a fixed rail station.<sup>5</sup>

**Public health:** With an alarming increase in physical inactivity, neighborhoods that are compact, walkable, and accessible to a range of active transportation options can help encourage walking, biking, and transit use.

<sup>1</sup> From A New Direction: Our Changing Relationship with Driving and the Implications for American's Future, US PIRG Education Fund Frontier Group, Spring 2013.

<sup>2</sup> From A New Direction: Our Changing Relationship with Driving and the Implications for American's Future, US PIRG Education Fund Frontier Group, Spring 2013.

<sup>3</sup> UTA TOD Strategic Plan and State of Utah Affordable Housing Assessment Plan

<sup>4</sup> UTA TOD Strategic Plan and WFRC Travel Demand Model

<sup>5</sup> UTA TOD Strategic Plan and Envision Utah analysis



#### Study Process

Beginning in November 2017, Ogden City, UTA, and the consultant team (the project team) began the study process built on a multi-phased approach to understand the potential for transit-oriented development along the corridor. This multi-layered approach combined information on existing conditions and future trends, with community and stakeholder ideas and interests.

#### **Community Needs and Future Vision**

The project team relied on an array of events and tools to hear from a wide cross section of the community throughout the study process. In early 2018, the Vision Workshop and pop-up events helped identify key opportunities and challenges along the corridor, while the online survey and project portal provided an easy-to-access resource to discuss specific ideas and locations, and share information. The study process also involved a series of interviews, presentations, and focus group meetings, and ongoing meetings with the project advisory committee and Executive Team to review draft materials and provide overall direction on the project. Appendix A and G provide additional detail related to key needs and the vision.

#### **Baseline Analysis**

The Market Analysis, Form Book, and
Transportation Baseline provided information
and direction to form recommendations, potential
priorities, and station concepts. The Market
Analysis (Appendix B) highlighted opportunities
along the corridor based on observed supply and
demand characteristics, real estate trends, and
through interviews with lenders, real estate experts,
and developers familiar with the regional market.
The analysis also examined TOD potential through
a set of evaluative criteria, including number of
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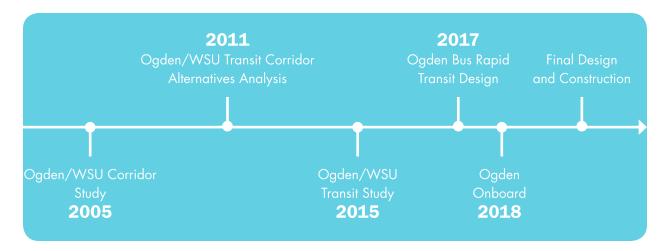


sidewalks and crossings, and other factors. The Form Book and Transportation Baseline (Appendix C and E) describe conditions along the corridor related to land use, urban form, transportation, transit, and connectivity.

#### **Recommendations and Implementation**

The project team presented information from the Baseline Analysis to the community at the Design Charrette in the summer of 2018. This public event allowed interested members of the community and project partners to create their own ideas and designs for how future growth should occur around station areas. Results of the charrette informed the locations of priority station areas, as well as targeted improvements needed along the entire corridor. Together with the Housing Strategy (Appendix F), this information formed the basis of recommendations and priorities for the study and plan.

The project team presented the draft plan for public review at the project open house in February 2019. The draft plan was also available on the project website for public review. The website included an online comment form for questions and comments on the draft plan.

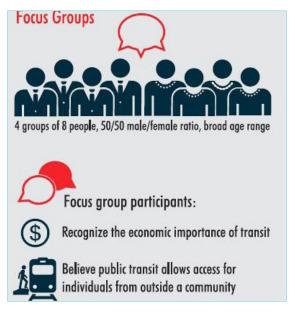


#### Background

The Ogden/Weber State University Transit Project Study (2015) identified a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for BRT connecting opposite ends of the city. The selection of the LPA was based on an 18-month study to evaluate transit alternatives including streetcar and BRT on two specific alignments (Figure 1.1). The City Council adopted the LPA to include a 5.3-mile BRT line between Ogden Intermodal Transit Center, Ogden's central business district, Weber State University, and McKay-Dee Hospital. The study team conducted extensive outreach with residents, businesses, special-interest groups and agencies during the process (image at right). Overall, regardless of the location and mode, the majority of people expressed support for a transit project in Ogden.

In Fall 2016, Ogden City, in collaboration with UTA, was awarded a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to explore transit-oriented development planning and implementation along the proposed BRT corridor. The planning and design process for bus rapid transit construction occurred in parallel to the Ogden Onboard study process. Construction of BRT is scheduled to begin in 2020, with a 2022 opening. This schedule is contingent upon the award of federal grant funding, which is still pending.





Top: The Alternatives Analysis

Bottom: Focus group results from the analysis Opposite page: Pop-up event at WSU





## COMMUNITY AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

A goal of this project is inclusive participation, to allow multiple and varied opportunities for a wide range of community members, property and business owners, developers and transit users to provide meaningful input. During the course of the study, Ogden City and UTA heard from interested residents and businesses, key community, business and civic leaders, as well as project partner representatives, City staff and elected officials. Through online and in-person activities and tools, multi-layered ideas and interests were developed that informed the vision.

Getting information to the community about this project and receiving valuable input about future ideas took a concerted effort. As an initial first step in the process, the project team collaborated to develop the Public Engagement and Communications Plan as a framework for the engagement process.

Throughout the study process, the team relied on the Public Engagement and Communications Plan to ensure two-way communication and involvement with many different audiences in Ogden. This included underserved communities, key community, business and civic leaders, as well as City staff and elected officials.

"A goal of this project is inclusive participation, to provide multiple and varied opportunities for a wide range of community members, property and business owners, developers and transit users to provide meaningful input."

# OGDEN ONBOARD COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

- 300 on Email list
- 200+ Facebook "Likes"
- 139 Survey respondents
- 40+ at WSU Pop-up Event
- 50+ at Hospital Pop-up event
- 25+ at Vision Workshop
- **40+** at Design Charrette
- 40+ at Draft Plan Open House
  - 7 Focus Group meetings/ Interviews
  - 4 Interviews with housing experts
  - 10 Advisory Committee meetings

#### Public Engagement Goals

- Continue to Build Relationships in Ogden. Building on the BRT process, this Study will continue the conversations with the people of Ogden and create opportunities for stakeholders and the general public to meet and engage with others interested in public transit and development along the Ogden BRT Corridor.
- 2. Ensure clarity and transparency.
  This Study will continue the momentum and conversation from the Transit Project Study (2015) around public transportation, development and change along the corridor, with a focus on easy-to-understand and accessible information.
- Create Opportunities for Inclusive
   Participation. Provide multiple and varied opportunities for a wide range of community members and partners to provide meaningful input.
- 4. Collaborate and Inform Decision-Making. Collect useful and relevant public input that reflects local expertise and values and informs decision-making related to the Study.
- 5. Build Long Term Capacity and Support for Public Transit and Transit-Oriented Development. Build social capital and support those engaged through the process to stay involved and share not only concerns and issues, but also solutions and strategies necessary to implement the planning and analysis work of this Study.



#### FIGURE 1.2 Infographic Poster Used at Community Events



THE INGREDIENTS FOR TOD IN OGDEN

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Approximate share of Ogden's total population and employment that's within the corridor study area <sup>1</sup>



Amount of planned bicycle improvements in Ogden<sup>3</sup>

## PLACES THAT ATTRACT PEOPLE

Places to eat and drink, and for relaxing and recreation are top destinations along the corridor<sup>4</sup>

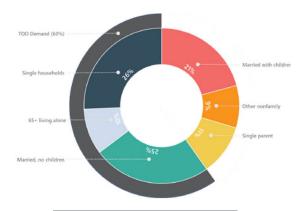




Average vehicle miles traveled each day on urban streets in Weber County<sup>2</sup>

#### 60% OF HOUSEHOLDS=MARKET FOR TOD

Corridor households by family type<sup>5</sup>





Average daily transit boardings of existing corridor bus routes <sup>1</sup>

Sources: 1. Transit Project Study Alternatives Analysis, 2015; 2. UDOT, 2016; 3. Ogden Bicycle Master Plan, 2016; 4. Ogden Onboard Online Opportunities Survey, 2018; 5. ACS (from ESRI) and Leland Consulting Group



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## **BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

# THE CONTEXT FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

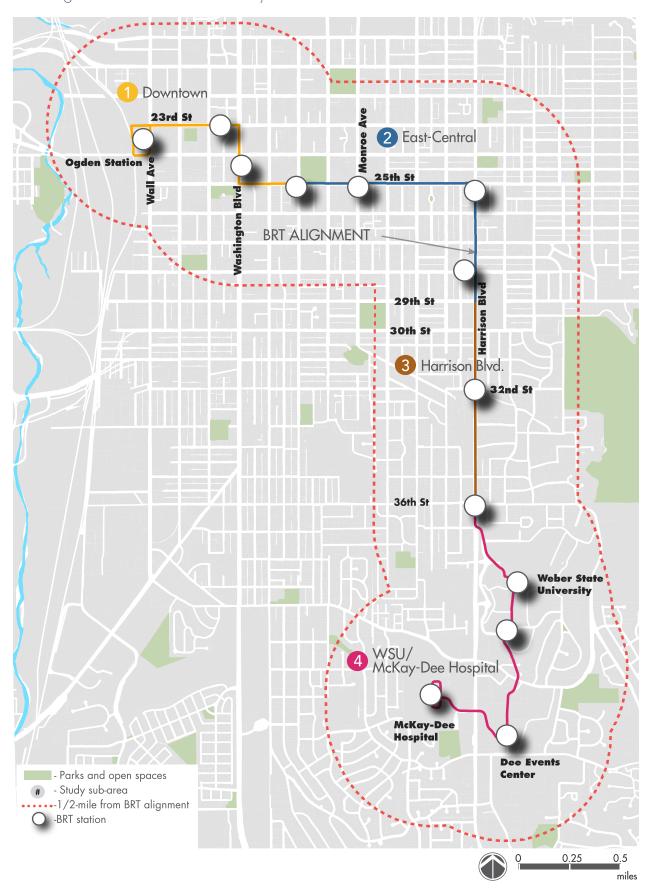
Today, the Ogden region is experiencing rapid growth generating a demand for housing, jobs, and reliable transportation. The planning process examined multiple layers of information to understand current conditions and future trends related to land use and housing, transportation, and development potential.

Building on past studies and plans, this chapter provides a snapshot of conditions facing the BRT corridor today, while highlighting key barriers and opportunities for transit-oriented development.

"The main thing that always keeps me from [biking] is the heavy traffic and high speeds, and small or nonexistant bike lanes. I am so afraid of getting hit by a car on my way to work and school."

- public comment

MAP 2 Ogden Onboard Corridor Study Area





#### CORRIDOR CHARACTER

The BRT corridor connects a series of different neighborhoods, each with varying scales of development, predominant land uses, and urban form. The project team divided the corridor into four different study subareas to provide better understand and describe the unique conditions

facing the larger study area. These include Downtown, East-Central, Harrison Boulevard, and WSU/McKay-Dee Hospital (Map 2: Ogden Onboard Corridor Study Area).

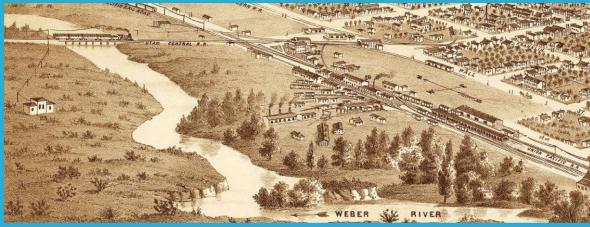
#### Historic Ogden: Built on Transportation

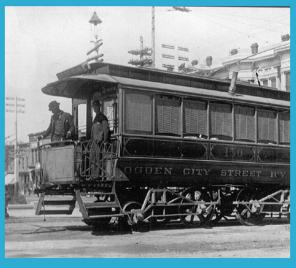
Ogden has always been a city built on transportation, from its early days as a railroad hub and role in the Transcontinental Railroad, to neighborhood trolleys, to modern day bus and commuter rail.

Top: Ogden Station and the Weber River (1875)

Bottom: Ogden Trolley (left) and Ogden Rail Depot (right)

Sources: University of Utah Marriott Library and Ogden Union Station

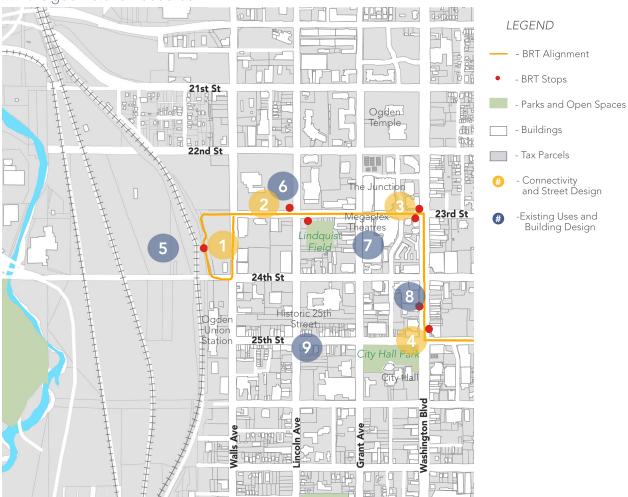






#### **DOWNTOWN**

MAP 3 Ogden Station Subarea



In Downtown Ogden, the BRT corridor connects the Intermodal Transit Center and Union Station to Washington Boulevard, with a range of civic, entertainment, and employment uses. Downtown is the civic, cultural, spiritual, and economic center of Ogden. While historic 25th Street and the Junction provide a walkable experience that is convenient to many different destinations, other areas are characterized with longer block lengths, underused spaces or expansive surface parking lots.

Wider streets form large blocks in a traditional grid pattern, with some mid-block connections. The majority of Ogden Station is in the Central Business District (CBD) or CBD Intensive District with development requirements that would encourage high density, transit-oriented development.



### **Connectivity & Street Design**



- 1 Longer block lengths, non-buffered sidewalks and a wide street are found along Wall Ave. To the west, 24th St. provides the nearest crossing to West Ogden and I-15.
- 2 Diagonal parking exists along 23rd St. without a mid-block crossing.



- 3 Development of the Junction included reestablishing the smaller blocks with Kiesel Ave. that provides a more direct connection.
- 4 A hill east of Washington Blvd., separates downtown from the central bench. Pedestrians must navigate a wide five lane street crossing and climb a hill to go east.

### **Existing Uses & Building Design**

- West of Wall Ave. the landscape opens to an expansive area of rail yards and vacant land.
- 6 Extensive off-street parking and a lack of shade dominate the northwest corner of 23rd St. and Lincoln Ave.



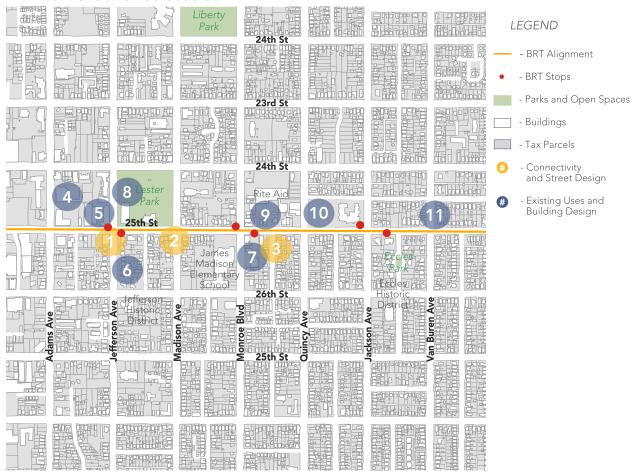
- The Junction is composed of large-scale entertainment, housing and retail uses that form an almost uninterrupted multi-story building facade around the block.
- From 22nd St. south past 25th St. is a continuous multi-story building facade fronting the street.



Historic 25th St. contributes to the historic and cultural character of Downtown, but there is extensive underdeveloped land just behind these buildings.

### **EAST-CENTRAL**

MAP 4 25th and Monroe Subarea



Between Washington Boulevard and Harrison Boulevard, the alignment runs east/west along 25th Street. This section contains a mixture of historic homes, commercial and civic uses, including two historic districts and the recent arts district. Further east, land uses are primarily detached single family homes that take direct access to 25th Street. There is good overall connectivity with a traditional grid street pattern, with some larger blocks divided by a shorter grid system.

This area is primary zoned for multiple family or two-family residential, with the eastern side of Monroe Avenue zoned as Neighborhood Commercial. While the commercial zoning allows for a mixture of uses and no minimum lot area requirements, the height maximum is 35 feet. Residential zoning requires minimum lot areas that range from 4,000 to 5,000 square feet, including 40 to 50-foot lot width minimums. The Two-Family Residential Zone – East Central also limits residential uses to single and/or two-family dwellings.



### **Connectivity & Street Design**



- 1 Exposed rail from the historic trolley and large historic homes exist along Jefferson Ave.
- Continuous street trees along Madison Ave., along with more frequent curb-cuts on 25th St.
- 3 Block lengths are shorter along the south side of 25th St., east of Monroe Blvd.

### Existing Uses & Building Design



Recent housing and a mixed-use building are found north of 25th St.



Historic gym building is located on 25th St.



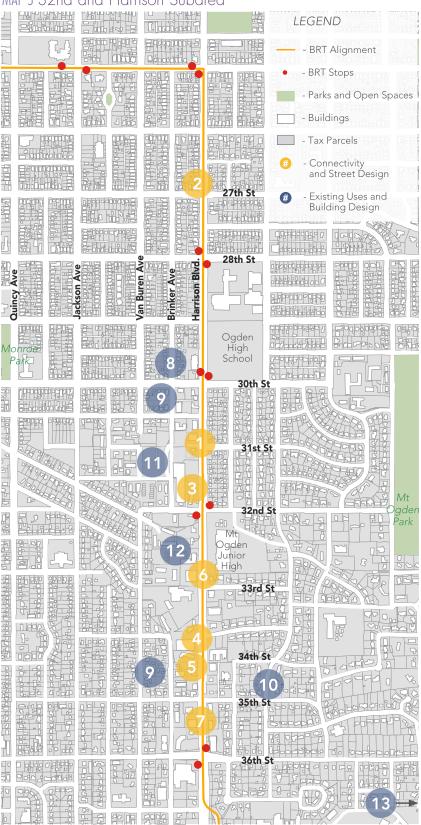
- 6 Historic homes along Jefferson Ave. are part of the Jefferson Historic District.
- 7 Corner market and small-scale retail near James Madison Elementary.
- 8 Public library and Lester Park. Multi-story residential apartments near Monroe Blvd.



- Multi-story residential apartments near Monroe Blvd.
- Large auto-oriented Rite Aid and adjacent vacant property for potential redevelopment in the future.
- Further east of Jackson Ave., land uses are primarily detached single family homes along 25th St.

### **Harrison Boulevard**

MAP 5 32nd and Harrison Subarea



Harrison Boulevard is a major north/south regional connector street linking opposite ends of Ogden and homes, businesses and schools in between. Between 25th Street and 30th Street, single family homes take direct access onto Harrison Boulevard. Further south, the western street side includes commercial and office uses. and many parcels have surface parking between the building and street, creating an autooriented environment. Sidewalks along Harrison Boulevard are narrow or curb-tight, there are few crossings, and connectivity to adjacent residential neighborhoods off of Harrison Boulevard is inconsistent.

Most of this area is zoned residential, with commercial zoning along some of the west side of Harrison Boulevard. While there is some Multiple-Family Residential zoning west of Harrison Boulevard, the majority of existing uses are currently single family.



### **Connectivity & Street Design**



- Narrow sidewalks without a street buffer are common along most of Harrison Blvd.
- Good connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods and shorter block lengths east of Harrison and north of 28th St.
- 3 Auto-oriented commercial uses with limited access to residential uses nearby.



- 4 Commercial uses are set back from the street with longer block lengths.
- Lack of connectivity to neighborhoods to the west, south of 32nd St.
- 6 Lack of signalized crossing between 32nd St. and 36th St. within a 1/2-mile radius.
- 36th St. is a major east/west connector to Washington Blvd.

### **Existing Uses & Building Design**

- 8 Smaller scale commercial uses exist near 30th St.
- A lack of parks and public spaces within a short walking distance (multiple locations).
- Predominately lower density, single family homes.



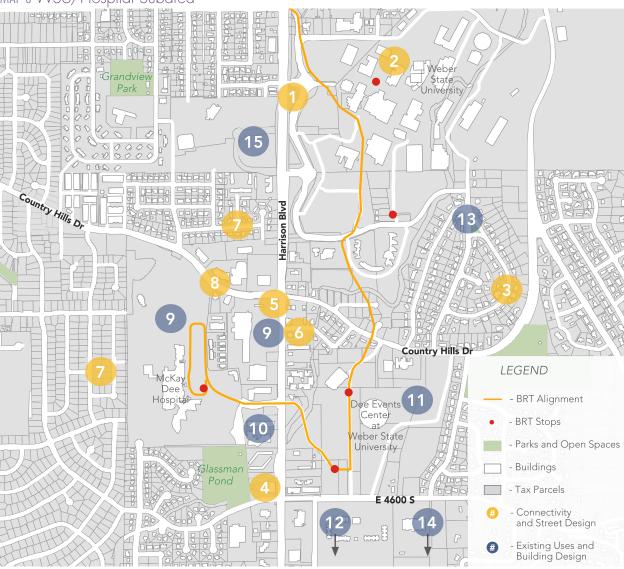
- Vacant land off of Harrison Blvd. near 31st St.
- Strongs Canyon and connections to the trail system exist off of 36th St.



Several multi-story apartments are south of 32nd.

### **WSU / McKay-Dee Hospital**

MAP 6 WSU/Hospital Subarea



WSU and McKay-Dee Hospital are major destinations in Ogden, for students, patients, visitors and staff. Along Harrison Boulevard, auto-oriented commercial uses and large surface parking areas dominate the streetfront. The two major institutional campuses also have different circulation patterns. While the WSU campus offers convenient and walkable pathways to and through campus, the McKay- Dee Hospital and Events Center have large parking areas that limit convenient linkages through these areas.

Zoning for this area includes the Professional/ Institutional Zone which limits heights for lots less than ten acres to 35 feet and a maximum lot coverage of 50 percent. The Community Commercial Zone along Harrison Boulevard also has a maximum building coverage of 50 percent



### **Connectivity & Street Design**



- 1 Park-like promenade meanders along Harrison Blvd. on campus.
- Pedestrian connections offer convenient linkages through the WSU campus.
- Southeast of campus is a curvilinear street pattern.
- 4 Long block lengths south of Country Hills Dr. with limited pedestrian crossings and access to uses west of Harrison Blvd.



- 3 Along Harrison Blvd. there are narrow sidewalks with a lack of shade.
- Single tenant drive aisles and limited connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods.
- 7 Lack of connectivity west of Harrison Blvd.
- 8 Country Hills Dr. provides a major east/west connection to Washington Blvd.

### **Existing Uses & Building Design**



- Extensive surface parking serving commercial uses and the hospital. Surface parking also serves as a park-and-ride for students who use shuttles to reach various points in the WSU campus (multiple locations).
- Some multi-family and campus housing is located west of Harrison Blvd.
- Extensive surface parking serving McKay Dee Events Center.
- Large format strip commercial development south of Country Hills Dr.



- Larger lot, lower density residential uses surround campus to the south and east.
- Auto-oriented strip commercial extends south of campus.
- The McKay-Dee North Campus contains a large underdeveloped landscape area between the building and streets.

### KEY BARRIERS

### Lower Population Growth, and Residential and Employment Density in Some Locations

Population growth has a direct result in the demand for housing and commercial and employment space (Table 2.1). Growth in the corridor has been slower than the wider region, although the growth rate for Downtown households is higher suggesting it has attracted significant regional growth. Different areas of the corridor also have different numbers of residents and employees.

Neither the East Central nor Harrison Boulevard subdistricts are major areas of employment (Figure 2.1). However, East Central has the most residents along the corridor, while Harrison – despite being the smallest corridor subdistrict – has more residents than the WSU/Hospital area. It should also be noted that these numbers do not include students commuting to and from WSU. Map 7 on the following page shows density of new population and employment in the study area through 2050.

TABLE 2.1 Half-Mile Corridor Growth Projections, 2017-2037

	2017 est.	Est. '17-'40 Annual Growth Rate	2027 est.	2037 est.	10-year Growth Total	20-year Growth Total
Population	29,850	0.5%	31,350	33,000	1,500	3,150
Households	11,150	1.0%	12,300	13,600	1,150	2,450
Approximate Res	idential Unit D	1,100	2,400			
Employment	20,200	1.2%	23,000	26,000	2,600	5,600
Approximate Cor	nmercial & En	790,000	1,680,000			

Source: ESRI, WFRC and Leland Consulting Group Note: commercial and employment space demand is based on 300 square feet per employee

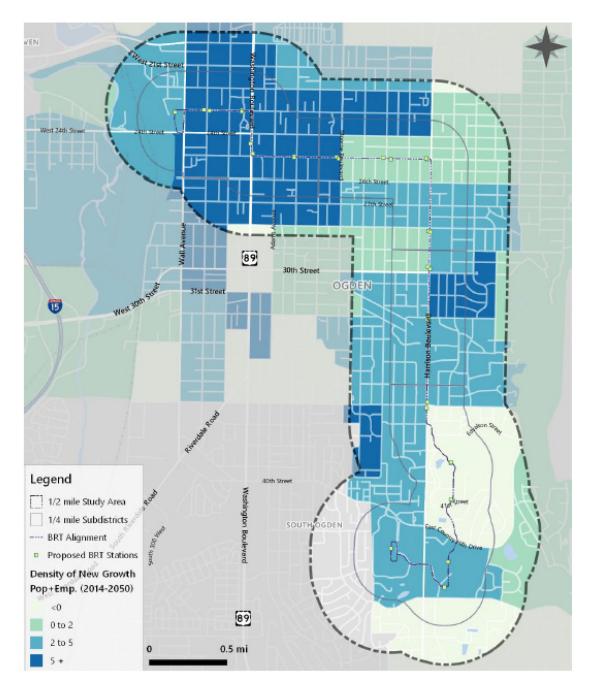
FIGURE 2.1 Residents and Employees by Subdistrict, 2017



Source: ESRI and Leland Consulting Group



MAP 7 Annual Corridor Growth (Employment + Population) 2014-2050



Source: AGRC, WFRC, TIGER, and Leland Consulting Group

FIGURE 2.2 Average block size (acres), 2018



<sup>\*</sup>WSU and McKay-Dee Hospital are large developments that follow a "campus-style" development pattern. Block sizes are therefore more difficult to accurately measure. Further, internal circulation and walkability is more prevalent in these developments. Source: WFRC.

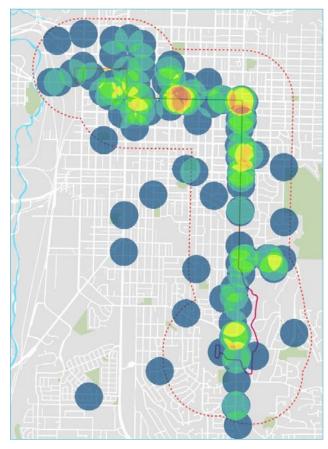
### **Large Block Lengths**

Walkable centers and corridors function best when the areas have good physical form. Small block sizes with more street connections decrease the distance people must walk from one destination to another. Figure 2.2 (above) shows the average block size (in acres) within each quarter-mile subdistrict. Here, the subdistricts with the highest proportion of single-family development have the smallest average block size.

### **Gaps in the Active Transportation Network**

For some Ogden residents, transit is the primary method of transportation to a wide range of services that are essential for everyday life: the grocery store, medical centers, schools, parks, government service buildings, and other destinations. It is also important for people living in affordable housing areas to have safe and comfortable walking and bicycling connections to transit – they may be more reliant on transit as a method of transportation, or may be able to spend less of their income on transportation by using public transit. Throughout the community engagement discussions, conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users was a top priority and concern.

FIGURE 2.3
Online Survey Results Showing Key Barrier Locations



Above: Results from the online survey. Yellow/ orange indicates locations with the most comments or greatest number of barriers. (Source: MIG



According to results from the online survey, heavy vehicle traffic, missing bicycle lanes, and feeling unsafe were some of the top issues identified by survey respondents. The most significant active transportation safety issues along the corridor are on Washington Boulevard which is where many bicycle collisions occur (Figure 2.3). While there are roughly two blocks of bike lane on Washington Boulevard near downtown, the remainder of the corridor has no bicycle facilities.

# Socio-economic Conditions and Housing Supply

The Gardner Business Journal found that almost 20 percent of all renter-occupied households throughout Weber County remain severely cost burdened (meaning 50 percent or more of household income is going to housing costs), and more than seven percent of all owner-occupied households are severely cost burdened. Weber County also has 83 percent of tax credit units in very low economic prosperity tracts - most of which are located in Ogden - the highest concentration in the Wasatch Front region. The 2013 Housing Assessment and Plan for Weber County suggests that the problem with affordable housing in the region has more to do with quality rather than quantity. It explains that the existing number of affordable housing units is sufficient, but due to the age and condition of the existing housing stock, many low and moderate-income households may be living in substandard conditions.

### **Development Costs**

Construction and land costs all contribute to potential opportunities for new development. While construction costs have rapidly been increasing, land costs differ based on the market, site condition, and location, among other factors. Low or no land costs for a prospective developer can make a significant difference for project feasibility. Ogden's land cost, on average, is relatively low relative to the rest of the Wasatch Front region. However, with such limited land available

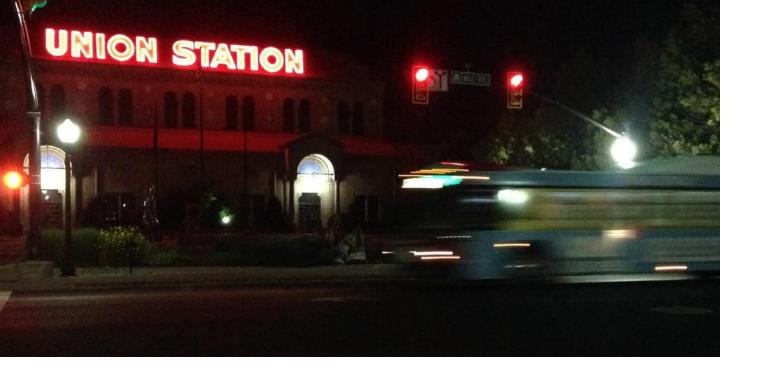
throughout the BRT corridor, land prices may inflate beyond the typical market as developers seek to build close to the alignment. Parking costs are often the most prohibitive part of a potential project's feasibility, especially when minimum parking requirements are inappropriately high.

### **Policy and Regulatory Barriers**

Maximum lot coverage ranges from 40 to 60 percent in the multiple-family residential zones, which puts a limit on density and land use efficiency and is likely to be a significant barrier for TOD projects with structured parking, which may use up to 100 percent of the lot. Permitted housing densities in the City's existing multiple-family zones are significantly lower than typical TOD densities. For example, R-3 and R-4 allow projects with only up to nine units by right at densities of up to 20 and 26 dwelling units per acre; a project with 10 or more units requires a conditional use permit. Typically, TOD zoning will have significantly higher or even eliminate maximum densities or unit counts.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

Development within the UTA FrontRunner Station site is limited by a deed restriction on the use of the property from previous rail-related industrial uses that occurred on or near the site. The deed restriction allows the site to be used for office, commercial, industrial, and other non-residential uses, but prohibits residential, lodging, recreational uses, and other similar uses. Ultimately, the future potential of the UTA site for a mixture of uses envisioned by the community will be dependent on site remediation at the time of redevelopment. The Ogden River and smaller tributaries including Sullivan Hollow along Harrison Boulevard have specific designations for flood hazards. Ogden City has specific standards for development in floodways that must be met at the time of development review. These include requiring residential structures to have the lowest floor above the base flood elevation.







### KEY OPPORTUNITIES

### **A Proud and Distinctive Identity**

The Wasatch Mountains and the Weber and Ogden Rivers are prominent form-givers to the City. They act as visual and recreational amenities while posing some development constraints. The City of Ogden's General Plan provides a unified vision for the city, including policies and initiatives to enhance the community identity.

### **Bike and Small Vehicle Sharing**

Ogden City has been proactive in its approach to encouraging more people to walk or bike. The 2016 Bicycle Master Plan identified high-priority locations for bike share stations and Ogden successfully secured funds in 2017 from Wasatch Front Regional Council's Transportation Alternatives Program to pay for kiosk installation for the first phase of bike share stations.

# Major Destinations and Employment Centers that Anchor Each End of the Corridor

Over half of all jobs in the corridor are located Downtown and about one-third are in the WSU/ Hospital area. Weber State is one of the fastest growing universities in the state, seeing an increase of almost 700 students in its total enrollment from 2016 to 2017. The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) forecasts WSU will grow by 2.3 percent per year over the next 10 years. This growth is likely to drive demand for new development in the southern sections of the corridor – particularly for student or market-rate multifamily housing.

### **City Policies and Economic Incentives**

The corridor contains seven active and planned or proposed Redevelopment Areas (RDAs) and Community Reinvestments Areas (CRAs)— most of which are clustered downtown. RDAs and CRAs freeze the tax valuation for all taxable properties inside a swath of land that's been targeted by the city for reinvestment. These areas provide financial incentives that can greatly improve the feasibility of new development and are therefore important to consider when identifying opportunity sites. The City also offers homebuyer closing or mortgage cost support, redevelopment and resale of foreclosed homes for a discounted price, and tax increment financing for larger projects.

### **Higher Transit Ridership**

The Ogden/WSU BRT will build upon and improve an already successful transit corridor, making it more convenient for a wider range of potential riders. Currently, Route 603 carries 1,500 riders/day. With improved frequency, speed, and stop amenities, it is projected that the new BRT route will serve 3,300 riders/day plus another 3,000 riders, as the BRT is planned to replace the existing Weber State Shuttle by providing a more direct connection through campus.

# HISTORIC RESOURCES AND REVITALIZATION

Historical districts and historical buildings are also assets that make a neighborhood more likely to be redeveloped. Historical assets are treasured by a rising segment of the population — those whom economist Richard Florida terms the "Creative Class." This group, whose members generally work in cities in careers structured around innovation, represents the new direction of the US post-industrial economy. The group plays a large role in the trend toward the revitalization of historic town and city centers and the reuse of former industrial zones. As a result of these trends, the renovation of historic buildings is becoming more fashionable among real estate developers and consumers.

Source: Hook, Walter, Lotshaw, Stephanie, and Weinstock, Annie, More Development for Your Transit Dollar: An Analysis of 21 North American Transit Corridors, ITDP

### **Support for High Performance Transit**

The BRT corridor is surrounded by six acknowledged Planning Communities. A majority of the six community plans envision to have better mass transit and to encourage an integrated transportation system that employs multiple modes and safer streets for all users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists. Throughout the community engagement events and online outreach efforts, many participants voiced their support for transit and excitement for the future.

### **A Diverse Community**

Ogden is a community of different cultures. Most notable is the city's large Hispanic population. The proportion of the population of Hispanic origin is over double that of the region, with one in every two downtown residents of Hispanic origin, and two in every five in East Central. There are many multi-cultural businesses along or near the corridor, and different cultures, languages, and customs that help make the city vibrant and dynamic.

## **Gridded Street Network and Planned Active Transportation Projects**

The majority of the corridor is connected by a gridded street network, formed by the original block pattern of the design for the city. In particular, there are several north/south and east/west streets that bisect the BRT corridor and provide good access to other parts of the city and region. The Ogden Bicycle Master Plan (2016) also contains recommendations for a range of bicycle facilities (both corridor and intersection level). Planned bike facilities along or near the corridor including bike lanes along streets paralleling 25th Street and along Harrison Boulevard.



### Parks, Greenspaces, and Access to the Outdoors

The BRT corridor is also adjacent to various parks and open spaces including the Municipal Gardens, Lindquist Field, Lester Park, Dee Memorial Park and Glassman Pond to the south. Access to the trail network is also made through several easy/west streets off of Harrison Boulevard beyond the ½-mile study area . Various other parks and open spaces fall within a ¼-mile of the BRT corridor. Still, some areas of the corridor lack parks or greenspaces within a convenient walking distance, especially along Harrison Boulevard and near Ogden Station.



### **HEARING FROM OGDEN'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

The planning team presented materials at Ogden's Hispanic Festival to hear from Ogden's Hispanic community. A Spanish translator was on hand at this event, as well as the two community-wide events. The festival was a great opportunity to hear from members of Ogden's Hispanic/Latino community; a target audience for engagement on the project. The display station (below) provided posters and handouts translated in Spanish.







### **REGIONAL MARKET CONDITIONS**

- Construction boom across all property types
- Strong light-industrial growth
- Affordable housing market, relative to other regions in the West Coast and Mountain West
- Well-educated workforce
- Diversified economy with many employment options
- High quality of life
- High population and job growth
- Recent influx of major construction and development companies
- Market depth, which allows for investors to make significant investments
- Proximity to a major airport (SLC)
- Major growth in urban infill driven by Millennial demand for downtown living

### MARKET CONDITIONS

The project team conducted a market analysis to establish key strengths, weaknesses, barriers, and opportunities relating to the real estate market based on observed supply and demand characteristics and real estate trends (Appendix B). The analysis conducted for the Ogden BRT corridor specifically highlighted these factors as they related to transit-oriented development.

### **Corridor Demographics**

Approximately 60 percent of households in the corridor are considered the primary target market for TOD (Figure 2.4). The primary target market for TOD typically includes single households (especially 18 to 34-year-olds and seniors), households with no children, and transit-dependent households such as low-income families. The secondary market for transit-oriented development includes single parents and other non-family households (e.g., students). Married couples with children¹ are the most difficult to attract to TOD, and only account for 21 percent of existing households in the corridor.

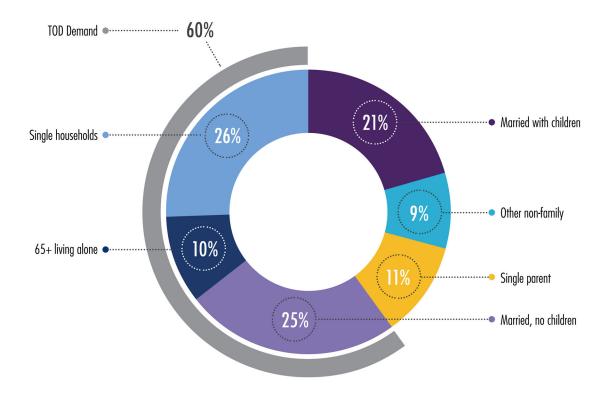
### **Market Strength (Market Readiness)**

Evaluating market variables—such as rents, vacancy rates, absorption trends, and construction trends—provides an indication of market strength. This, in turn, helps evaluate whether proposed project types are economically feasible under local real estate market conditions. For example, TOD is seldom feasible in "limited" markets, but may be feasible in "emerging" markets with public assistance, financing, incentives, or a bullish developer. "Strong" markets will typically accommodate most building types.

<sup>1</sup> Traditionally, households with children have favored lower density housing types. However, if the transit service can accommodate flexible schedules, transit use could help ease affordability burdens for many families.



FIGURE 2.4 Households by Family Type, Corridor Study Area, 2015



Source: ACS (from ESRI) and Leland Consulting Group

Based on development trends and socioeconomic, economic, and real estate characteristics, the Ogden BRT corridor is an **EMERGING** market, and may be ideally suited for catalytic investments to enhance local market strength. Recent developments in Ogden have achieved higher rents and fast absorption rates, indicative of greater market support than historical trends. These upward trends show market momentum and may be leveraged for increased rates of development if land supply and the regulatory conditions allow. Typically, low-rise and mid-rise buildings would be feasible in an emerging market. Higher-density building types would typically require additional funding, incentives, or other public assistance in order to be feasible.

### TOD Opportunities (Development Potential)

TOD opportunity is another phrase for development potential. These metrics evaluate where the regulatory, physical, and infrastructure framework of the station area is ready to support new development, and determine the potential capacity for new development. Criteria for opportunities include developable land (vacant and underutilized), transit-supportive zoning, and special districts (such as Redevelopment Agency project areas). Map 3 shows the location of opportunity sites within the study area.

OGDEN RIVER Legend 1/2-mile Study Area 1/4-mile Subdistricts 21st Street **BRT Alignment EAST WASHINGTON** CBD MALL TRACKLINE **Proposed BRT Stations** OGDEN! Parks ADAMS KIESEL GRAMERCY **Economic and** Redevelopment CONTINENTAL BAKERY **Project Areas** Proposed WALL AVENUE 27th Street Active 0.5 mi Inactive

FIGURE 2.5 Economic and Redevelopment Areas

Source: AGRC, Weber County, WFRC, TIGER, Ogden City and Leland Consulting Group

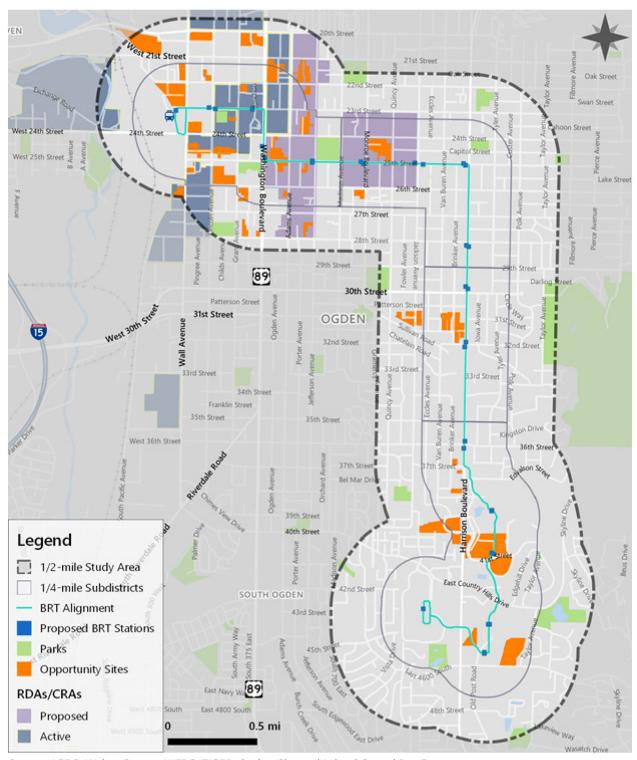
# Market Conditions and Opportunities Key findings:

- Most development opportunities are located at either end of the corridor (Map 8).
- Demand for additional housing development is anticipated to increase, driven by significant population growth throughout the region.
- Student housing is emerging as a favorable development type in the corridor due to national trends and local higher education institutions increasing efforts to recruit more outof-state and international students.
- Several planned joint venture (public and private partnerships) projects will help to build market momentum, especially downtown, potentially increasing the feasibility of more significant and longer-term development projects nearby, such as the railyards.

- High-density housing projects generates demand for community-serving retail such as restaurants, cafés, coffee shops, and grocery stores.
- Redevelopment Agency projects areas in Downtown and East Central (Figure 2.5) provide significant development incentives to help bridge funding gaps for larger projects. Additional project areas in the corridor would increase development opportunities.
- TOD typically achieves rent premiums of between five to 20 percent above the market average for residential development, and 10 to 15 percent for commercial development, which would help bridge development feasibility gaps in the corridor.



MAP 8 Study Area Opportunity Sites



Source: AGRC, Weber County, WFRC, TIGER, Ogden City and Leland Consulting Group

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# CHAPTER 3

BRT ALIGNMENT-



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# THE FUTURE OF OGDEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE TRANSIT CORRIDOR

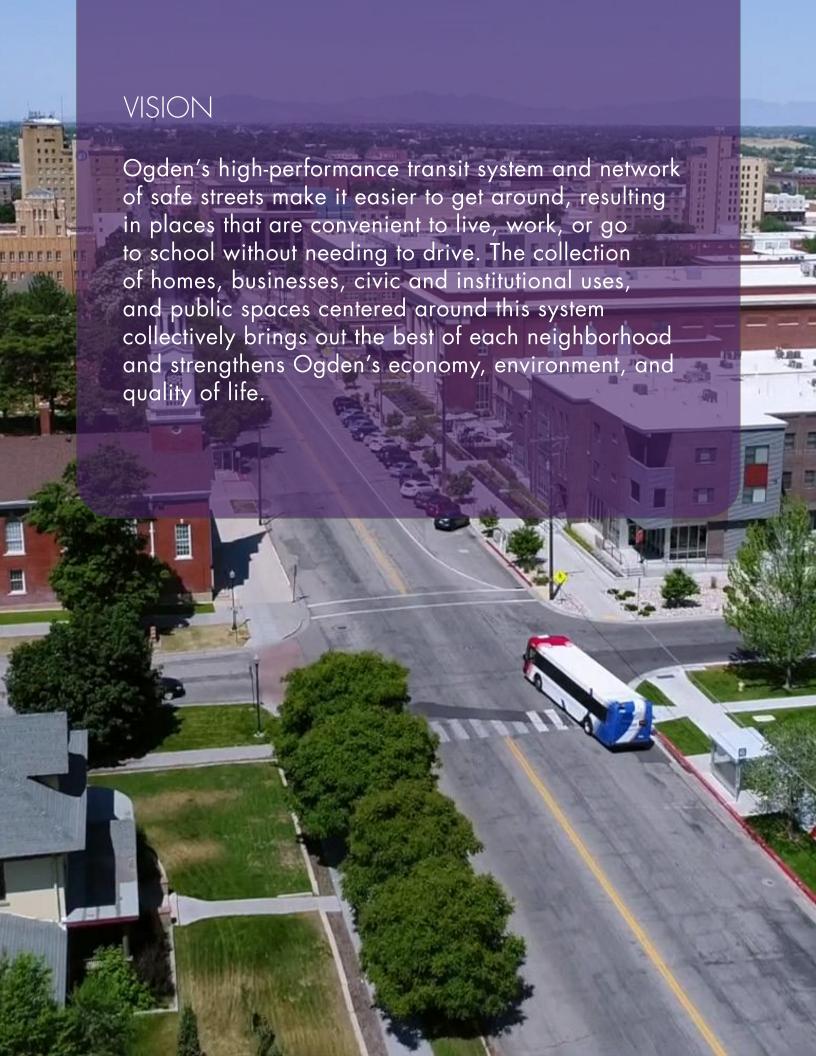
### THE CORRIDOR VISION

Transit-Oriented Development is about creating an environment where housing is accessible and affordable, and where everyone can walk or ride safely to the park, school, work, or go shopping, all without needing to drive. Achieving this for the Ogden/Weber State Corridor requires a vision that inspires local leaders, developers and neighbors to think creatively about the possibilities of what the corridor can become. Based on extensive conversations and input from the community engagement process, this chapter presents the vision, goals, and station characteristics for Ogden's future BRT corridor.

The vision for the Ogden's BRT corridor defines what the future holds for surrounding neighborhoods and station areas. The vision balances the best of existing neighborhoods and community assets with the infusion of high-performance transit and new investment, resulting in greater vitality, activity, and mobility.

"This is a rare opportunity to scale our local transit to be a national leader in accessible, green, and effective transit which integrates our diverse community."

- public comment







### **Key Objectives from the Community**

There were hundreds of interested community members that voiced their ideas for the future of the BRT corridor. During the Corridor Vision Workshop, there were several common themes that shaped the vision for Ogden Onboard.

"What would get you to walk/bike to a future BRT station?"

- Greater density and a mixture of uses
- Redevelopment of underused buildings
- Lower cost (or free) transit service
- Predictable service and real-time information
- Integrating bicycles with buses
- Improved safety, especially lighting
- Making transit more convenient than driving

"Where would you focus improvements?"

- Underdeveloped or under-performing commercial areas
- Monroe and 25th, and Rite-Aid site
- Areas with high ridership
- Existing activity centers (e.g. Transit HUB, WSU, Library)
- Surface parking areas, or new structured parking
- Safer conditions for pedestrians and cyclists along Harrison

# TRANSIT-ORIENTED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

There are three primary goals for transit-oriented development along the corridor, with multiple objectives that helped guide development of recommendations and design concepts in Chapters 4 and 5. The objectives also provide descriptions that explain how the community can achieve each goal. The goals feature example images of successful spaces and facilities used throughout the study process.



- 1.1 Walking and cycling routes are direct and integrated
- 1.2 High quality transit is easily accessible
- **1.3** Improvements to transit should build on existing routes and stops
- **1.4** There is clear signage to direct you to and through the city







Encourage **inclusive places** through an environment that is welcoming to everyone and results in diverse ridership, including students, workers, and visitors and accessibility for all abilities and mobility modes.



- 2.1 There are safe, complete and accessible routes to walk, roll or bike
- **2.2** The streetfront is active and inviting, day and night
- **2.3** There is a diversity of housing options and types
- 2.4 Streets and public spaces encourage all walks of life to gather

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### GOAL 3.

Build **complete neighborhoods** with access to jobs, housing, and essential services.



- **3.1** Destinations are within a short walking distance of transit stations
- **3.2** There is a mixture of different uses all centered around transit
- 3.3 Historical, cultural and environmental assets are protected and showcased
- **3.4** New development is carefully designed to integrate within the local context and character of surrounding neighborhoods

### STATION TYPES

Based on the vision, there are four potential BRT stations types for Ogden's future BRT Corridor (Figure 3.1 and Table 3.1). Station types help organize the range of potential ingredients for different station areas and describe how different conditions and opportunities will contribute to the overarching vision. Station types address the questions, "how will this location function in the future?" and "how will new development fit within existing neighborhoods."

FIGURE 3.1 Station Type Examples











### TRANSIT-ORIENTED INDICATORS

The station types each have unique characteristics that can be described by the following ingredients.

- Land Use Mix: A greater mixture of uses within a 1/4-to 1/2-mile walking distance allows more people to walk or take transit to their destination. A nearby mix of housing, jobs and services also makes a more complete and self-reliant neighborhood.
- **Blocks and Connectivity:** Shorter and more direct routes provide more efficient ways to get around the neighborhood, especially on foot or bike.
- **Built Form:** The distance between buildings and the street, presence and location of parking, landscaping and other factors all influence places that are welcoming and safe for people walking, relaxing, or waiting for transit.
- **Building Height:** Multi-story buildings allow for a greater number of people to live closer to more destinations and activities, while also attracting more businesses and private investment.
- **Mobility:** Slower speeds, easy access to transit, bike routes, connected and accessible sidewalks and safe crossings all make it easier to walk, roll, bike or get to transit without relying on a car.

TABLE 3.1 Station Types and Characteristics

	Land Use Mix	Blocks And Connectivity	Built Form	Building Height	Mobility
URBAN CENTER	Greatest mix of uses including multi-family, commercial, office, civic, institutional and entertainment  Mix of uses extends through multiple blocks from transit station	Smaller block sizes with pedestrian connections between longer block lengths Good connectivity at all intersections	Most buildings built to sidewalks and streets  Most buildings with parking behind or beside the street and building front	Mid- to-high-rise buildings (3-6+ stories)  Transitional, stepped building heights at edges of residential or historic neighborhoods (1-2 stories)	Good sidewalks and with highest priority to pedestrians  Good bicycle routes and infrastructure  Access to many transit routes with direct connections to surrounding neighborhoods and greater region
INSTITUTIONAL CAMPUS	Institutional/civic uses are anchors to employment, services and housing  Mix of uses oriented to the transit stop  Mix of uses exists within a block from transit station  Mix of attached single-family and multi-family homes	Larger block sizes with pedestrian connections between longer block lengths  Good connectivity at most intersections  Landscaped pedestrian connections linking institutional uses	"Main Street" buildings closest to transit street are built- to street  Surface parking lots are tucked behind or beside buildings  Larger scale buildings for healthcare/ education/ research	Some midrise buildings closest to transit street (3-5 stories)  Taller buildings placed towards center of institutional campus  Gradual transition to low-rise development away from institutional campus (1-2 stories)	Good sidewalks and bike routes  Good connections to transit, bike routes, and sidewalks/ street crossings

	Land Use Mix	Blocks And Connectivity	Built Form	Building Height	Mobility
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER	Mix of uses oriented to the transit stop at both street sides and each block corner  Mostly lower density commercial uses along arterials  Mix of single family and small-scale multi-family homes	Consistent gridded street network with pedestrian connections between larger block lengths  Best connectivity directly from the station	Collection of buildings with parking behind or beside the street and building frontages nearest transit stops  Landscaping and buildings brought close to street to provide sense of enclosure for pedestrians	Low-rise buildings (1-2 stories) Taller buildings at major intersections (3-5 stories)	Pedestrian- oriented closest to transit stops  Quieter/slower residential streets away from transit stops  Good sidewalks and access to bike routes  Good access to transit stops and route transfers
EMERGING CORRIDOR	Commercial uses along arterials (one or both sides of street)  Mix of single family and small-scale multi-family homes	Larger block sizes with some pedestrian connections between longer block lengths  Best connectivity directly from the station, diminishing further away	New development built closer to the street with off-street parking behind or beside buildings  Landscaped buffers separating busy streets from the sidewalk	Low-rise buildings (1-2 stories)  Mid-rise residential and mixed- use buildings at corners and placed to preserve character of residential neighborhood (3-5 stories)	Good sidewalks and access to the bike network  Access to one or more transit stops

# FIGURE 3.2 Station Character URBAN CENTER

# LAND USE MIX





### **BLOCKS AND CONNECTIVITY**







### BUILT FORM AND BUILDING HEIGHT







### **MOBILITY**









# FIGURE 3.3 Station Character NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER















BUILT FORM AND BUILDING HEIGHT















### FIGURE 3.4 Station Character

### AN EMERGING CORRIDOR







### **BLOCKS AND CONNECTIVITY**







### BUILT FORM AND BUILDING HEIGHT















### FIGURE 3.5 Station Character

### AN INSTITUTIONAL CAMPUS







### BLOCKS AND CONNECTIVITY







### BUILT FORM AND BUILDING HEIGHT







### MOBILITY







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# CHAPTER 4

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### TRANSIT-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK

### FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

The goals for Ogden Onboard outline the primary conditions needed to preserve and enhance a mix of equitable housing and access to jobs, services, and public facilities. These goals may be met by encouraging mixed-use, transit-served neighborhoods that promote local community and economic development by providing expanded housing options, commercial and retail spaces, community services, and other amenities that are integrated into safe, walkable neighborhoods.

This chapter presents a series of recommendations for the BRT corridor organized by the three goals for Ogden Onboard.

"[I would like to see] mixed use development that is dense enough to provide affordable housing for area incomes."

- public comment



### Create strong connections

with better connectivity between the WSU campus, the hospital, and Downtown, and provide efficient and consistent service along the way.

### Improve Pedestrian Connectivity to Strengthen Access to Essential Services from the Transit Corridor

Ogden's BRT route will traverse a wide range of pedestrian environments: from the walkable Downtown to the sprawling university and hospital campuses. Different portions of the corridor need different modifications to create a safe, comfortable environment for transit users. There are several corridor-wide recommendations to enhance conditions for pedestrians, and that can help create stronger connections. Chapter 6 provides a detailed list of priority projects for the active transportation network.

#### **Sidewalks**

- Fix broken sidewalk sections and missing sidewalk gaps around station areas.
- Ensure that sidewalks have the appropriate grade and are not sloping into the roadway.
- Ensure a minimum 48" clear zone for pedestrians on the sidewalk by removing overgrown vegetation, and by relocating utility poles that may be blocking the sidewalk.
- Ensure that sidewalks along the corridor have curb ramps at intersections, to accommodate people in wheelchairs and other mobility devices.
- Curb ramps should have truncated domes and be directionally aligned with the crosswalks, rather than directing pedestrians into the intersection at a diagonal angle (Figure 4.1).

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRONG CONNECTIONS

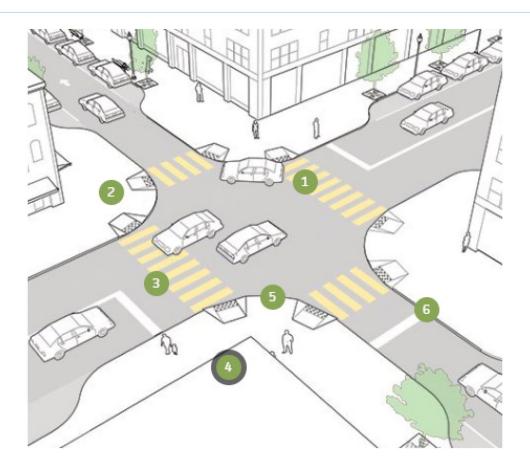
- Improve pedestrian connectivity to strengthen access to essential services from the transit corridor.
- Integrate bicycle routes and infrastructure with station design
- Encourage small vehicle sharing to improve first/last mile connections

### **Crossings and Street Design**

- Curb radii should be designed as tightly as possible to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and slow turning speeds without adversely affecting transit operations.
- Add crossing time to the pedestrian phases at intersections on Washington Boulevard and Harrison Boulevard, to ensure that slowermoving pedestrians can safely cross these roads within the time available.
- On 25th Street, slow traffic to improve conditions for pedestrians throughout the corridor. Strategies could include bulbouts at key intersections to encourage slower driving and increase pedestrian visibility; high visibility crosswalks at intersections near transit stations; speed feedback signs; and landscaped median refuges (Figures 4.1 and 4.2).
- Provide parkstrip landscaping to buffer pedestrians from high-speed traffic.
- Modify the 36th Street/Harrison Boulevard intersection to reduce the amount of pavement on 36th Street, and clarify lane locations.



FIGURE 4.1 Conventional Crosswalk Design Elements



**#1 and #3** High visibility zebra or ladder crossings as wide or wider than walkway

#2 and #5 Curb ramps directionally aligned to crossings and sidewalks

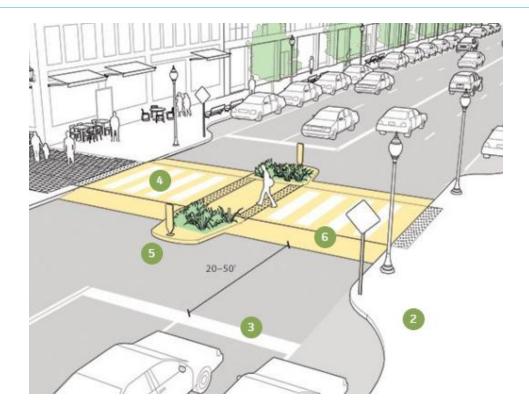
**#4** Short crossing distances using sidewalk bulbouts and tight corner radii (Right-turn-on-red restrictions may be applied citywide or in special city districts and zones where vehicle pedestrian conflicts are frequent)

#6 Advanced stop bar at least 8 feet in advance of crossing

Where an unsignalized crossing exists at a transit stop, enhanced crossing treatments or actuated signals should be added. Transit stops should ideally be located so that pedestrians cross behind the bus or transit vehicle. Far side stop placement is preferable to near side or midblock placement and increases the visibility of pedestrians crossing behind the bus.

Source: nacto.org Urban Street Design Manual

FIGURE 4.2 Midblock Crossing Design Elements



- **#2** Daylighting in advance of a cross walk makes pedestrians more visible to motorists and cars more visible to pedestrians.
- #3 Stop lines at midblock crossings should be set back 20–50 feet.
- #4 Stripe the crosswalk, regardless of the paving pattern or material.
- #5 Median or safety island for pedestrian refuge
- #6 Raised crossings at connections to essential services

Actuated pedestrian signals (half signals), hybrid beacons, or rapid flash beacons may be considered at greenway crossings, midblock locations, or unsignalized crossings where infrequent crossings make a traffic signal or stop sign unnecessary. Fixed-time signals or passive detection are preferable to push-button detection.

Source: nacto.org Urban Street Design Manual

# Integrate Bicycle Routes and Infrastructure with Station Design

Ogden's Bicycle Master Plan, adopted in 2016, is the guiding document for bicycle facilities in the city. The Plan was prepared with the knowledge of the planned BRT route, and routes were proposed in locations designed to complement, but not conflict, with the BRT buses. Overlap between proposed bicycle facilities and the BRT route is therefore minimal, but some improvements can be made along the BRT corridor to further enhance bicycle/bus interactions. Chapter 6 provides a detailed list of priority projects for the active transportation network.

#### Shared bus/bicycle street design

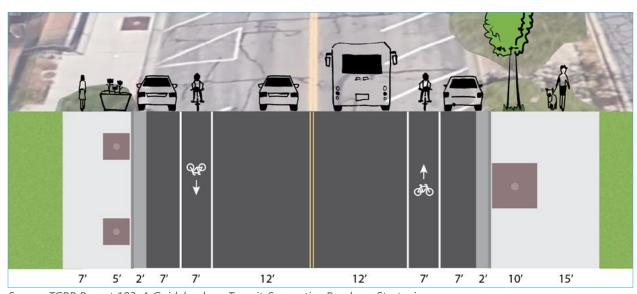
Along 23rd Street, between Wall Avenue and Grant Avenue, the planned street design includes a section of the "Weber Wildcat": a proposed bike boulevard. In this location, best practices for shared bus/bike lanes should apply (TCRP Report 183: A Guidebook on Transit-Supportive Roadway Strategies provides design options for shared bus/bike facilities). 23rd Street also has angled on-street

#### MAKING BICYCLE PARKING WORK

According to the Bus Rapid
Transit Planning Guide, "the
provision of secure bicycle parking
infrastructure is essential for cyclists
to feel comfortable in leaving their
bicycles prior to boarding the
system... To an extent, the location
of the bicycle parking facility
can act as a marketing tool to
encourage bicycle use. The more
visible and attractive the cycling
facility, the more likely it is to gain
the attention of potential users."

parking, which could be eliminated or modified to reduce conflicts between bikes, buses, and cars. If on-street parking is necessary, restriping the angled parking to parallel parking would improve visibility of cyclists to drivers pulling out of the parking spaces (Figure 4.3). However, if angled parking is necessary, require back-in parking to improve visibility of cyclists when pulling out. Parallel parking could also be used as a buffer to separate bus and vehicle traffic from cyclists, at the City's discretion

FIGURE 4.3 Shared Bus/Bike Street Design



Source: TCRP Report 183: A Guidebook on Transit-Supportive Roadway Strategies



#### Bicycle lane behind transit stop

Washington Boulevard has bike lanes in downtown Ogden which overlap with the BRT route. The BRT station at Washington Boulevard should integrate the bike lane into bus stop design, in order to maintain a continuous route for cyclists and also reduce conflicts between cyclists and transit. One option is to create a raised bike lane behind the bus station platform, to allow cyclists to continue in a designated space rather than merging into vehicle traffic (see photo example above).

#### **Cycle track**

The 2016 Bicycle Master Plan proposed a "phased implementation" bike facility on Harrison Boulevard, which is intended to be a separated bikeway or cycle track that would offer some degree of separation from vehicle traffic. The proposed Harrison Boulevard design for the BRT includes a bike lane, which would improve current conditions for cyclists on Harrison Boulevard. However, the City and UDOT should continue to look for opportunities to implement a separated bikeway on Harrison Boulevard.

#### **Turn boxes**

The 2016 Bicycle Master Plan also calls for two-stage left turn boxes at 26th Street and 36th Street on Harrison Boulevard, coinciding with the BRT route. These boxes provide a designated space for cyclists to cross busy roads, by transitioning them from the right side bike lane of one street into the area near the stop bar on the cross street where they would like to turn left. This improves safety for cyclists by reducing the need for cyclists in a right-side bike lane to merge across multiple lanes of traffic to access a left-turn pocket at a signalized intersection. The boxes should be integrated into the final design for the BRT project.

#### **Bicycle racks**

Bike racks will be provided at the transit stops, as well as on buses. UTA and the City should ensure that bicycle racks are installed correctly and allow for proper and secure storage of bicycles. This includes a need to review placement to make sure that trees, signal cabinets, signs, or other obstacles are not blocking use of bike racks.



# Encourage Small Vehicle (Micromobility) Sharing to Improve First/Last Mile Connections

Ogden City should Leverage small vehicle sharing (micromobility), such as bicycles and electric scooters, to better connect the neighborhoods to transit and destinations (see inset following page).

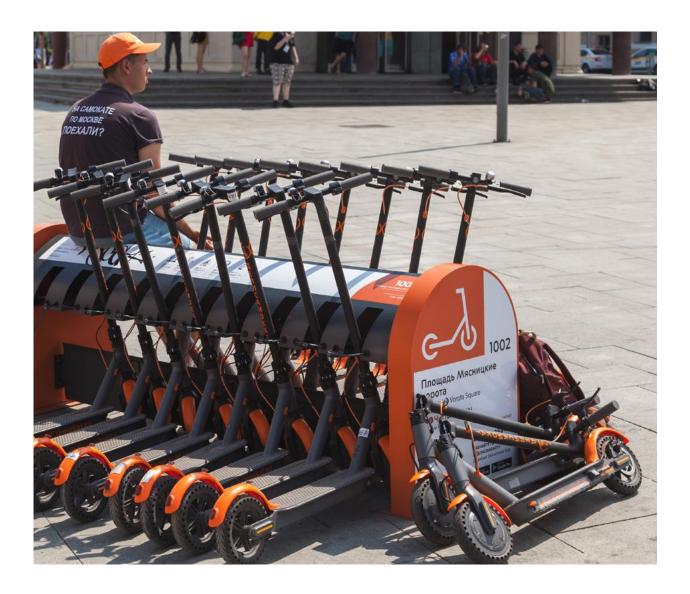
The City received funding for design and construction of an initial rollout of GREENbike docked bike share stations. Proposed bike share station locations along the BRT route include the FrontRunner station, 25th Street/Jefferson Street, and the hub on Weber State University campus. There are several strategies to encourage and manage small vehicle sharing.

- At the 25th Street/Jefferson Street proposed bike share station, construct the station so that riders access the bike share station docks from the street and not the sidewalk. This will reduce conflicts with transit passengers who are waiting for the bus or unloading from the bus.
- The bike share station at the WSU Intermodal hub sits in a large parking area, with few connecting bicycle or pedestrian facilities.
   WSU and Ogden City should to delineate

- pathways through the parking lots to provide comfortable passage for transit users, cyclists, and others throughout the campus.
- Consider vehicle storage "corrals" where onstreet parking spaces are repurposed for storing small vehicles such as scooter and bicycles.
- Consider digital parking zones or geofencing that prohibit parking of small vehicles in areas with high pedestrian volumes, or during peak hours or special events.
- Define specific neighborhoods where small vehicle sharing service is required to ensure equitable use across the city.

#### MICROMOBILITY: LAST MILE CONNECTIONS

Micromobility is a fast-growing form of small vehicles for rent or sharing for public use. Micromobility is appealing for shorter trips, such as a long walk to connect to a bus transfer, or to run a quick errand several blocks away. Vehicles can include everything from bicycles to scooters and are typically managed through an online membership program that charges a small fee to unlock, then additional costs depending on use. Vehicles can either be locked in a rental station (such as Salt Lake City's LimeBike), or dockless and tracked via GPS (such as Bird or Lime also found throughout Salt Lake and many other cities).





Encourage **inclusive places** through an environment that is welcoming to everyone and results in diverse ridership, including students, workers, and visitors and accessibility for all abilities and mobility modes.

# Integrate and Connect Public Spaces with Station Areas and Prioritize User Comfort, Accessibility, and Placemaking

Public spaces, including parks, plazas, and greenspaces, deliver a range of community benefits and are central to welcoming and inclusive transit stations and transit-oriented neighborhoods. There are several design elements that should be used to guide new public spaces near transit stations and along the BRT corridor.

- Acquire or require dedication of plaza space based on station concepts (Chapter 5).
- Locate plazas in high visibility areas such as intersections, commercial areas and community nodes
- Encourage the design of adjacent buildings to orient windows, openings, and entrances towards the public space.
- Minimize shade from the adjoining buildings and do not locate public spaces on the north facing edge of a building.
- Design public spaces community gathering and play.
- Include amenities such as benches, trees and landscaping, pedestrian-scaled lighting and shade structures.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSIVE PLACES

- Integrate and connect public spaces with station areas and prioritize user comfort, accessibility, and placemaking.
- Create a streetfront that is multifunctional and designed around a pedestrian scale.
- Create clearly defined gateways to neighborhoods and station areas.
- Use sustainable design elements in transit stations and street improvement and development projects.
- Implement a BRT Wayfinding Program.

- Include special paving in the plazas to increase visibility and identity, and to define entrances and transitions to the sidewalk and transit stop.
- Work with partners to program spaces such as Downtown Alliance, Ogden-Weber Tech., and WSU.
- Interpret local history and culture through signage, art, and architecture and use of local artists and craftspeople.

#### Create a Streetfront that is Multi-Functional and Designed Around a Pedestrian Scale

Enhance street frontages and sidewalks by defining different sidewalk zones. The sidewalk zones are the sidewalk public spaces that front a building and consist of the Sidewalk Amenity Zone, Pedestrian Zone and Activity Zone (Figure 4.4).

#### **Amenity Zone**

The Amenity Zone can contain landscaping, seating, lighting and other urban furniture. The Amenity Zone design must incorporate accessibility and shall not block access to transit stops, intersections, and crossings.

#### **Pedestrian Zone**

The Pedestrian Zone is a clear pathway allowing flow of pedestrian movement and full accessibility along the sidewalk.

#### **Activity Zone**

Activity Zone provides space for activities such as outdoor dining in front of commercial uses and a buffer zone at residential uses. The Activity Zone must be designed to incorporate accessibility requirements.



#### Create Clearly Defined Gateways to Neighborhoods and Station Areas

New development projects and station design should encourage a strong sense of arrival. This should be accomplished by reinforcing primary entrances into different neighborhoods along the BRT corridor and at station areas.

- Construct entry gateways that frame views and create visual cues and sense of arrival.
- Use public art to establish gateway features that strengthen the character and identity of Ogden and of surrounding neighborhoods. Use landscaping, signs, structures or other features that identify the neighborhood.
- A corner land mark consisting of a combination of open space and architectural building design features can also be incorporated as part of the gateway features.







# Use Sustainable Design Elements in Transit Stations and Street Improvement and Development Projects

Future improvements should prominently feature the incorporation of sustainable technologies, including solar energy, native habitat restoration, and other methods to increase environmental sustainability, harmony with the Wasatch Front landscape, and visual interest for transit users and pedestrians.

- Prioritize sustainable design elements at neighborhood and station gateways where they will contribute to the identity of Ogden and celebrate the city's unique sense of place in the region.
- Integrate solar energy for transit station amenities and station power use.
- Control solar heat gain and glare using shade.
- Consider designing green infrastructure projects as interactive or educational spaces that provide additional social functions on site, particularly when used within public spaces.
- Utilize low-maintenance and native plants to improve natural function and reduce resource usage.

#### Implement a BRT Wayfinding Program

UTA should develop consistent branding at each station and along the corridor as part of BRT design project to make branding coordinated with transit amenities and station design. As part of their recent Transportation Master Plan, Ogden City developed a Wayfinding Design Guide to establish a consistent brand and style of wayfinding throughout the city.

The Wayfinding Design Guide provides a list and map of allowable destinations to include on wayfinding signs, in accordance with local guidelines and best practices on wayfinding. Wayfinding signage near the BRT stations should incorporate the templates and styles outlined in the Wayfinding Design Guide (a sample sign is shown here), and should be coordinated with Ogden City.



Build **complete neighborhoods** with access to jobs, housing, and essential services.

# Develop a TOD Overlay Zone for priority station areas

A TOD overlay is a floating zone that implements an array of development regulations that support transit usage and creates a vibrant neighborhood around a transit station. As its name implies, the overlay zone is placed on the zoning map over an existing zoning district(s). The overlay zone modifies, eliminates, or adds regulations to the base zoning designation by effectively controlling land use without increasing the complexity of zoning regulations. Ogden currently has several different overlay zones for street corridors (12th Street), sensitive areas, and floodplains. TODsupportive zoning sets specific development standards for the area surrounding transit, encouraging transit use by requiring higher densities, a mix of uses, bicycle and pedestrian amenities, among other items. The overlay zone should extend a "walkable" distance around the station, providing specificity for the following characteristics.

#### Mix of Uses

Encourage a mix of land uses, including retail, multifamily, office, and institutional uses. Vertical mixed-use should be allowed but not required. While high minimum densities might deter initial development interest (as well as incremental or phased development), setting minimum limits for floor-area ratio and dwelling units per acre would likely encourage suburban, low-density development.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS

- Develop a TOD Overlay Zone for priority station areas.
- Expand Permitted Areas for Student Housing.
- Enhance existing policies to encourage greater residential infill.
- Consider refinements to parking policies near transit.
- Communicate development policies and incentives.
- Conduct a neighborhood housing study.
- Form a housing workgroup or task force.

#### **Affordable Housing**

While a TOD overlay will not create any affordable housing on its own, an overlay can be crafted to make sure the forms of affordable housing that best suit Ogden are permitted or incentivized. For example, density bonuses and reduced parking minimums for affordable housing should be considered as part of the overlay.

#### **Compact Development**

Permit higher-density projects near station areas and be flexible with developable lot dimensions to encourage infill projects. The City should consider higher thresholds for the overlay zone to encourage higher-density development within the BRT corridor. At minimum, new residential development should be encouraged to range between 20 to 30 units per acre.

# Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly Scale and Design

Encourage pedestrian-scaled development by requiring buildings oriented towards the street with parking behind rather than in front. Encourage development that is closer to the street through reduced setbacks, or zero lot line development.

#### **Parking Management**

Reduce parking minimums and encourage shared parking. Reducing parking minimums for projects in transit zones, especially for affordable housing, and allowing for more parking flexibility are two ways Ogden could reduce the cost for both developers and tenants. Through WFRC's Transportation and Land Use Connection Program, Ogden City will be studying adequate parking standards for Downtown, including refinements to zoning regulations to make appropriate revisions for parking. Ultimately, parking standards should vary based on the desired station type (Chapter 3). For example, station types with a higher mixture of employment and residential uses (such as the Urban Center and Institutional Campus station types) should have parking ratios of up to one space per dwelling unit or two per 1,000 square feet of commercial space.

#### MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING

For most of the corridor, "missing middle" is the recommended residential building type. Not only would these developments be consistent with the character of existing housing - particularly in the East Central and Harrison Boulevard subdistricts – but they are more feasible in the short-term and can help build momentum in the market. Several "missing middle" housing products have been recently built in the Ogden area – considerably more units than higher density residential units. One such example is the townhomes at The Meadows at Riverbend, pictured on the following page. Missing middle housing is typically "easier" to build because it allows a developer to take advantage of economies of scale and requires less initial investment or access to capital (and hence increased feasibility).

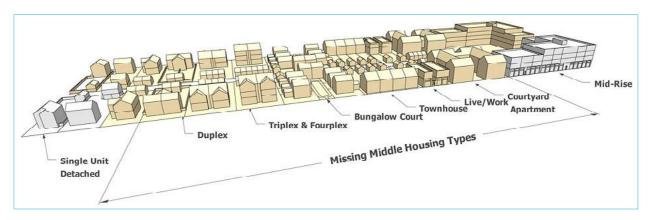


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# Expand Permitted Areas for Student Housing

Weber State is one of the fastest growing universities in the state, seeing an increase of almost 700 students in its total enrollment from 2016 to 2017. This growth is likely to drive demand for new development in the southern sections of the corridor – particularly for student or market-rate multifamily housing. In keeping with nationwide student housing trends and the upcoming implementation of the high capacity BRT system, the City should permit student housing in the CBD zones, or consider encouraging student housing through an overlay zone. Doing so may require a reduction of current parking minimums (set at 0.7 stalls per bedroom).

#### Enhance Existing Policies to Encourage Greater Residential Infill

Without some flexibility, several existing policies are likely to deter prospective developers, especially where land supply is limited and redevelopment of existing properties would be required. There are two primary adjustments to existing zoning that would help support transitoriented development, especially for multifamily housing.

#### Remove or reduce limits on lot coverage

Maximum lot coverage ranges from 40 to 60 percent in the multiple-family residential zones, which puts a limit on density and land use efficiency and is likely to be a significant barrier for TOD projects with structured parking, which may use up to 100 percent of the lot.



#### MAKING STUDENT HOUSING WORK

Depending on context, oversupply of student housing may cause a shortage of affordable housing, dramatically lower home ownership rates, or incentivize deferred maintenance as landlords wait for lucrative redevelopment opportunities. The goals in making space for student housing are to prioritize development or conversions in locations that make walking or taking public transit safe and convenient for residents, while limiting student encroachment in established neighborhoods.

Source: Making Space for Studen Housing, PAS QuickNotes 75

# Increase permitted densities in multifamily zones

Permitted housing densities in the City's existing multiple-family zones are significantly lower than typical TOD densities. Establishing a baseline or minimum unit density or floor area ratio (FAR) and eliminating maximum densities allows developers to determine the appropriate building size, unit mix, and other design features to reach the target.

### Consider Refinements to Parking Policies Near Transit

Parking supply and pricing typically have a direct impact on the ability to create compact, healthy communities. Excess supply (overparking) can not only be detrimental to the overall multimodal effectiveness of an area but will often render a project infeasible due to high and often unnecessary costs. In addition, parking demands

are likely to diminish significantly, particularly in urban cores, thanks to the rapid development of autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies, as well as ever-improving transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure and adoption.

Striking a balance between parking supply and development is a crucial challenge in developing the character of TOD. Right-sizing parking for TOD necessitates a multi-pronged approach to understanding the existing and projected parking utilization and available supply in and around a TOD project area, as well as the projected demand for new parking once the project is completed. Conducting a diagnostic parking study that is comprehensive and aligned with mobility choices is essential to this effort.

# PARKING SOLUTIONS NEAR TRANSIT

State-of-the-art, off-street parking regulations can establish an areawide cap at a level low enough to minimize traffic congestion. Other than parking caps and freezes, the next-best policy is to limit parking in locations served by BRT or other mass transit. State-of-the-art policy also requires any ground-floor parking to be structured and wrapped with ground-floor retail activity

(Source: More Development for Your Transit Dollar: An Analysis of 21 North American Transit Corridors, ITDPI



- Maximum limits and transferable parking entitlements;
- Shared parking;
- In-lieu parking fees and centralized parking, and
- Increased availability by decreasing demand (e.g. through car sharing, transit subsidies and improvements, pedestrian and bicycle amenities, and vehicle trip reduction programs).

### Communicate Development Policies and Incentives

Certain components of the city's land use code are misunderstood and may be deterring new development despite developer interest. For example, minimum lot widths are considered a barrier to development, despite the City allowing infill development on existing lots with widths less



than 60 feet. Talking to the development community and clarifying these misconceptions is an immediate action and quick win which could lead to new residential development in the near-term.

#### Use Housing Studies to Inform Housing

Efforts by the Ogden Civic Action Network (CAN) and Ogden City through the Southeast Ogden Community Plan update, and other initiatives, should form the basis of information for additional discussion about needed housing along the corridor and throughout Ogden. Through these initiatives, the City should continue to work with partners to look at the rules that govern the types of housing allowed in its neighborhoods to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and required revisions to the code to help the City meet equitable housing and TOD goals.



While Ogden City's existing zoning code currently allows residential infill development through accessory dwelling units (ADUs), there may be additional opportunities for further infill and higher density development.

#### Lead the Discussion of Housing Needs by Working with Existing Advocates and Interests

Ogden City should take the lead organizing all the different partner organizations and activities that are interested in housing issues in Ogden. In weaker markets, partnerships and a shared understanding of regional housing needs and goals at both the local and regional level are typically required for housing development to occur.

In Ogden at present, many different agencies and organizations are working to create and maintain affordable housing. Strengthening the partnerships and collaboration between these organizations would leverage resources and potentially reduce overlap. One way to foster these additional partnerships would be to hold a forum on affordable housing through existing networks, in which various regional stakeholders meet to discuss ways to meet regional housing needs in a shared and collaborative environment.

Ogden Station

CHAPTER 5



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### PRIORITY STATION CONCEPTS

Results from the study and from discussions with the community identified four priority stations with the greatest potential for transit-oriented development. This chapter presents concepts to illustrate the potential long-term future vision of each of the four priority station areas based on community interests and technical analysis by the project team. The illustrative concepts include a map of each station and of opportunity sites that hold the most potential to support the envisioned type of transitoriented development for the station area.

"if the implementation can remain near the concept images this project will uplift our community."

#### CONCEPT INGREDIENTS

Each of the priority station areas will require a range of strategic improvements to integrate new and redeveloped uses within existing neighborhoods, create more active and safe streets, and promote a stronger and cohesive identity.

- public comment



#### **TOD Character**

While each station area should allow for a mixture of uses, some streets will contribute more to a bustling street environment than others. Commercial Edges will have buildings that frame the street with ground floor uses including a mix of retail, entertainment, and dining. Residential Edges will have ground floors with excellent visibility of and connection to the street. Gateway features will define and signify the edge of the station area and neighborhood, while placemaking opportunities will showcase and interpret unique history, culture, and environment. Public plazas will provide places for people to gather, play, and relax, helping to bring activity near transit stations and surrounding uses.

#### Built Form/Height

The Transit-Oriented Development Focus is the walkable distance and boundary where TOD

development should be prioritized. This boundary represents the general location where a future overlay zone for TOD could be applied, as recommended in Chapter 4. Building heights should also reflect the intended station types profiled in Chapter 3. Taller buildings will be located closest to the transit stop, while transitioning to lower heights at the edges of station areas and near residential uses.

#### Connectivity

There are several different ingredients to support connectivity:

- Through-Block Connection: Pedestrian connections through large blocks.
- Active Transportation Route: Existing and planned routes that are safe and direct for cyclists, pedestrians and transit users.
- Enhanced Crossing: Contrasting or raised crossings, street bulbouts, pedestrian crossing signals, and improved lighting.
- Other features: These include a pedestrian promenade for Ogden Station and the Hospital/Harrison Station, and an improved connection to the 24<sup>th</sup> Street viaduct near the Ogden Station.

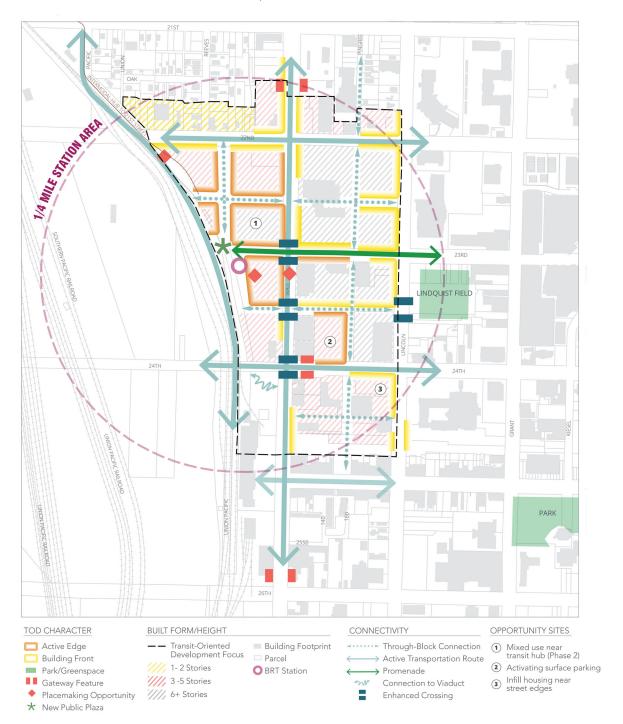
#### **Opportunity Sites**

Based on the data and information in the Market Analysis and findings gathered from stakeholder interviews with prominent developers in the region, city officials, and institutional representatives, the project team identified several opportunity sites along the corridor. The identification of opportunity sites allows various stakeholders to quickly direct resources and attention to catalyst activity on the corridor. These sites may be close to key origins, destinations, institutions, activity centers, or areas that display prime redevelopment opportunities.



### OGDEN STATION: AN URBAN CENTER

FIGURE 5.1 Urban Form and Connectivity



#### Ogden Station Illustrative: looking north near the future BRT stop





Future multi-story mixed-use buildings (Phase 2) bring residents and businesses close to the transit hub





Repurposing unused greenspace for landscaped sidewalks and separated bike routes



Incorporating iconic signage and artwork throughout the station



Creating active ground floors with direct access to the active transportation network



Enclosing the station with development that frames the transit stop and key transportation corridors

The Ogden Station area encompasses about 10 acres of vacant land, west of Wall Ave and south of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street—another publicly-owned property. This station will serve as the gateway and multimodal hub for the city with housing, entertainment, employment and services within close proximity to transit. For the first phase of major development (Figure 5.3), non-residential uses, including office and commercial will be designed closest to the FrontRunner station, with landscaped surface parking and interconnected pedestrian routes to the north (south of 23rd Street). In the long-term future (Figure 5.4), mid to high-rise development will extend for multiple blocks surrounding the station. Existing surface parking and vacant land near the FrontRunner Station provides an ideal location

for a mixture of uses, with new and enhanced active transportation connections and wayfinding that connect across Wall Ave. into Downtown.

Overtime, underutilized land east of the station would provide opportunities for housing infill to encourage additional investment and transitoriented development.

#### **Development Opportunities**

In general, Downtown presents the greatest opportunity for high-density, mixed-use development. Residential development should be mid-rise multifamily—at a density greater than 50 dwelling units per acre—and include some active ground floor use(s). Downtown has seen the most

FIGURE 5.3 Ogden Station Phase 1 Looking east from the railyards

Multi-use trail Reuse of Wall Ave. Landscaped parking and connecting through landscaping for infill pedestrian access ways station near rail line development Enhanced transit hub Accessible pedestrian with expanded mobility connection to the Public art installation as options and wayfinding 24th St. viaduct a placemaking feature



development activity and momentum, largely because of other large public-private projects, such as The Junction and the planned Wonder Bread/ Hostess Factory redevelopment. This provides the foundation on which to increase development in the Downtown subdistrict.

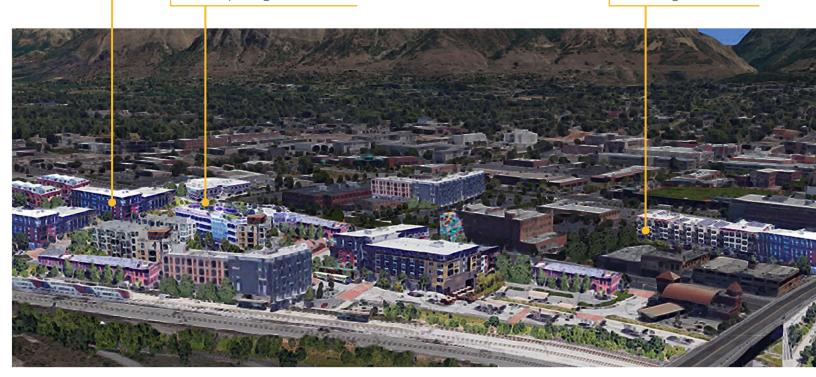
West of this site are the railyards, which present major growth potential for downtown Ogden in the long-term. However, in the near- and midterm—once any environmental considerations are addressed—the market would likely support at least 500 units at Ogden Station. Over the long-term, podium (structured parking) projects would allow for significantly higher densities and a more complete build out.

Similarly, Ogden Station is one of the only station areas appropriate for major office development. However, to be a true TOD, parking will need to be structured—a far costlier endeavor than surface parking—which current market rents do not support. Speculative office is therefore likely to be a long-term aspiration but may result in up to 90,000-square-foot office structures if and when structured parking can be built, market demand increases, or a major tenant enters the market. Additionally, Ogden Station may be suited to the development of a new hotel over the mid- to long-term.

FIGURE 5.4 Ogden Station Phase 2 Looking east from the railyards

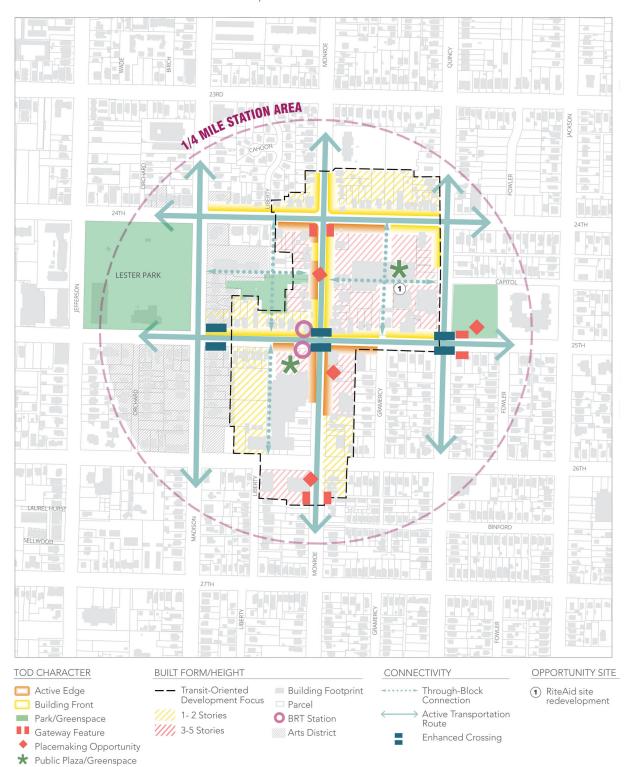
Multi-story residential closer to transit hub

Multi-story mixed-use and parkand-ride parking to serve station Residential infill at street/ corner edges



### 25TH AND MONROE STATION: A NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

FIGURE 5.5 Urban Form and Connectivity





Transit-oriented development within the 25th and Monroe Station will balance the surrounding residential character with neighborhood-serving commercial uses, schools and civic facilities. The RiteAid site redevelopment will add more places to live and work while also creating new connections through this large block. Enhanced crossings on 25th and Monroe, continuous sidewalks and street trees, and a mixture of uses and public spaces fronting the intersection will activate the station.

#### **Development Opportunities**

The 25<sup>th</sup> and Monroe station presents one of the few TOD opportunities in the East Central subdistrict, given its historic and single-family neighborhood character. The primary opportunity area is the Rite Aid block, where housing is expected to be the predominant land use, albeit at slightly lower densities than those proposed for Downtown due to the aforementioned surrounding neighborhood character and lower achievable rents in this area.

However, with almost an entire block to be redevelopment, higher intensity land uses, such as mid-rise housing could be centered on the Rite Aid site, with "missing middle" housing—such as townhomes, multiplexes, and cottage housing—and small commercial rehab projects positioned along the roads to provide a seamless transition to the surrounding neighborhood.

Allowing small-scale commercial/mixed-use west of Monroe

Activating corners with buildings built closer to street and new public space Strengthening active transportation improvements/breaking-up large blocks

Consolidating vehicular access and curb-cuts with redevelopment of RiteAid site

Formalizing connections that minimize impact on garden plots

Residential edge along Monroe with parking behind buildings

Adding bulb outs and improved crossings at intersection

Allowing taller buildings east of Monroe (3-5 stories)

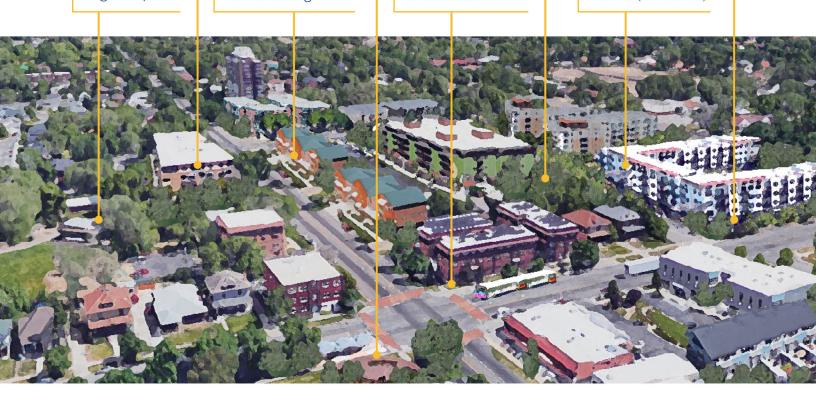
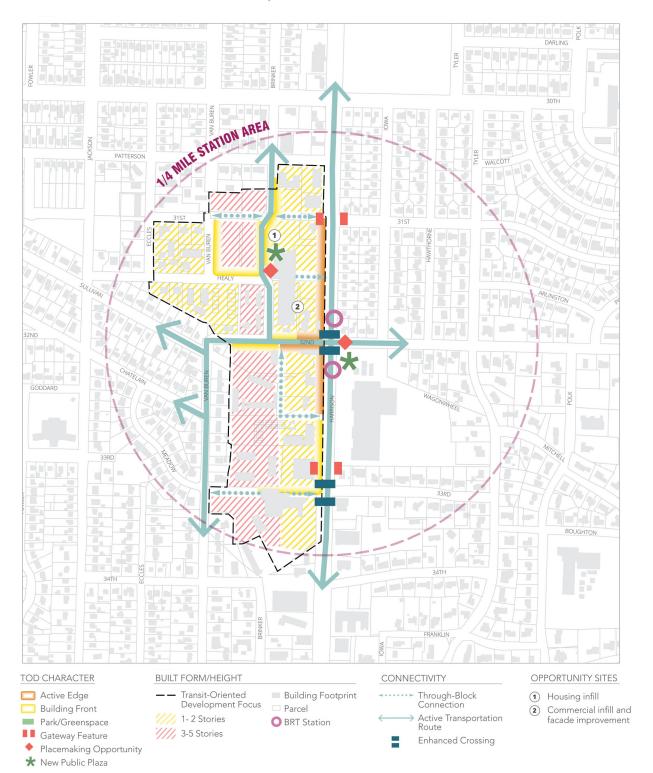


FIGURE 5.6 Key Elements of the 25th and Monroe Station Looking north from Monroe

### 32ND AND HARRISON STATION: AN EMERGING CORRIDOR

FIGURE 5.7 Urban Form and Connectivity





The 32nd and Harrison Station will function as a transit-oriented village along the Harrison segment of the bus rapid transit corridor. At this station, the center-running bus will require safe and well lighted pedestrian crossings and transit stations between travel lanes. 32nd will also provide a convenient and direct route for pedestrians and cyclists to connect with adjacent neighborhoods and link with the city's active transportation network. On 32nd, new commercial and mixed-use buildings on the west side of Harrison will allow for a greater mixture of shopping, services and employment, while additional housing infill on vacant land west of Harrison will provide housing close to the transit station.

#### **Development Opportunities**

Opportunities for new development or redevelopment are high along Harrison Boulevard. The priority station near 30th Street, where there is a strip mall site and some adjacent underutilized land. Again, infill housing is likely the predominant land use in the target area. Townhomes and low-rise multifamily should be the target near-term development types. Market conditions and land supply limits the feasibility of dense, mixed-use development. Development east of Harrison is unlikely, while the west may see some smaller commercial spaces rehabilitated, but generally land supply is limited for significant new development.

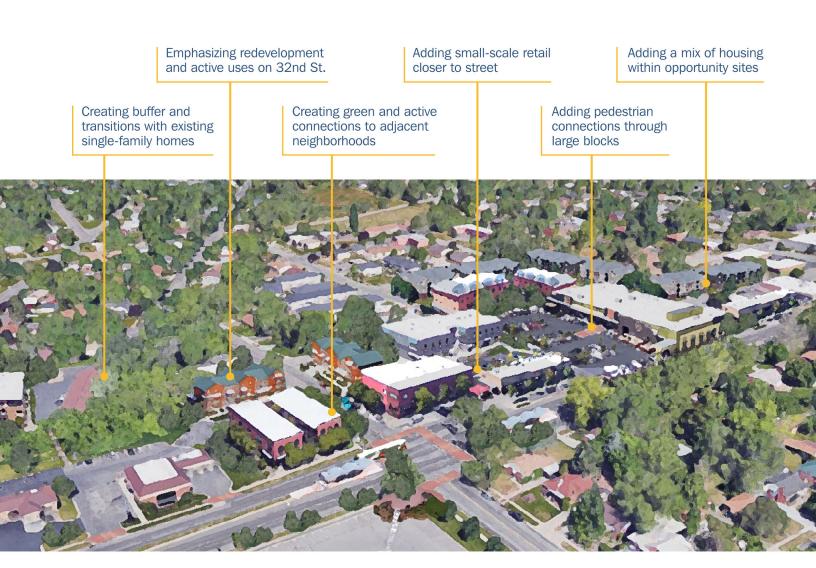
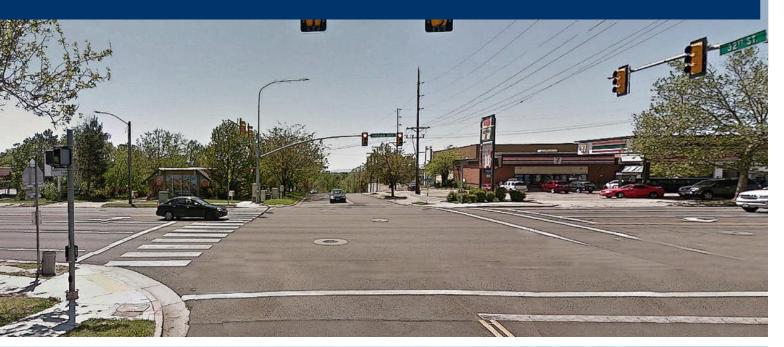


FIGURE 5.8 Key Elements of the 32nd and Harrison Station Looking west from 32nd

#### **32nd and Harrison Station Illustrative:** looking west on 32nd





Improved pedestrian crossings, public spaces and activated corners add vibrancy to the corridor





Enclosing the intersection and creating a gateway with taller buildings at the western side of the intersection



Reducing the distances between building entrances and the street



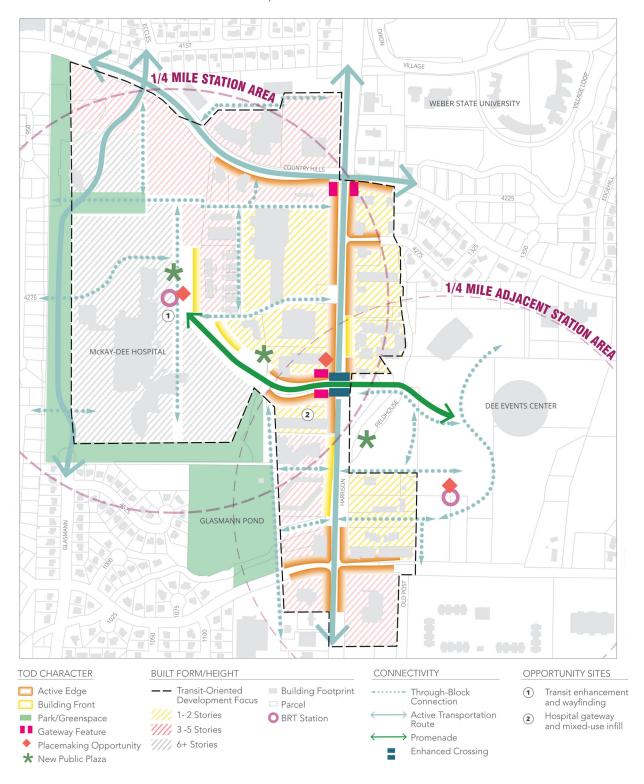
Adding street trees and landscaped sidewalks



Providing well-defined and accessible crossings that provide visual contrast to pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists

### WSU/MCKAY-DEE HOSPITAL STATION: AN INSTITUTIONAL CAMPUS

FIGURE 5.10 Urban Form and Connectivity





The station at McKay-Dee Hospital will allow for fast and direct transit service to Downtown and throughout the city and region. Given its destination, the station area has the potential to be a dense, mixed-use node with significant residential and employment activity. Existing employment, medical and healthcare uses, higher education opportunities and enhanced transit service (near the hospital and at WSU) will drive transit-oriented development near this station, including a range of housing types integrated behind or above existing commercial uses.

Improved connections between adjacent neighborhoods and across Harrison will provide more direct and varied routes for cyclists and pedestrians to access housing, jobs, education and services.

#### **Development Opportunities**

The WSU/McKay-Dee Hospital station area is unique to the corridor. There are opportunities for office, higher-density housing, and other supportive commercial uses. For example, healthcare and large institutional users tend to attract small-scale medical offices and other commercial spaces compatible with hospitals and large employment generators. Mid-rise residential with ground floor commercial uses is the preferable development type, albeit over a slightly longer time frame given the existing opportunities in Downtown—a more desirable and proven location.

Maintaining a green landscaped buffer at western edge of hospital Connecting amenities and destinations through an active streetfront and commercial street edge

Encouraging mixed-uses and structured parking to maximize space

Adding small scale retail closer to street

Linking neighborhood to west with pedestrian connections

Creating transit hub through a range of mobility solutions and landscaped public space Adding a western gateway to medical campus with strong connection to WSU Promoting housing infill, including student housing

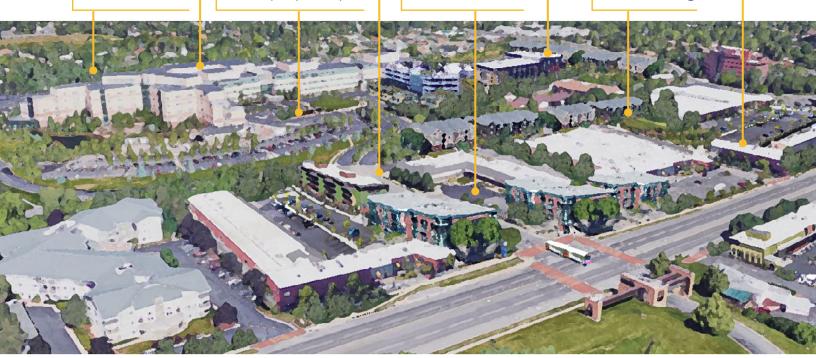


FIGURE 5.11 Key Elements of the WSU/Hospital Station Looking west from WSU

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# IMPLEMENTATION AND PHASING STRATEGY

Implementing the vision for Ogden Onboard will take a coordinated and sustained effort by many partners, both in the near future and longer-term. This chapter provides a comprehensive strategy to support transit-oriented development, summarizing important next steps to spur desired development and change; prioritizing recommendations and key projects; and identifying potential resources to support needed housing, active transportation improvements, and sustained economic development and community prosperity.

# CATALYZING TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

With the lack of large, vacant, developable lots, and gaps in the active transportation network, it will be critical to concentrate on incentivizing infill development and targeted transportation improvements near priority station areas.

"I would love to see these improvements! Keep it up. This whole plan is great. I really hope it happens as planned."

- public comment

#### MEASURES OF SUCCESS: LESSONS LEARNED IN EUGENE, OREGON

- Real estate developers and owners view permanence as an important factor for building around a BRT system. A key advantage of rail is that once the investment has been made, the real estate industry can usually rely on its permanence over the many decades it takes to maximize profits from high-density investments at or near those stations. However, even in the cities with a relatively low level of infrastructure, BRT may be viewed as permanent when there is a clear long-term commitment by the transit agency.
- The transit corridor must be amenable to high-density development, so the
  route needs to assure this opportunity. Corridors placed in areas without major
  employment or housing destinations are not likely to attract development,
  regardless of mode.
- Providing financial incentives for TODs at BRT stations does not appear to be as important for attracting developer interest. Developers are much more interested in an expedited permitting or rezoning process, as time is a critical factor in making development projects financially viable.

Source: Bus Rapid Transit and Economic Development: Case Study of the Eugene-Springfield BRT System, Arthur C. Nelson, et. al.

## 1. Continue Two-Way Communication About BRT

As an important first step, Ogden City and UTA should continue to keep the discussion about BRT and TOD open with the community. Using existing channels, including those involved with Ogden Onboard, the best opportunity to support the vision is to ensure that residents, workers, students, and visitors are aware of opportunities and potential changes. As an example, Ogden City offers many tools to support desired development, such as short turnaround time for permit processing. While these programs are well established, some are not well known or there is misconception that could hamper redevelopment efforts.

# 2. Focus Resources to Improve Access to Essential Service Near Priority Station Locations

The Ogden Transportation Master Plan identified high-priority locations for installing missing sidewalks, based on proximity to schools, proximity to neighborhood centers, and posted speed limits. Several high-priority locations coincide with proposed BRT station areas. Ogden City and UTA should coordinate on how to best utilize the available funds to meet shared transportation goals. It should be noted that UTA also receives a portion of the local-option sales tax that could be applied along the Ogden BRT corridor to improve transit access, and that these funds could be pooled with the funds that Ogden City receives to achieve more together.







Map 9 (page 89) shows the locations of essential service within the ½-mile corridor study area, and identifies the priority projects to improve access to these locations. The Implementation Matrix (presented in the following section) lists each of the priority projects shown on the map.

#### 3. Coordinate and Refine BRT Design

The installation of supporting infrastructure around station areas can help catalyze private sector development. As the design of the BRT system progresses, there are several key next steps that should take place to ensure that improvements align with the corridor vision.

- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of broken sidewalks and missing curb ramps along the BRT corridor, and replace these to improve ADA accessibility along the route.
- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of bike racks along the BRT corridor and ensure that they are placed appropriately and securely for use.
- Ensure that the BRT Final Design appropriately addresses the sidewalk, ADA accessibility, parkstrip, and lighting concerns outlined in this study, especially on Harrison Boulevard.
- Ensure that the BRT Final Design appropriately addresses the integration of bicycle facilities as discussed in this study.
- Coordinate on the installation of prioritized missing sidewalk segments to support the BRT system.

# 4. Conduct a Development Opportunity Study (DOS) Program

A development opportunity study is typically a municipal program used to assist property owners in evaluating redevelopment potential on their existing properties by providing technical assistance to evaluate development options. Many property owners are not developers themselves and lack the expertise to evaluate possible redevelopment options. Technical assistance can help owners determine whether redevelopment is feasible and under what conditions. The goal of each study is to quickly test the feasibility of redevelopment before taking more extensive and expensive steps. The timeframe for completion should be a matter of weeks.

# **5. Increase and Facilitate Additional Partnerships**

In weaker markets, partnerships and a shared understanding of regional housing needs and goals at both the local and regional level are typically required for housing development to occur. In Ogden at present, many different agencies and organizations are working to create and maintain affordable housing. Strengthening the partnerships and collaboration between these organizations would leverage resources and potentially reduce overlap. One way to foster these additional partnerships would be to form an affordable housing workgroup or task force (see Chapter 4), in which various regional stakeholders meet regularly to discuss ways to meet regional housing needs in a shared and collaborative environment.





# **6. Continue to Rely on Public Private Partnerships**

Partnerships between local/municipal governments and private sector developers are a growing collaborative force in affordable housing development. Often, these partnerships will include local businesses as well as non profit housing providers and advocacy groups. Partnerships can include direct financial participation by partners or can simply be a shared agreement to coordinate resources, infrastructure, and policies. Anchor institutions throughout the corridor could be significant partners and form the basis of a new regional network, which may include other nonprofit or private entities that are inextricably tied to their locations because of real estate holdings, capital investment, history, or mission.

# 7. Prioritize Existing Funding and Investment Within Transit Zones

There are various ways jurisdictions can increase subsidy funding for affordable housing developers in transit zones. One approach would be to target existing local funding to transit. While grants and equity are the most helpful forms of assistance for affordable housing developments, these funding

sources are also highly competitive, and success is not guaranteed. This in turn adds significantly to the overall development timeline, and therefore development costs, making the project more challenging to complete. Through a coordinated initiative, Ogden, Weber County, their respective housing authorities, and other agencies could instead devise a program to focus existing funding within transit zones, where low-income residents have the greatest access to critical transportation services and amenities.

# 8. Provide Bonuses for Affordable Housing Units in Major Projects

This model induces private developers to set aside units for lower income occupants by allowing greater density, either in the form of an increase in allowed dwelling units per acre, floor area ratio (FAR) or building height, which generally means that more housing units can be built on any given site. Typically, programs allow increases of between 10 and 20 percent over baseline permitted density in exchange for the provision of affordable housing.



# 9. Complete Necessary Steps to Redevelop the Ogden Station Site

The UTA-owned parcels within Ogden Station will require several steps towards redevelopment and ultimately to allow for mixed-use residential and public spaces that is envisioned for this station area. While restrictions on the site currently limit uses to non-residential only, site remediation can spur future residential uses and site redevelopment.

The City and UTA should use the vision and guidelines for the station type to guide future development desired for the station area and through the master planning process. Stakeholders and interested members of the public involved in Ogden Onboard should continue to organize and advocate for site redevelopment. In addition, the EPA has several different resources to support site revitalization that should be explored. Brownfield grants include funding sources that cover everything from assessment, to technical assistance, to cleanup.

As important next steps, UTA and the City should work together to spur site redevelopment and new commercial and office uses in the first phase, with the longer-term goal of cleaning the site for residential and mixed uses. Recommended steps include:

- Applying for an EPA Brownfields grant to study the extent of the contamination and the remediation actions necessary to prepare the site for development;
- Engaging with surrounding property owners to discuss the vision for the site and identify any additional concerns or barriers to redevelopment;
- Researching the restrictions on the site to fully understand the process required to build desired housing;

- Focusing on the southern parcels in early phases—working with UTA—to build a nucleus of activity that can extend north as the market allows and if and when funding becomes available;
- Market the property to Opportunity Fund investors that have access to significant capital.

# 10. Allow for an administrative review process to streamline review

Adoption of a future overlay for transit station areas would provide guidelines and standards to ensure new development conforms to the specific station type envisioned for the corridor. Similar to the City's 12th Street Overlay, a future overlay zone for station areas should accommodate two types of review: an administrative review (if the applicant seeks to meet the requirements of the overlay zone such as heights and lot coverage); and a special exception review (if the applicant seeks variations from the requirements). The review process should provide specific criteria to determine whether the proposed variation meets the intent and purpose of the overlay, allowing the Planning Commission to make a decision on whether the application can proceed, or whether additional evidence and hearings are required.



Above: Meeting notes from a project committee meeting.

# PRIORITIZING RECOMMENDATIONS AND PHASING

The recommendations presented in Chapter 4 will require a range of capital projects, code and policy changes, and additional measures to support the envisioned future of the BRT corridor. The Implementation Matrix lists key recommendations and identifies responsibilities and general phasing for implementation. The matrix is not intended to prescribe a fixed timeline for implementation or limit other opportunities that might arise. Rather, the intent is to provide a guideline for interested parties to move strategies to their next steps.

# **Capital Improvements**

Capital improvements include a range of projects related to active transportation, design, and wayfinding. The majority of these projects should occur in the short-term to spur private investment in and around priority station areas, and eventually throughout the BRT corridor. Map 9 shows the location of essential services within the study area, and Goal 1 priority projects listed in the matrix.

# **Code and Policy Changes**

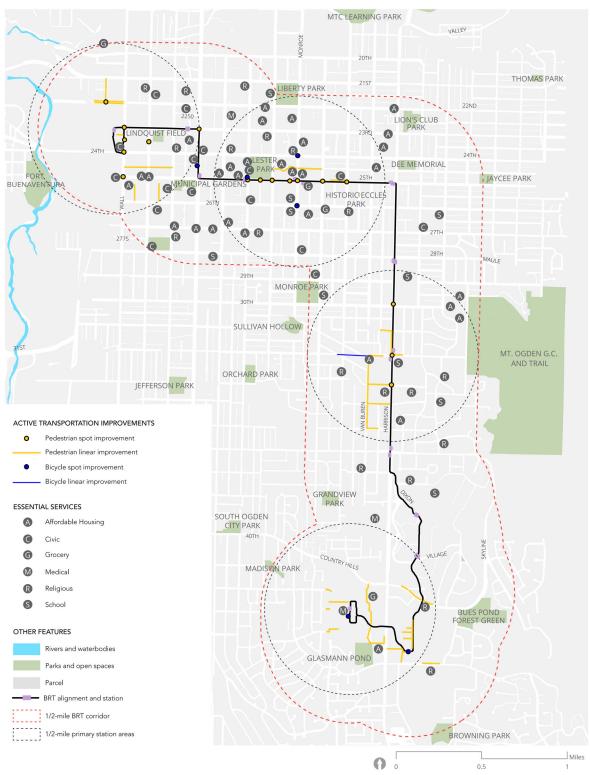
Code and policy changes mostly involve revisiting and revising, or creating regulations to help support future development. Most of these recommendations will need to occur in the short-term to set the policy and planning foundation for design, development, and investment.

### **Other Recommendations**

There are several additional recommendations that will depend on partner involvement and interest, timing, and available resources. Most of these strategies will require several organizations and groups, with ongoing or committed involvement.



MAP 9 Access to Essential Services and Priority Projects



Source: Ogden City and MIG

# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

GOAL 1. Create **strong connections** with better connectivity between the WSU campus, the hospital, and Downtown, and provide efficient and consistent service along the way.

		Recor	mmendation	Туре
Recommendation	Project	Capital Improvements	Code + Policy Changes	Other Rec.
	To WSU Intermodal Hub from 4600 South and from Harrison Boulevard	•		
All las all l	To McKay Dee Hospital from adjacent neighborhoods and surrounding streets	•		
Add pedestrian cut-throughs and interior walkways to improve accessibility to stations along the corridor.	To 32nd Street/Harrison Boulevard station through shopping centers west of Harrison Boulevard	•		
along the corridor.	Through adjacent blocks near 25th Street/Monroe Boulevard station	•		
	Through blocks adjacent to Historic 25th Street near the FrontRunner station	•		
	Fill in missing sidewalk on Country Hills Drive east of Harrison Boulevard	•		
Improve sidewalk connectivity and conditions around priority station areas.	Fill in missing sidewalk on 4600 South between Harrison Boulevard and Taylor Ave.	•		
	Fill in missing sidewalk on 32nd Street, 34th Street, 35th Street, and Van Buren Avenue near 32nd Street/Harrison Boulevard station	•		
	Fill in missing sidewalk on blocks north of FrontRunner station and UTA-owned parcel west of Wall Avenue	•		
Consolidate driveways to reduce conflicts between	Shopping center on the west side of Harrison Boulevard between 31st/32nd Streets	•		
pedestrians and vehicles.	Office building on the north side of 25th Street between Quincy Avenue/Jackson Avenue	•		
Provide mobility hubs for bike share, bike lockers, e-scooter rental, e-bike rental, and other first/last mile transportation options at key locations in Ogden.	City will need to consider operating agreements with shared mobility providers to address desired placement of rental kiosks and devices.		•	
Improve intersection conditions for active transportation users at key locations in priority station	<ul> <li>Add Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (aka HAWK beacon) at 33rd Street/ Harrison Boulevard</li> <li>Work with UDOT to study whether a pedestrian signal could be warranted based on safety or usage factors</li> </ul>	•	•	
areas	Add bulbouts, high-visibility crosswalk, and directional curb ramps with truncated domes at 32nd Street/Harrison Boulevard	•		



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Lead	Other Partners	Short-Term (0-2 years)	Longer-Term (6+ years)	Funding Source
Ogden City	WSU	•		
Ogden City	IHC	•		
Ogden City			•	Ogden City, STP, TAP, SRTS, CMAQ, Sales Tax
Ogden City			•	
Ogden City			•	
 Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		Orden City STP
Ogden City		•		Ogden City, STP, TAP, SRTS, CMAQ, Sales Tax
Ogden City	UTA	•		
Ogden City	UDOT		•	Ogden City, STP, TAP,
Ogden City			•	Ogden City, STP, TAP, SRTS, Sales Tax
Ogden City	UTA, WFRC, WSU, service providers	•		Ogden City, STP, TAP, SRTS, CMAQ
UDOT/ Ogden City	UDOT	•		Ogden City, STF, TAP, SRTS, CMAQ, Sales Tax
UDOT/ Ogden City	UDOT	٠		Sales lax

# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX, CONTINUED

GOAL 1. Create **strong connections** with better connectivity between the WSU campus, the hospital, and Downtown, and provide efficient and consistent service along the way.

		Recor	mmendation	Туре
Recommendation	Project	Capital Improvements	Code + Policy Changes	Other Rec.
	Add bulbouts, high-visibility crosswalk, and directional curb ramps with truncated domes at 25th Street/Madison Avenue	•		
	Add bulbouts, high-visibility crosswalk, and directional curb ramps with truncated domes at 25th Street/ Jefferson Avenue	•		
	Add bulbouts, high-visibility crosswalk, and directional curb ramps with truncated domes at 25th Street/Jackson Avenue	•		
	Add bulbouts, high-visibility crosswalk, and directional curb ramps with truncated domes at 25th Street/Quincy Avenue	•		
Cooling Discours	Add center island traffic calming at 25th Street/Orchard Avenue	•		
(Continued) Improve intersection conditions for active transportation users at key locations in priority station areas	Add high-visibility crosswalk at 22nd Street/Reeves Avenue as area redevelops	•		
	Add pedestrian hybrid beacon for mid-block crossing at 24th Street/Wall Avenue, in accordance with the Ogden Transportation Master Plan	•		•
	Add bulb-outs to improve pedestrian visibility at intersections of 23rd Street/Wall Avenue and 25th Street/Wall Avenue	•		
	Add directional curb ramps and truncated domes to improve ADA accessibility at 23rd Street/Washington Boulevard, and modify signal timing to allow more time for pedestrians to cross Washington Boulevard	•		
	Add bike detector loops per the Ogden Bicycle Master Plan at 24th Street/ Monroe Boulevard and 26th Street/ Monroe Boulevard intersections.	•		
ntegrate bike facility design nto station design to minimize	Design proposed bike share station at 25th Street/Jefferson Avenue to access bikes from street, not sidewalk, to reduce conflicts with transit riders	•		
conflicts between users	Integrate bike lane into station design on Washington Boulevard in front of Eccles Theater to reduce bus/bike conflicts	•		•
oordinate and refine BRT esign				•



		Pha	sing	
Lead	Other Partners	Short-Term (0-2 years)	Longer-Term (6+ years)	Funding Source
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City		•		Ogden City, STF, TAP, SRTS, CMAQ, Sales Tax
UDOT/ Ogden City			•	
UDOT/ Ogden City		•		
UDOT/ Ogden City		٠		
Ogden City		•		
Ogden City	Bike share provider (GREENbike)	•		Ogden City, CMAQ
UTA	City, UDOT, adjacent business owners	•		,,
UTA/Ogden City/ UDOT		•		Ogden City, IHC, WSU, Weber County, WFRC, Sales Tax

# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX, CONTINUED

GOAL 2. Encourage **inclusive places** through an environment that is welcoming to everyone and results in diverse ridership, including students, workers, and visitors and accessibility for all abilities and mobility modes.

5 L.:	5	Recommendation Type			
Recommendation	Project	Capital Improvements	Code + Policy Changes	Other Rec.	
Integrate and connect public spaces with station areas and prioritize user comfort, accessibility, and placemaking.	Acquire or require dedication of plaza space based on station concepts	•		•	
Create a streetfront that is multi- functional and designed around a pedestrian scale.			•		•••••
Create clearly defined gateways to neighborhoods and station areas.				•	
Use sustainable design elements in transit stations and street improvement and development projects.			•		
Implement a BRT Wayfinding Program.	Add wayfinding signage around stations to key destinations using Ogden's Wayfinding Design Guide	•			



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Lead	Other Partners	Short-Term (0-2 years)	Longer-Term (6+ years)	Funding Source	
Ogden City	Downtown Alliance, Ogden- Weber Tech., WSU, Weber Arts Council	•		Ogden City, PPPs	
Ogden City	UTA	•		Ogden City, PPPs	
Ogden City		•	•	Ogden City	
Ogden City/UTA		•	•	Ogden City, Private Developer	
Ogden City	UTA to support grant writing, and station wayfinding with BRT construction	•		UTA, Ogden City	

# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX, CONTINUED

# GOAL 3. Build complete neighborhoods with

access to jobs, housing, and essential services.

		Recommendation Type		Туре
Recommendation	Project	Capital Improvements	Code + Policy Changes	Other Rec.
Develop a TOD Overlay Zone for priority station areas.	Create an overlay zone based on the station types and priority station concepts		•	
Expand Permitted Areas for Student Housing.	Review existing zoning		•	
Enhance existing policies to encourage greater residential infill.	Review existing zoning		•	
Consider refinements to parking policies near transit.	Revisit parking requirements concurrently with a new overlay zone		•	
Communicate development policies and incentives.	Work with partners to continue a two- way discussion about the vision			•
Use housing studies to inform housing.	Conduct a study in coordination with recommended housing work group			•
Lead the discussion of housing needs by working with existing advocates and interests.	Coordinate with existing groups and regional housing interests			•
Conduct a development opportunity study.	Involve interested property owners in understanding development potential			•



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Lead	Other Partners	Short-Term (0-2 years)	Longer-Term (6+ years)	Funding Source	
Ogden City		•		Ogden City, TLC	
Ogden City/WSU	Downtown Alliance, neighborhood organizations	•		Ogden City	
Ogden City	Neighborhood organizations	•		Ogden City	
Ogden City		•		Ogden City, TLC	
Ogden City	WFRC, Downtown Alliance	•		Ogden City	
Ogden City			•	TLC, Ogden City	
Ogden City	Ogden Foundation, WSU Alliance, Ogden Housing Authority	•		Ogden City	
Ogden City		•	•	EPA Brownfields, TLC, Ogden City	

# FUNDING RESOURCES

There are several funding resources that Ogden City, UTA, and partner organizations should consider to help implement the vision and related strategies outlined in the Implementation Matrix.

# **Transportation**

Several funding sources are available that can be utilized by local and regional governments to build the supporting infrastructure around Ogden's BRT line.

### Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

The main goal of the SRTS Program is to assist and encourage students living with 1.5 to 2.0 miles of school to walk or bike. Available funding can be used for both non-infrastructure and infrastructure (physical improvements – primarily new sidewalks, but also school pavement markings, signage, bicycle parking, etc.) type projects. With several schools located within and near the corridor, the SRTS Program could fund many of the improvements identified under Goal 1 of the Plan.

# The Surface Transportation Program (STP)

STP is administered by Wasatch Front Regional Council and provides federal funding that can be used on federal-aid highways (such as Harrison Boulevard) and for projects that reduce traffic demand (such as transit capital improvements or active transportation projects). Funding requirements stipulate that major highway or transit capacity improvements must be included in the first phase of the currently-adopted Regional Transportation Plan to be eligible.

# The Federal Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

This program is also administered by Wasatch Front Regional Council, provides funding to projects that improve air quality, which would include transit and active transportation facilities. Ogden City is eligible to act as a project sponsor for a funding application for transportation improvements. The CMAQ program would not only fund short-term projects like bicycle and pedestrian facilities, but also the promotion of alternative modes, including ridesharing, and Intelligent Transportation System, which are likely to have a significant impact over the long-term.

# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

TAP is a federal program administered by Wasatch Front Regional Council for the Ogden-Layton urbanized area.

TAP funds are used to build bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Eligible projects include construction, planning, and/or design of these facilities, and can be expanded to include traffic calming, lighting, and ADA accessibility projects. Many of the station area improvements outlined in this report could be candidates for TAP funds.

# The Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program

The TLC program is a partnership between WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and UTA. Funds may be used to provide technical assistance to complete visioning efforts, produce plans, conduct studies, amend policy, or engage in any pre-development activities that support the program goals. These goals include: (1) maximizing the value of



investment in public infrastructure; (2) enhancing access to opportunity; (3) increasing travel options to optimize mobility; and (4) creating communities with opportunities to live, work, and play. The TLC program could provide significant funding for the strategic recommendations in goals 2 and 3 of the Ogden Onboard Plan.

### Sales Tax

In 2015, Weber County voters passed a local option sales tax that could be used to fund transportation improvements. In 2019, this amount is estimated to contribute \$1M for transportation needs in Ogden, with amounts anticipated to increase over time. Much of this funding is intended for new street construction, minor street repaving, or street reconstruction; roughly \$350,000 per year is allocated for sidewalk, curb, and gutter replacement, and \$25,000 per year is allocated to stripe Bicycle Master Plan projects as other roadway projects get completed.

# **Housing and Economic Development**

The following tools have been and continue to be utilized throughout the country to incentivize the development of equitable TOD. Most of these resources are familiar to the public and private sectors in the Wasatch Front region but may not be utilized to the greatest extent possible, particularly in TOD.

# Opportunity Zones and Opportunity Funds

The Opportunity Zone program is probably Ogden's most significant tool to generate further development activity in the corridor. Opportunity Zones were established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. They offer investors a frictionless way to reinvest capital gains into qualified, low-income census tracts through

Opportunity Funds, in exchange for a graduated series of incentives tied to long-term holdings. It is specifically designed to channel more equity capital into overlooked markets. EIG, a public policy organization, estimates that the program offers long-term investors a 3.0 percent higher annualized rate of return and after taxes than a comparable investment outside the program. In order to receive the full array of benefits, the latest date that gains on the sale of assets can be investment into a Qualified Opportunity Fund is December 31. With most of Downtown and East Central located in Opportunity Zones, the City has the opportunity to drastically increase opportunities for redevelopment by preparing for potential investment infusions and marketing the Zone. To attract investors, the City can:

- Prepare a point person or agency to play a coordinating/support role to connect investors and local needs on an ongoing basis;
- Develop a marketing prospectus that identifies priority investments; and/or
- Organize Opportunity Funds that aggregate capital for investment opportunities that could drive more focused outcomes.

# Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

This resource is a dollar-for-dollar per capita tax credit allocated to each state to give incentives for the utilization of private equity in affordable housing development. The credits are inflationadjusted and awarded to developers to leverage in affordable housing projects, with the amount of the tax credit determined by development costs, among other factors. It is estimated that approximately 90 percent of all affordable housing development in the United States has been at least partially funded through LIHTC.

### New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)

Similar to the LIHTC program, the NMTC program provides indirect subsidy through the sale of federal tax credits to incentivize development. NMTCs, however, are utilized to spur revitalization of low income communities by investing in non-housing elements such as small businesses, charter schools, community centers, etc. The intent is to create jobs and materially improve the lives of residents living in low-income communities.

### Historic Tax Credits (HTC)

The 20 percent HTC is a financial incentive that supports investment in historic buildings. It can be an effective tool to create affordable housing, including mixed-use developments that have commercial space on the first floor and residences on the upper floors. However, there are only a few buildings in the corridor which may be eligible for these tax credits.

#### **Federal Grants**

There are many federal grant dollars that can be utilized to enhance development of affordable housing and community assets. Communities throughout the country are becoming more creative in their utilization of long-standing grant programs such as HOME, CDBG, EPA, and DOT to plan for and implement TOD with elements of social equity.

In particular, utilization of federal transportation dollars such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) for equitable TOD has become increasingly common. As noted earlier, WFRC currently administers these federal programs.

Cities trying to maintain affordable, transportation oriented units over time can begin by amending federal HOME block grants. Units built with HOME grants must remain affordable for a period ranging from five to 20 years but may increase in price after this period expires. Extending these periods is one way to maintain housing affordability near transportation lines. Due to the changing nature and availability of these grants and programs, there should be a dedicated staff person for grant coordination within Ogden City's staff.

### **Bonds**

Municipal and State governments can use proceeds from the sale of tax exempt bonds to secure funding for affordable housing. Also known as mortgage revenue bonds and multifamily housing bonds, they help finance mortgages for low income first time home buyers and/or help fund the production of new units at rents that are affordable to low income families.

# Public Private Partnerships

Ogden City has a proven record in partnering with private sector developers. Sustaining existing and creating new partnerships will continue to reap dividends and build market momentum. Partnerships can include direct financial participation by partners or simply be a shared agreement to coordinate resources, infrastructure, and policies.

Anchor institutions throughout the corridor could be significant partners and form the basis of a new regional network, which may include other nonprofit or private entities that are inextricably tied to their locations because of real estate holdings, capital investment, history, or mission.



# **Housing Trust Funds**

Housing trust funds are government established funds created from a pool of fees and taxes levied on real estate development and/or other sources.

They provide gap financing for the construction and maintenance of affordable housing units from various sources of agreed upon public revenue rather than municipal budget allocations.

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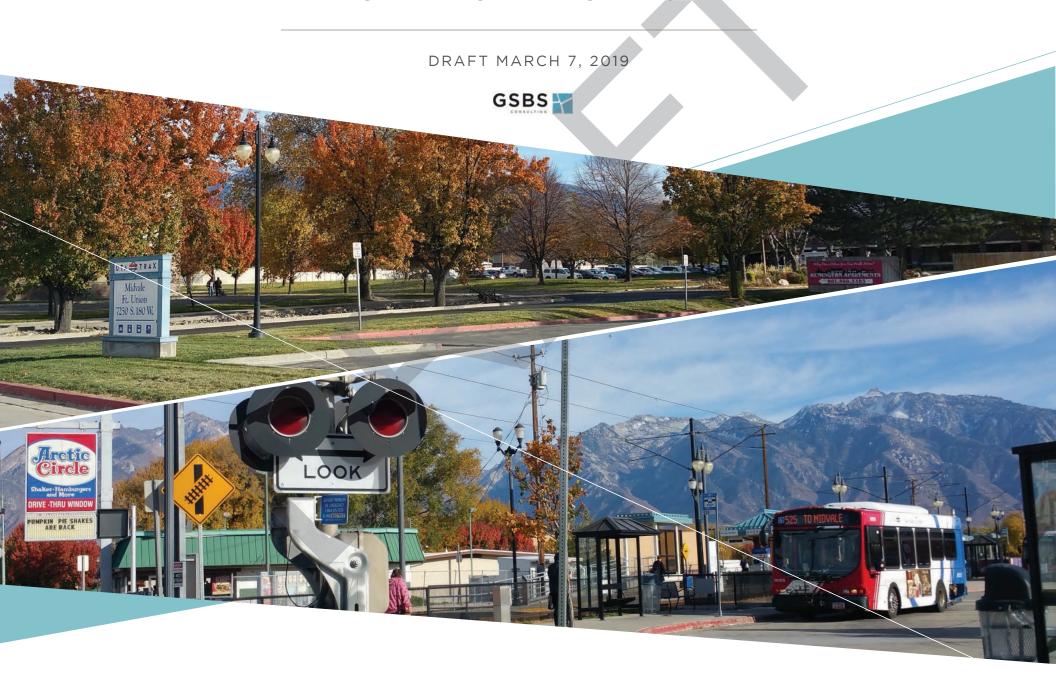
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# Exhibit B

# MIDVALE STATION AREA MASTER PLANS

# 7200 SOUTH STATION CENTER STREET STATION



### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Transformation of the two station areas will occur through an intensification of land uses to support the additional public and private investment envisioned in the area. That investment will occur on a project-by-project basis. Each of these projects can, and should, catalyze significant transformation in the area. The projects must meet minimum urban design standards and occur in conjunction with the transformation of the streets and public space network in each of the station areas. This Plan identifies the most likely timing of catalytic projects in each of the station areas as well as the neighborhoods' preferences for urban design considerations. The recommended illustrative plan for each station area includes:

- **1.** Areas most likely to redevelop in the:
  - a) Near term in the next five years,
  - b) Mid-term in 5-10 years,
  - c) Long-term beyond 10 years,
- 2. The massing and height preferences of participants in neighborhood meetings for each of the catalytic areas.
- **3.** The street network and public space concepts
- 4. The street and public space typology descriptions for the station areas, and
- 5. The preferred mix of land uses in each of the station areas.

#### **7200 SOUTH STATION AREA**

The 7200 South Station area presents an opportunity for redevelopment and transformation of a formerly high-producing retail area. To maximize the value of past infrastructure investments and address increasing traffic pressure, the area should be redeveloped to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access in the area and increase opportunities for residents and visitors to park once and walk to multiple establishments.

Redevelopment of the area should be consistent with this Station Area Plan vision principles:

- 1. Transformative through urban design and land use.
- 2. Increase human designed space (as opposed to automobile designed space) to 25-30 percent.
- 3. Connect the area to the rest of the community.
- 4. Focus on hotels and hospitality.
- 5. Create a cohesive brand for the area as a regional entry point to the community and a gateway to recreation.

Achievement of the 7200 South station area vision relies on catalytic projects. Opportunities for projects consistent with the vision lie primarily within the areas currently zoned TOD or TODO as identified in Figure EX-1. Some longerterm opportunities were identified on the north side of 7200 South. Catalytic opportunities likely to occur within the next 5 years are identified as "near-term". "Mid-term" opportunities are likely to occur in the next 5-10 years and "long-term" opportunities will take longer than 10 years to occur. The illustrative plans also identify the location of known current opportunities and areas where land use and density should be constrained to buffer adjacent neighborhoods.

### 7200 SOUTH STATION PLAN



Figure EX-1 - 7200 South Station Area Catalytic Opportunities Illustrative Plan

The intensity of use within the areas of catalytic opportunity should be adequate to support additional investment in public space and create opportunities for new retail and restaurant uses in the area. Figure EX-2 illustrates the intensity of use contemplated by the 7200 South Station Area plan.



Figure EX-2 - 7200 South Station Area Catalytic Opportunities Intensity Illustrations

#### 7200 SOUTH STATION LAND USE AND INTENSITY CONCEPT

- 1a Intent: Locate high intensity residential development with ground floor retail along 7200 South. Retail facing sidewalks creates a pedestrian friendly feel. Medium intensity residential buffers existing single family housing from this higher intensity use. This housing will benefit from proximity and accessibility of the TRAX station, bordering a new shared street that connects the area east to the station and beyond.
- 2a b Intent: Create low density residential developments to buffer the existing neighborhoods from higher intensity development in the station area. Housing near the 7200 S. station would allow new residents to move freely in and out of Midvale without relying on a personal vehicle. This placement would also reduce the impact of new residents on local traffic.
- 3 3a Intent: Locate office development near TRAX station. This allows for workers to commute via transit in and out of Midvale and take advantage of the retail and services near the station during the workday. Personnel from office developments can take advantage of the human oriented spaces and streets, as well as the hospitality supportive uses and amenities throughout the area.

- 4a Intent: Place new complimentary commercial within the station area north of 7200 South to encourage activity along both sides of the street. New street crossings will allow for ease of movement for visitors and residents.
- 5 Sa Intent: An upcoming medium density housing development located along new shared street concept. This development may also include ground floor retail located along the shared street.
- 6a d Intent: Place hotels and similar developments throughout the station area to create a hospitality hub in the 7200 S station area for visitors utilizing recreation amenities and infrastructure. Visitors can use ski bus-lines and the station to move in and out of this area. With the addition of retail and commercial that compliment the vision of a hospitality and recreation hub on 7200 South, the need for visitors to have a personal vehicle is greatly reduced.

The intensities in the Illustrative Plan reflect the preferred alternative land use intensity developed through the public meeting process. Table EX-1 identifies the preferred land uses and intensities generated in the public meeting process for the immediate station area.

TABLE EX-1: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE LAND USE INTENSITY - 7200 SOUTH PLANNING AREA

LAND USE	ACRES	INTENSITY		
Residential - Townhomes	2	50	DU/Acre	
Residential - High Density	3	70	DU/Acre	
Retail	3	41,500	SF/Acre	
Office	1	216,000	SF/Acre	
Industrial	0	0	SF/Acre	
Hotel	2	189	Rooms/Acre	

Human-focused spaces are the most important component of the 7200 South Station Area Plan. Input from area residents, property owners and transit riders reinforced the importance of including human scaled connections and amenities throughout the station area to support and benefit current and new residents, employees and visitors to the area. The illustrative plan in Figure EX-3 identifies a possible network of connections and amenities focused on pedestrians and bicyclists that provides connectivity to and from the station to existing and future development.

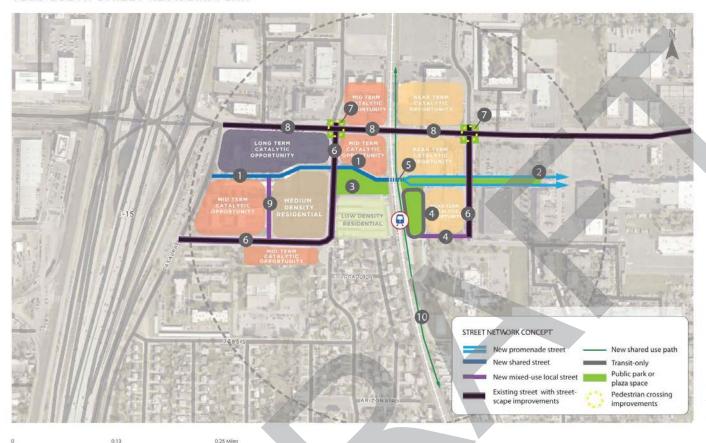


Figure EX-3 - 7200 South Station Area Illustrative Street Network Concept

#### 7200 SOUTH STATION AREA STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE CONCEPT

- 1 New pedestrian-oriented "shared" street. Intent: Create a pedestrian-oriented street connection through the heart of the station area that parallels 7200 South. New development should orient to this street to the extent possible. Street should be designed for pedestrians, with autos as "guests" see concept on page 12. Exact alignment to be determined but should seek near/medium term implementation.
- New promenade street. Intent: Create a pedestrian-oriented street connection through the heart of the station area that parallels 7200 South and links the areas east of the station to the platform. New development should orient to this street to the extent possible. The street should be designed as a boulevard with a wide median used as a plaza see concept on page 11. Exact alignment to be determined but should seek medium/long term implementation and should optimally extend to State Street. This is a long-term implementation item.
- Central park and public space. *Intent*: Create a central gathering space in the station area to which development is oriented. The space could be a park or a plaza or contain elements of both.

- Relocated bus drop-off/turn-around with center plaza: Intent:
  Bring the bus stops closer to the station platforms, create more activity in the bus area, and make the bus area more central, by integrating it with a plaza space and surrounding development while opening up the existing bus turn-around area for new development.
- 5 Improved TRAX crossing: Intent: Create more connectivity across the TRAX line and a connected pedestrian spine for the station area. This should be a full street crossing if possible, or improved two-direction pedestrian crossing if not.
- 6 Streetscape/reconfiguration improvements on collector/local streets. Intent: Improve the pedestrian experience on existing streets such as Cottonwood, Millennium, and High Tech, with a generous pedestrian realm, street trees, and pedestrian amenities such as furniture and pedestrian-scale lighting. Could also include narrowing of lanes and extensions of curbs. See page 13 for more guidance.
- Improved 7200 South pedestrian crossings. Intent: Connect the station area over the barrier of 7200 South by making intersections safer, more comfortable, and more convenient for pedestrians. Include high-quality corner environment "landing plazas" to create compelling entries into the district.
- 8 7200 South streetscape improvements. Intent: Improve the pedestrian experience on 7200 South to the extent possible, within the context of 7200 South needing to move regional traffic.
- 9 New local street connecting Millennium with pedestrian street. Intent: Increase connectivity and street frontage of the area west of the TRAX line, while still maintaining large enough development sites.
- Bike/pedestrian path along TRAX alignment. Intent: Implement regional bike/pedestrian connection, and connect the two station areas in Midvale as well as to the north and south. An appropriate alignment should be identified in the near term.

The illustrative concept increases human scaled space, increases connectivity within the station area and increases opportunities for access into what can become a new transit served neighborhood. Illustrative street cross sections for the street network are found in Figures Ex-7 through EX-12.

#### **CENTER STREET STATION AREA**

The Center Street Station area was once a thriving commercial center serving Midvale and the formerly unincorporated areas to the east. The area can and should return to its role as a primary source of economic opportunity in the City. New development in the station area should also maximize the value of past infrastructure investments and address increasing traffic pressure. The plan envisions redevelopment of the area to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access in the area and increase opportunities for residents and visitors to park once and walk to multiple establishments.

Redevelopment of the area should be consistent with this Station Area Plan based on the vision of a community village with opportunities for social interaction as well as places to shop, eat, work, play, and live. The community developed the following Vision Principles for the Center Street Station Area:

- 1. Awaken and activate the area.
- 2. Design and improve for charm.
- 3. Encourage transformative development.
- 4. Concentrate the most intense uses near State Street and Center Street.
- **5.** Create a cohesive brand for the area as a village center and activity hub in the community.

To achieve the vision for the Center Street station area, the Illustrative Plan in Figure EX-4 has identified opportunities for catalytic projects, primarily within the areas currently zoned TOD. Some longer-term opportunities were identified on the east side of State Street. Catalytic opportunities likely to occur within the next 5 years are identified as "near-term". "Mid-term" opportunities are likely to occur in the next 5-10 years and "long-term" opportunities will take longer than 10 years to occur.

### CENTER ST STATION PLAN

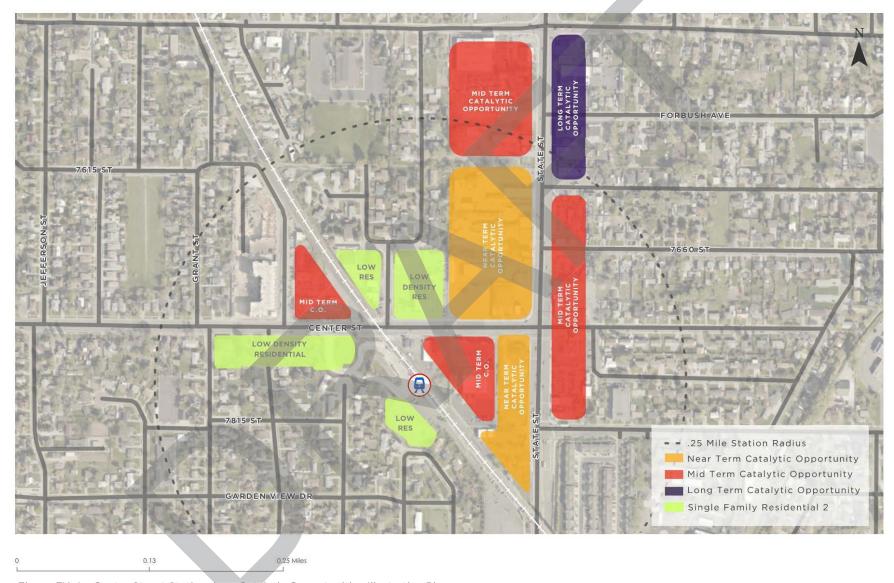


Figure EX-4 - Center Street Station Area Catalytic Opportunities Illustrative Plan

#### CENTER STREET INTENSITY

The illustrative plan in Figure EX-5 also identifies the location of known current opportunities and areas where land use and density should be constrained to buffer adjacent neighborhoods.



Figure EX-5 - Center Street Station Area Catalytic Opportunities Intensity Illustrations

#### CENTER STREET STATION LAND USE AND INTENSITY CONCEPT

- 1 1a b Intent: Locate highest intensity development along State Street. In these areas high density housing, such as apartment buildings with ground-floor retail, is recommended. Low intensity housing (townhomes) and public space buffer these areas from existing residential creating and protecting a village feel in the area. This housing will benefit from proximity and accessibility of the TRAX station, connected by a new shared street.
- 2 2a Intent: A planned townhome development with 33 units called Midvale Station Homes. This development will benefit from the proximity to the TRAX station. This low density residential development acts as a buffer to the existing neighborhood from non-local foot traffic.
  - **2b d** Intent: Create low density residential developments to buffer the existing neighborhoods from higher intensity development along State and Center Street as well as non-local foot traffic. This housing should promote a village charm feeling for the area. Housing near the station would allow new residents to move freely in and out of Midvale without relying on a personal vehicle. This placement would also reduce the impact of new residents on local traffic.

- 3 **3a** Intent: Locate office development near TRAX station. This allows for workers to commute via transit in and out of Midvale and take advantage of the retail and services near the station during the workday.
  - 4a Intent: Create a location for residents and visitors to access commercial amenities such as restaurants, retail, and services. This—and other commercial locations throughout the station area—allows the station to function as an activity hub in the community. This location is buffered from existing neighborhoods by townhomes and an existing apartment complex, allowing for a higher intensity of lise
  - **4b e** *Intent:* Place high quality retail and commercial development along the State Street corridor as the area redevelops. In this plan high intensity development west of State Street steps down to lower intensity commercial and housing toward existing neighborhoods.

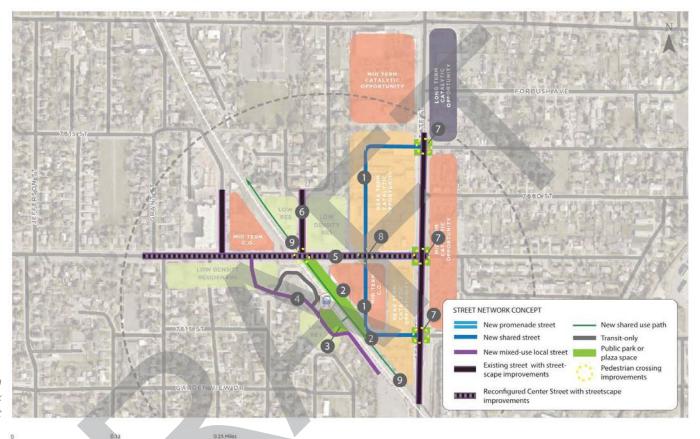
The intensities in the Illustrative Plan reflect the preferred alternative land use intensity developed through the public meeting process. Table EX-2 identifies the preferred land uses and intensities generated in the public meeting process for the immediate station area.

TABLE EX-2: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE LAND USE INTENSITY - CENTER STREET PLANNING AREA

LAND USE	ACRES	II.	NTENSITY
Residential - Townhomes	4	17	DU/Acre
Residential - High Density	11	58	DU/Acre
Retail	2	43,560	SF/Acre
Office	6	43,560	SF/Acre
Industrial	0	0	SF/Acre

As with the 7200 South Station Area Plan, human-focused spaces are the most important component of the Center Street Station Area Plan. Input from area residents, property owners and transit riders reinforced the importance of including human scaled connections and amenities throughout the station area to support and benefit current and new residents, employees and visitors to the area. The illustrative plan in Figure EX-6 identifies possible network connections and amenities focused on pedestrians and bicyclists that provides enhanced street connectivity to existing and future development.

Figure EX-6 - Center Street Station Area Illustrative Street Network Concept



#### CENTER STREET STATION AREA STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE CONCEPT

- New shared street. Intent: Create a new pedestrian-oriented street connection through the middle of the station area, connecting State Street, Center Street, and the station - a walkable frame for
- Station plaza. Intent: Create a "front door" for the east side of the station, where the new shared street accesses the station, and a linear plaza along the east side of the tracks to Center Street. This east-side tracks crossing should be linked to the west-side crossing, creating a convenient and intuitive crossing of the TRAX line barrier.
- Community pocket park. Intent: As part of the recommended redevelopment of the underutilized UTA park-and-ride lot into townhomes, create a small community pocket park, which should be well-connected to the shared street and station plaza on the other side of the TRAX line.
- New neighborhood street. Intent: As part of the recommended redevelopment of the underutilized UTA park-and-ride lot into townhomes, reconfigure the current park-and-ride drive into a

walkable neighborhood street providing access to the new homes, the park, and the TRAX parking.

- Center Street streetscape and potential street reconfiguration. Intent: Center Street has the largest effect on the character of the station area and the most significant ability to achieve the vision of a neighborhood village - make Center Street as walkable as possible by implementing streetscape improvements such as a wider pedestrian realm, consistent street trees, street furniture, street lighting, and curb-extension "bulb-outs," all in a consistent theme. Reconfigure the street to include bike lanes, on-street parking and wider sidewalks to the extent possible (see Figure EX-10). Explore the possibility of reconfiguring the street to a threegeneral-purpose-lane street (see Figure EX-10).
- Streetscape improvements on neighborhood streets. Intent: Build on the improvement of the pedestrian realm of Center Square by continuing to improve neighborhood streets like Maple Street with a wider pedestrian realm, street trees, street furniture, pedestrian-scale street lighting, and curb extension "bulb-outs" to complement ongoing or future redevelopment.

- Improved State Street pedestrian crossings with corner plazas. Intent: Improve the experience, convenience, and safety of the pedestrian crossings of State Street at 7800 South and Center Street, and create a new pedestrian-activated crossing at 7615 South. Implement a series of small plazas creating high-quality corner environments on these State Street intersections.
- Intersection of new shared street and Center Street. Intent: The intersection of Center Street and the recommended new shared street is a major opportunity to establish a pedestrian-focused epicenter for the station area; it is also critical to create a safe and intuitive crossing of Center Street here for pedestrians. The intersection could be raised to slow vehicle traffic and communicate the pedestrian priority, and/or be given a special paving treatment such as pavers or decorative concrete or asphalt.
- Bike/pedestrian path along TRAX alignment. Intent: Implement regional bike/pedestrian connection, and connect two station areas in Midvale as well as to the north and south.

The enhanced street networks recommended for each of the station areas assume new street cross sections in the area with enhanced human-focused amenities. These designs prioritize pedestrian and bicycle use and will encourage greater activity, safety, and livability. The illustrative typologies below can be adapted to the specific needs of each of the areas.

### STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE TYPOLOGIES

The following section identifies the characteristics of the different elements of the streets and public space netwo. in the station area. These typologies propose concept cross sections, include key ingredients and design gui and provide examples in other areas.

#### PROMENADE STREET

A wide, pedestrian-oriented street with a linear public space running down the middle.

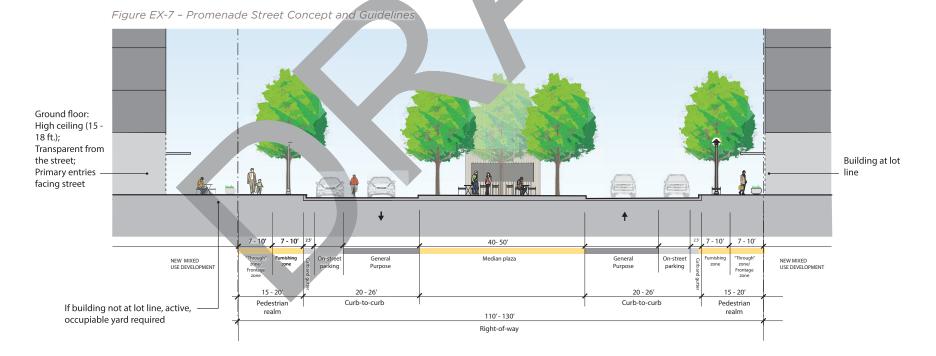
### *Key characteristics:*

- A wide plaza in the street median with seating, shade, dining, and other active uses
- Wide pedestrian realm with regularly spaced street trees, pedestrian scale lighting (see streetscape improvements on page 14)
- Single vehicle lane on either side of median
- Slow vehicle speeds
- On-street parking





Examples of streets with center promenade plazas: La Rambla, Barcelona, Spain (above) and Santana Row, San Jose , Calif. (below)



#### SHARED STREET

A local-level, very slow-moving street oriented to pedestrians so that the entire right-of-way is open to pedestrian travel, with autos allowed but treated as "guests."

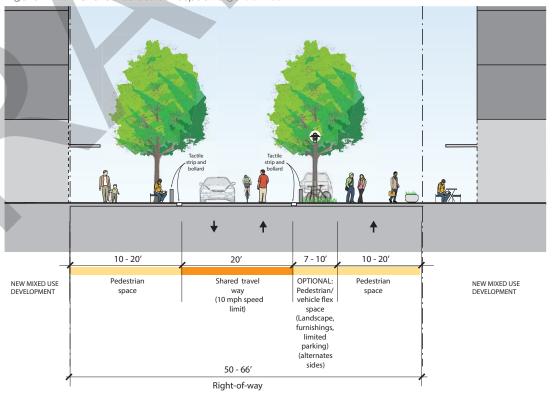
### *Key characteristics:*

- Pedestrian-only area at sides with shared way in middle
- Curbless design use bollards, landscape or other element to separate shared area and pedestrian-only area
- High level of pedestrian amenities
- Pedestrian-oriented paving (pavers, scored concrete)
- · Ability to close to auto traffic for festivals or other events
- Slow vehicle speed design and speed limit: narrow traveled way with "jogs" to create traffic calming



Examples of shared streets:, clockwise from top left: Octavia Street, San Francisco; Bell Street, Seattle; Regent Street, Salt Lake City; Davis Street, Portland, Ore.

Figure EX-8 - Shared Street concept and guidelines.



#### CENTER STREET STREETSCAPE AND RECONFIGURATION

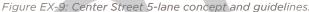
Because of both its central place in the Center Street station area and the potential for it to change, this plan identifies specific concepts for Center Street. The following concepts intend to add a pedestrian character to Center Street, whether under the current five-general-purpose-lane design or under a three-general-purpose-lane reconfiguration.

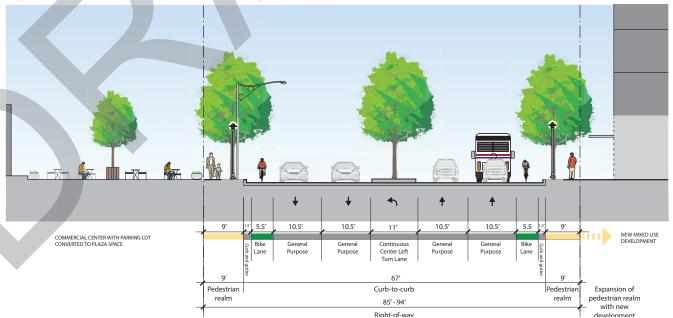
#### *Key characteristics:*

- A wider pedestrian realm with sidewalk and buffer/furnishings area
- Consistent street trees, street furniture, street lighting
- Bike lanes
- On-street parking on one or both sides if possible
- Curb-extension "bulb-outs" into parking lane if present
- A consistent streetscape design theme
- Use of parking lots and other space in front of existing buildings for active people spaces such as dining areas or plazas
- Orientation of new development to the pedestrian realm of Center Street, whether through direct entries onto the sidewalk, or via an occupiable, active yard



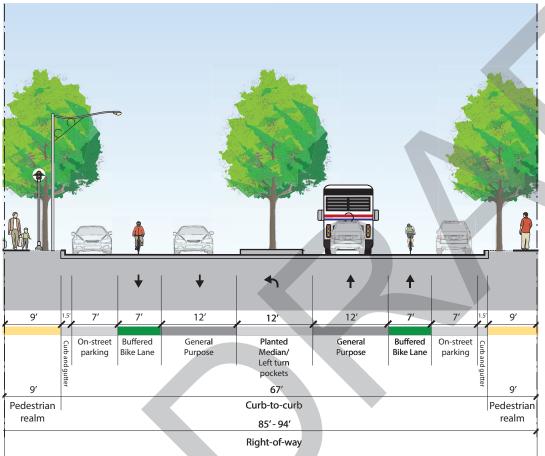
Divisadero Street in San Francisco provides an example of a street with two general purpose lanes in each direction that streetscape improvements made more walkable.





Explore the possibility of reconfiguring the street with one general purpose lane in each direction, with center turn pockets. This configuration would allow for a generous bike lane, on-street parking, slower vehicle speeds and an overall pedestrian-oriented character.

Figure EX-10: Center Street 3-lane concept and guidelines.









Examples of walkable streets with one general purpose lane, a center median, on-street parking, bike accommodations, and streetscape improvements, from top: Valencia Street in San Francisco; Guardsman Way in Salt Lake City; and La Jolla Drive in San Diego.

# STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

There are currently few people-oriented streetscape amenities in either station area, exacerbating an often-hostile public realm. Amenities designed to make the environment more comfortable for people can be added to existing station area streets. The qualities these streetscape improvements can provide include:

- Scale use objects to create spaces and outdoor rooms scaled for people
- Texture use surfaces like the ground and walls to create textures that appeal to people
- Buffer from moving traffic
- Greening trees and landscape
- Shade from trees, awnings, and other
- Seating for eating, people-watching, and other
- Lighting (pedestrian scale)
- Transportation bike parking, transit waiting, bike share, paid parking
- Vending/dispensing food, drink, news, and other
- Signs and communication (pedestrian scale)
- Art/entertainment



Figure EX-11: Streetscape improvement options.

#### SHARED USE PATH

Shared use paths are paths separated from moving motor vehicle traffic and that often run along their own alignment, separate from any street. In the Midvale station areas, the primary recommended application of shared use paths is the recommended pathway along the TRAX line.





# PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AND CORNER PLAZAS

Pedestrian improvements of major intersections are a critical way to improve the Midvale station areas, since high-volume and often high-speed roadways pose barriers to pedestrians in each area - State Street and Center Street at the Center Street station, and 7200 South in the 7200 South station. Intersection improvements should focus on crossing visibility, shortening the length, and providing quality corner environments. For key intersections, these corner environments should include small "landing" plazas that can also serve as gateway elements to the station districts.





#### MIXED USE LOCAL STREET

A general-purpose street intended for connecting the station area for local users and providing and linking public space.

# Key characteristics:

- Wide pedestrian realm with landscaped or hardscaped buffer/furnishings area depending on use (more intensive use gets more hardscape)
- Street trees
- Street furniture and pedestrian-scale lighting
- Frequent pedestrian crossings, at each block and in some cases mid-block
- On-street parking
- Curb extension bulb-outs into parking lane at pedestrian crossings
- Minimal roadway width
- Slow speed limit 25 m.p.h. or lower
- Range of frontage types allowed, depending on use:
  - Retail requires more transparency and frequent/direct entries, with occupi .ive yards. an/
  - Residential uses and office uses require fewer entries nsparency

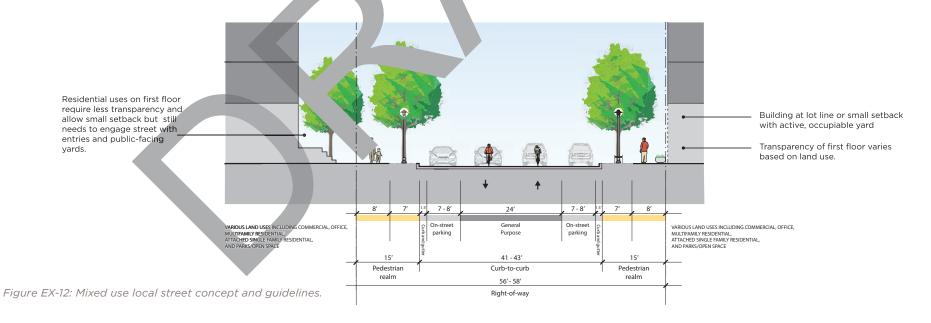








Examples of walkable mixed-use local streets, clockwise from top left: Salt Lake City, Utah; Emeryville, Calif.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Hillsboro, Ore.



# TRANSIT-ONLY WAY

A transit only way is a drive or street exclusively for the use of transit vehicles. In the Midvale station areas, transit-only drives are relevant to the bus pick-up at both stations. Transit-only drives tend to need a lot of width, especially if buses are turning around. They should be designed to accommodate the bus vehicles but also to support the pedestrian experience around the station.

# PUBLIC PARKS, PLAZAS AND OTHER SPACES

The heart of each station area should be a connected system of public spaces that include small parks, large and small plazas, and pedestrian-oriented streets. Each of these public spaces should be closely linked to the buildings around it - the larger the space, the more intensive the land uses that should surround it, with building entries facing the public space directly.



Example of a transit-only way in Midvale's Bingham Junction station.









Examples of the variety of activated parks, plazas, and other public spaces that should be part of the connected public space network in the Midvale station areas.

# PARKING ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Township + Range completed an analysis of TOD parking strategies in comparable communities. The analysis identified four key considerations to a successful TOD parking policy: amount of parking; collectivization of parking; economics of parking; and design of parking. The recommendations consider Midvale's existing standards, best practices for station area parking policy, and the station areas' context in a suburban location. Based on this analysis Township + Range recommended several strategies to address parking in the two study areas. The full parking analysis can be found in Appendix C.

# AMOUNT OF PARKING

The strategy to address this issue is to slightly modify the existing minimums; offer more opportunities for parking minimum reductions; and add parking maximums.

#### PARKING MINIMUMS AND MAXIMUMS

#### Residential

	W/IN .25 MI		OUTSIDE .25 MI		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
1 BR	0.75	1	1	1.25	
2 BR	1	1.5	1.25	2	
3 BR	1.25	2	1.5	2	
4+ BR	1.5	2	1.75	2	

- Senior unit .25 spaces
- 1 guest space/4 units but on-street is acceptable
- Project qualifies for within .25 mile standard if any part of the project is within .25 mile.

# Non-residential

	MIN	MAX
Commercial	2.5 spaces/1000 leasable sf	4 spaces/1000 leasable sf
Office	2 spaces/1000 leasable sf	3.5 spaces/1000 leasable sf
Hotel	.75 space/room + 2 spaces/1000 separate net leasable building area	1 space/room + 3.5 spaces/1000 separate net leasable building area

<sup>\*</sup> For all other uses, maximum is 1.5 times minimum.

# ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS

# Transportation demand management strategy

• See Economics of Parking below.

# Affordable housing

• 50 percent reduction.

# Alternative compliance/parking management plan

- Based on parking impact study undertaken by developer.
- Must accomplish purpose of parking standards or TOD zone better than standards themselves.

# Total reduction

• Total reduction of parking minimums is limited to 50 percent of the minimums.

<sup>\*</sup> Consider exemption from maximum if parking is provided in a structure.

#### COLLECTIVIZATION OF PARKING

The strategy to address this issue is to expand and formalize the existing shared and on-street policies and to add a provision for off-site parking.

#### SHARED PARKING

- Keep shared parking provision.
- Allow staff to approve.
- Must be within 800 feet.
- Parking study to show complementary peak demand.

#### OFF-SITE PARKING ALLOWANCE

- Can accommodate 100 percent of parking off-site.
- Must be within 800 feet of the use.
- The location and terms of the off-site parking shall be specified in a written deed, lease or contract, signed and notarized by all affected property owners.

#### ON-STREET PARKING ALLOWANCE

- Below unit limit (10,000 sf), can accommodate all parking on-street, where available.
- · Above the limit, can accommodate 25 percent of parking on-street for additional square feet on-street, where available. For example, for a 15,000 building, the parking required for the first 10,000 square feet can be accommodated onstreet, while up to 25 percent of the parking required for the additional 5,000 square feet can be accommodated on-street.
- Residential guest spaces can be accommodated on-street.
- On-street spaces must be within, directly adjacent to, or as close as possible to the development.
- On-street spaces must be on new streets or streets fronted by non-single family residential uses.

#### PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICTS

· Long-term potential to develop a parking benefit district in one or both station areas. Members of the district (likely property owners) would pay into the district as an alternative to supplying parking on their own. This would potentially be focused more on office/commercial/hotel; could be a better strategy in the 7200 South station area. Consider coupling this concept with the parking changes desired in the Main Street Small Area Plan to create a citywide district.

# ECONOMICS OF PARKING

The strategy to address this issue is to add incentives to unbundle parking and create transportation demand management programs.

# UNBUNDLING

- 25 percent reduction for unbundling parking from residential or commercial/ office units.
- In the long term, consider requiring the unbundling of parking, as some cities are now requiring.
- Seek pilot project with which to test this approach and develop implementation measures.

#### TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

# Reductions for TDM programs

- Paid parking for office uses 25 percent reduction
- Office car share 20 percent reduction
- Transit pass subsidy 25 percent reduction
- Hotel transit program 25 percent reduction
- Hotel car share 25 percent reduction
- Hotel bike share 10 percent reduction
- Up to total 50 percent reduction

# City can take a leading role in TDM

- Example programs
- Administer programs in some cases
- Broker with UTA and others

# DESIGN OF PARKING

The strategy to address this issue is to maintain the existing standards and expand them.

#### **EXISTING DESIGN STANDARDS**

- No parking in front setback of any building.
- Parking structures shall contain ground-level retail, office or display windows along all street-fronting facades of the parking structure.

# ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- Buffer surface lots.
- Landscaping and trees in surface lots.
- Integrate low-impact development/green infrastructure into parking areas.

# SUPPORTIVE POLICY

A key part of the station area parking strategy is to overcome the barriers to implementing the above policies and mitigate the side effects that may come from them.

# Residential area parking mitigation

- Consider residential parking permit system in residential neighborhoods surrounding the station areas
- In some cases, consider delaying connections between some neighborhoods and station area

# I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Midvale City is the nucleus of the transportation system for Salt Lake County. This is true for roads, trail and transit. Midvale's location within the regional transportation system has shaped land use and development for all of Midvale's history.

By the 1890's, prior to incorporation the growing community was centered around the crossroads of the main D&RG rail line and the copper line coming out of Bingham Canyon – Bingham Junction. The transportation investment in rail contributed to significant population growth and commercial success in the community. Midvale's historic Main Street was the area's commercial center during this period.

In the 1910's the precursor to US 89/State Street, the Arrowhead Trail, was created to connect Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. This auto trail was a precursor to the national highway system with the Utah portions of the trail becoming US Highways 89 and 91 and other sections incorporated into I-15. With established auto routes and the growing popularity of the car the commercial center of many communities shifted towards the new highways. This happened in Midvale with attention shifting from historic Main Street near the smelter, mill and railroad junction east to the intersection of Center Street and State Street. This area was home to many of the shops and services local residents used on a daily basis.

A similar shift occurred with the advent of the Interstate system and the construction of an interchange at 7200 South. The commercial focus of the area shifted once again to 7200 South between I-15 and State Street.

Commercial and development patterns are shifting again in the valley. Part of the shift is due to the community's investment in transit service but, as with the automobile and highway driven shifts towards suburbia there are demographic factors at play as well. New households are seeking a more urban experience including in suburban areas. They are seeking an intensity of activity that allows them to have one car or visit areas where they only have to park once to complete their errands or participate in social events.

Midvale along with the rest of the State is feeling pressure from current and future projected growth in population, households, employment and transportation demand. Figure 1 from the University of Utah Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute illustrates recent and projected future annual population change. In this graph you can see that in 2015 population growth was estimated to be just under 60,000 people statewide. The majority of the growth, about 37,000 people, is a result of "natural increase" or the net of statewide births less statewide deaths. The remaining approximately 21,000 new people in the state moved here from other areas of the country and world. The state is projected to continue experience total annual population growth of between 55,000 and 65,000 people annually.

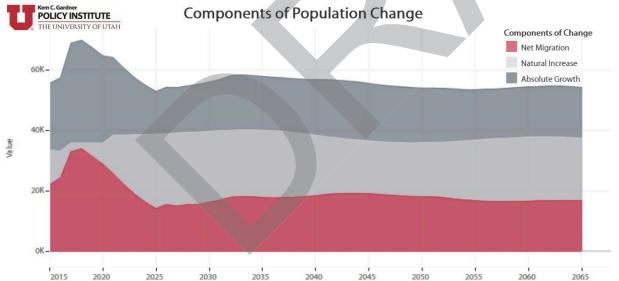
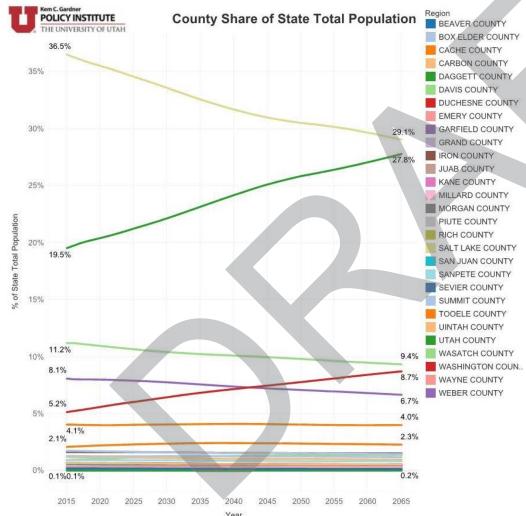


Figure 1 - Components of Population Change, Reprinted from Kem C. Gardner Institute

Growth in population is spread throughout the State. Figure 2 illustrates each of the State's 27 counties' projected share of statewide population between 2015 and 2065. Although Salt Lake County's population is projected to continue to grow other areas of the state are projected to grow at a greater rate. The result is that Salt Lake County, which in 2015 was estimated to house 36.5 percent of the State's population is projected to house 29.1 percent in 2065. Utah County, which is 2015 was estimated to house 19.5 percent of the statewide population is projected to almost equal Salt Lake County's share in 2065 at 27.8 percent.



Year Figure 2 - County Share of State Total Population, Reprinted from Kem C. Gardner Institute

Within each county future population growth by city and town are estimated by the local planning council. In the case of Salt Lake County this is Wasatch Front Regional Council. In Table 1 you can see that an estimated 3 percent of Salt Lake County's total population resided in Midvale in 2016. Wasatch Front Regional Council projects that Midvale will continue to be home to approximately 3 percent of Salt Lake County's total population in 2040. This means an additional 16,119 people in an estimated 8,471 households will live in Midvale.

TABLE 1: POPULATION GROWTH BY AREA

	2016	2040	NEW PEOPLE
Salt Lake County	1,179,759	1,639,706	459,947
Midvale	36,635	52,753	16,119
Jordan Bluffs	0	2,500	2,500
7200 South Station Area	1,071	1,408	337
Center Street Station Area	1,098	1,565	467
Remainder of Midvale	34,466	46,880	12,427
Source: Wasatch Front Regional Council			

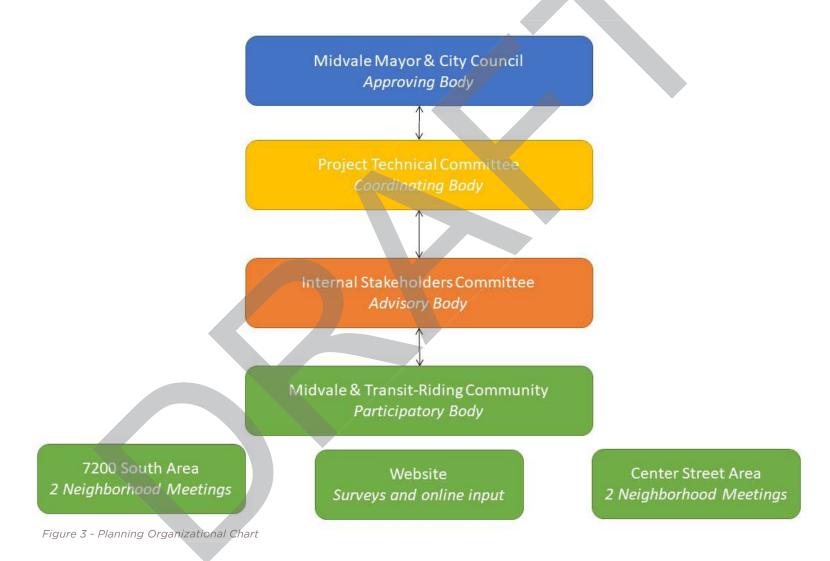
The Wasatch Front Regional Council provides current and projected population for areas within Midvale as well. Table 1 also identifies current estimated and 2040 projected population for the two station study areas. The table includes future projected population on Midvale's remaining large development opportunity at Jordan Bluffs to provide insight into where the more than 16,000 future residents of Midvale might live.

Currently there are no households on the Jordan Bluffs site. Current plans indicate a projected 2,700 people could live there by 2040. The 7200 South and Center Street station areas are projected to continue to house about 3 percent of Midvale's population each. Midvale's remaining neighborhoods currently house 94 percent of the population. The development of the Jordan Bluff's area will take some growth pressure off Midvale's remaining neighborhoods. In 2040 the remainder of Midvale is projected to house approximately 89 percent of the total population.

Changing development forms, facilitated by the investment in transit, have left obsolete buildings and areas scattered around the valley, including Center Street and State Street and the 7200 South corridor from I-15 to State Street. These currently underutilized areas present an opportunity to accommodate anticipated growth in Midvale's population as well as provide employment, shopping and community resources to Midvale's current residents. The small area master plans resulting from this study will guide the transition of these two areas to return them to the vibrant community centers they once were.

# II. PLANNING PROCESS

A public input intensive process was used to develop the recommendations for each of the study areas in this plan. Figure 3 is an organizational flow chart identifying the stakeholder group and public workshop structure of the planning process.



Each of the groups in Figure 3 reviewed and provided input at each step in the planning process. Figure 4 identifies the five basic steps in the process.



Figure 4 - Planning Process Chart

- Step 1– Existing Conditions & Market Opportunities focused on the current state of development in each of the station areas and current and projected real estate market conditions. The information generated in this step was provided to each of the planning groups to inform their discussions and recommendations. The Existing Conditions report is included as Appendix B to this Plan.
- *Step 2* Visioning & Guiding Principles were initially developed by the Internal Stakeholder Committee and further refined by the Midvale & Transit Riding Community. The five principles developed for each of the station areas were used in the planning process to evaluate options and to inform recommendations.
- Step 3 Review & Feedback on Options occurred at all levels of the planning process organization chart. Three options for each station were developed that clearly differentiated between minimal new developed to complete transformation.
- Step 4 Identify Preferences & Recommendation was an interactive process at the Internal Stakeholder Committee and the Midvale & Transit Riding Community levels. The recommended plans for each of the station areas represent a consensus approach for the planning areas.
- Step 5 Submit Draft Plan for Review. This draft plan was presented and discussed the City Council on September 11, 2018.

A project website with the URL www.MidvaleStationPlans.org was created to provide updated information about the planning process and to generate feedback from interested parties. Over the course of the planning period 795 individuals visited the website. A summary of the comments and survey results are included as Appendix A to this document. A complete report including specific input can be found in Exhibit A of this Plan.

As part of the planning process the consulting team completed an analysis of parking needs in station areas. This analysis guides the estimated parking needs for future development in the planning areas and also informs recommended changes to Midvale station area zoning provisions. The complete Parking Analysis can be found as Appendix C to this Plan.

#### Ш. **FUTURE STATION AREA OPTIONS**

Phase 1 of the planning process identified a working vision for each station area as well as priority targeted land uses. During phase 1 the consulting team also completed an analysis of existing economic, real estate, and physical conditions of each of the planning areas. Existing conditions were used to inform discussions with the Internal and External Stakeholders as well as to inform the evaluation of the three planning options developed for each area.

The options differ based on intensity of future use as illustrated in height and density of development and the amount of human focused, public space included in the area.

# 7200 SOUTH STATION AREA

#### OPTION 1

Each alternative is meant to build on the impact of the one previous to provide a range of development options for the community. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the lowest level of intensity of use and public infrastructure. As 7200 South Option 1, this alternative provides the least development impact of the three with a moderate scale of change.

# 7200 SOUTH OPTION 1





Figure 5 - 7200 South Station Area Option 1 - Perspective

# 7200 SOUTH OPTION 1 DEVELOPMENT TYPE KEY RESIDENTIAL MULTI-USE OVER RETAIL ACCESS MID-SIZED COMMERCIAL 日日 · --------TRAILS/PATHS **TOWNHOMES** HOTELS PLAZA

Figure 6 - 7200 South Station Area Option 1 - Plan View

The main focus of this option is the redevelopment of the UTA property to the east of the station and other key properties along 7200 South. One major element of this option is the shared road from Catalpa Road through the station area. This multi-use road can be extended east to State Street as redevelopment occurs in the 7200 South area.

Table 2 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 1. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 2: 7200 SOUTH OPTION 1 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	124	118,800	3	8,471	1%
Office		324,000	2	483,000	67%
Hotel	507	312,000	2	998	51%
Retail		117,000	3	1,000,000	12%
Parking			4		
Public Space		192,500	4		

This new right of way exists in one form or another in each 7200 South Development Option and provides activation for the large blocks in the focus area. This new development corridor is the organizing feature for redevelopment of the station area and represents a significant investment in new public space.

# OPTION 2

Figures 7 and 8 illustrate option 2 for the 7200 South Station area builds on the multi-use roadway extending from Catalpa through the station area. The option includes additional intensity of use throughout the station area.

# 7200 SOUTH OPTION 2

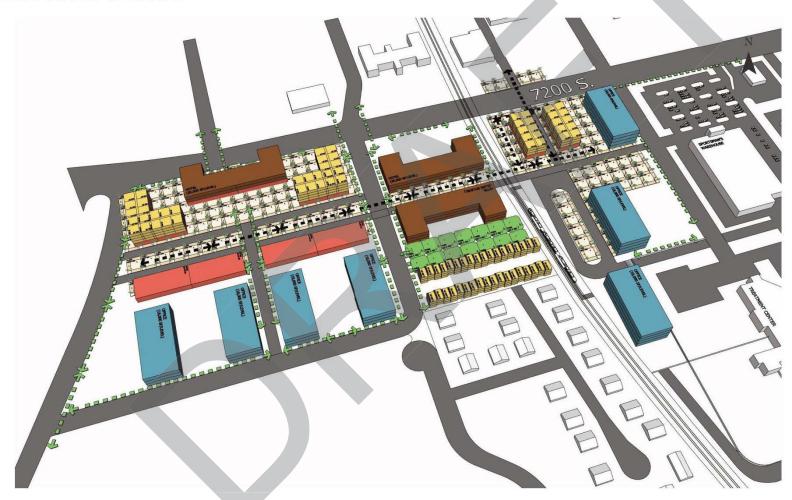
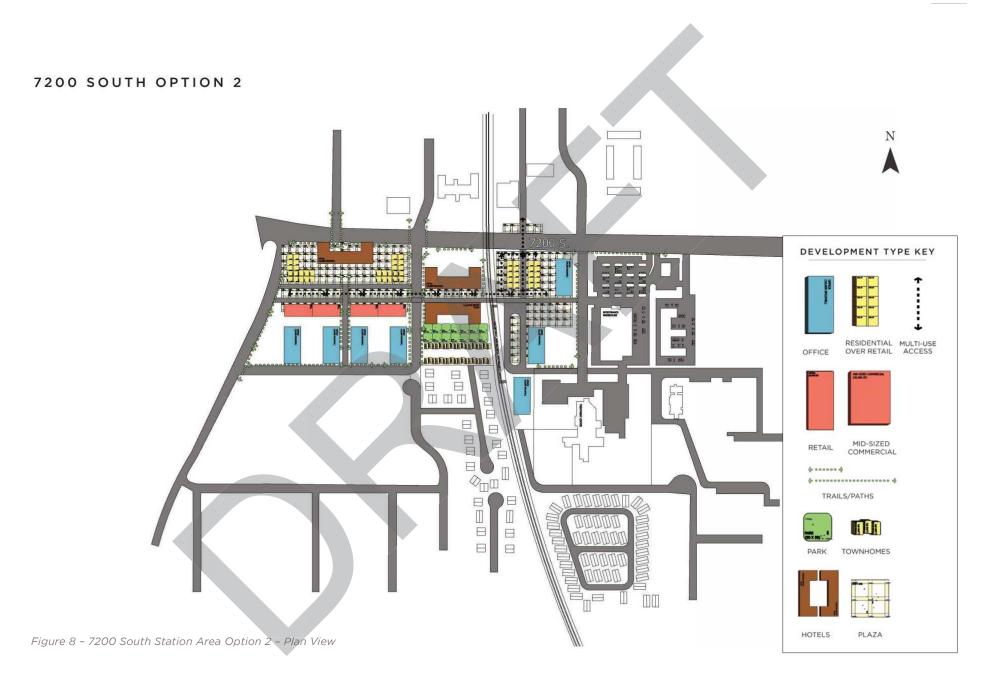


Figure 7 - 7200 South Station Area Option 2 - Perspective



The multi-use roadway concept introduced in Option 1 is expanded in Option 2 to allow for more intensive uses. The focus of the public space should be on outdoor recreation and as a "basecamp" for visitors to the hotels restaurants and shops in the area.

Table 3 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 2. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 3: 7200 SOUTH OPTION 2 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	224	212,400	5	8,471	3%
Office		432,000	3	483,000	89%
Hotel	338	208,000	2	998	34%
Retail		107,900	2	1,000,000	11%
Parking			4		
Public Space		360,000	8		

Option 2 includes 8 acres of plaza space as an amenity for all Midvale City residents, hotel guests and area employees. Amenities in the public space should reflect the station area brand – outdoor recreation. Amenities could include ice skating, a rock wall, or even a kayaking river.

The addition of the new right of way and substantial plaza space improves connectivity throughout the area. A new road connects the corridor to Millennium Way and provides easy access from the new office spaces. The bus circle originally located just south of the station is moved north to allow passengers to disembark directly adjacent the station.

# OPTION 3

Figures 9 and 10 represent Option 3 for the 7200 South Station area, which further expands on the multi-use roadway extending from Catalpa through the station area. The option includes significant intensity of use along the 7200 South frontage and an expanded multi-use roadway concept.

# 7200 SOUTH OPTION 3

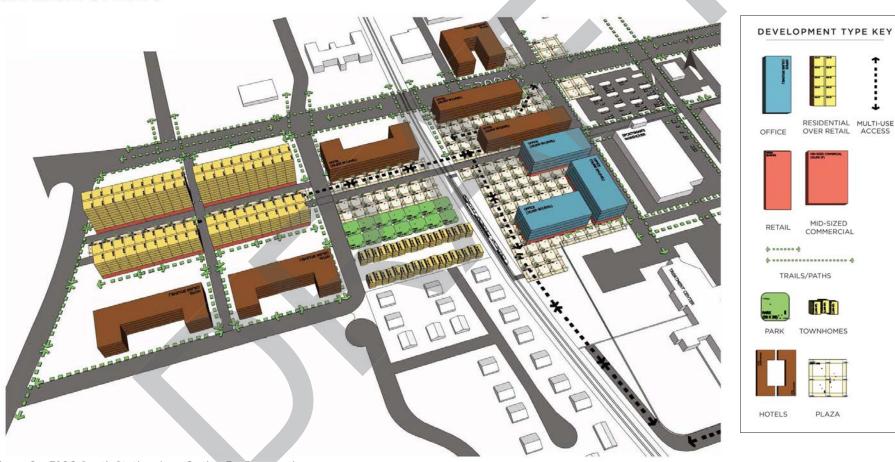


Figure 9 - 7200 South Station Area Option 3 - Perspective

# 7200 SOUTH OPTION 3

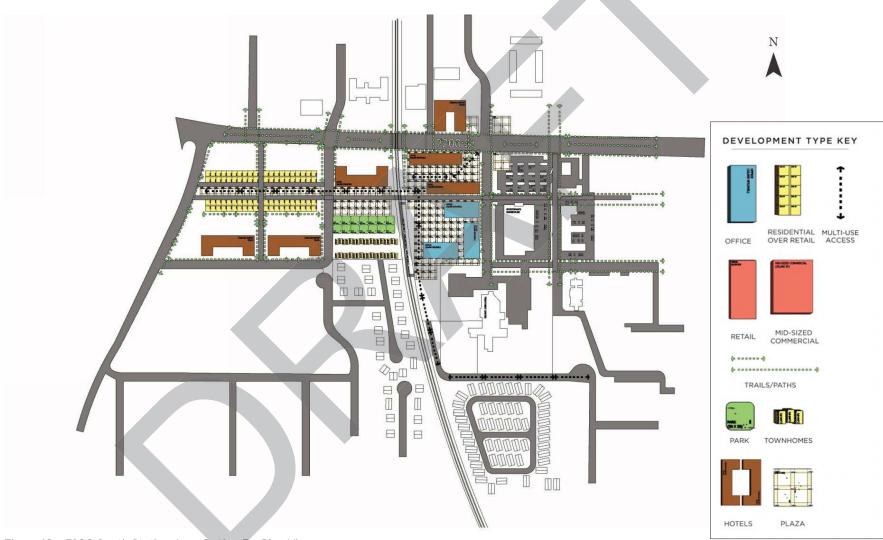


Figure 10 - 7200 South Station Area Option 3 - Plan View

Option 3 for the 7200 South station area is a full district redevelopment on both sides of 7200 South and the rail line. The scenario includes a new pedestrian-oriented road similar to Option 2; however, this option includes more intense massing along the corridor.

The entire area, including old pedestrian infrastructure, benefits from network improvements and additions, new pedestrianoriented streets and numerous plaza spaces. Many new 7200 South crossings are implemented.

Table 4 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 3. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 4: 7200 SOUTH OPTION 3 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Residential	876	799,200	18	8,471	10%
Office		216,000	1	483,000	45%
Hotel	748	460,000	3	998	75%
Retail		132,000	3	1,000,000	13%
Parking			5		
Public Space		385,000	9		

More intensive use of property in the station area results in additional public and private investment. Accordingly, Option 3 includes a public plaza not seen in Options 1 and 2, located directly west of the transit station.

# **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

As seen in Table 5 input from attendees of the external stakeholders meeting and online demonstrated a preference for Option 2 in most categories. The preferred solution is a combination of Options 2 and 3 using the public space network of 3 and the intensity of future use of 2.

TABLE 5: SUMMARY OF 7200 SOUTH AREA SURVEY RESULTS - COMPARATIVE QUESTIONS

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Which option would best achieve a positive major transformation of the area?	8%	67%	25%
Which option would strike the best balance between cars and human spaces?	11%	62%	27%
Which option is best internally connected?	0%	47%	53%
Which option makes the future development a neighborhood asset?	8%	61%	32%
Which option would engage redevelopment of the area?	11%	37%	53%
Which option best supports potential for a "Recreation and Hospitality Hub" brand?	15%	46%	38%

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

The public input process also measured opinions on specific land uses summarized in Table 6. Redevelopment of the station area with the following uses enjoys significant public support:

- Office
- Hotel/Hospitality
- Recreation
- Market-rate housing
- Public space

TABLE 6: COMPARISON OPTIONS LAND USES

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Option 1 Housing is:	59%	38%	3%
Option 2 Housing is:	26%	71%	3%
Option 3 Housing is:	5%	20%	75%
Option 1 Office is:	27%	51%	22%
Option 2 Office is:	20%	45%	35%
Option 3 Office is:	29%	71%	0%
Option 1 Retail is:	21%	61%	18%
Option 2 Retail is:	50%	42%	8%
Option 3 Retail is:	35%	62%	3%
Option 1 Public Space is:	76%	24%	0%
Option 2 Public Space is:	21%	79%	0%
Option 3 Public Space is:	13%	63%	24%

The location and intensity of each of the uses must be carefully considered. Public input has indicated that the intensities summarized in Table 7 are preferred.

TABLE 7: PREFERRED INTENSITY BY LAND USE - 7200 SOUTH

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES
Residential	224	212,400	5
Office		216,000	1
Retail		124,500	3
Human Designed Public Space		360,000	8
Total Developed			17

GSBS completed preliminary planning level pro forma analysis of the viability of each of the options in the private development market. The analysis used the rental rates and market opportunity identified in the existing conditions analysis as inputs to the pro-forma. The inputs and full description of the pro-forma analysis can be found in Appendix B. Table 8 summarizes the results for each of the 7200 South Station Area options.

TABLE 8: 7200 SOUTH OPTIONS FUTURE VALUE

LAND USE	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Residential	\$25,327,660	\$45,753,191	\$138,076,596
Office	\$92,821,119	\$123,761,492	\$61,880,746
Hotel	\$221,304,177	\$147,536,118	\$510,701,947
Retail/Restaurant	\$247,806,354	\$228,532,526	\$279,576,399
Total Private Value	\$587,259,310	\$545,583,328	\$990,235,688
Total Future Assessed Value	\$575,861,863	\$524,994,392	\$928,101,220
Midvale 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate	0.001309	0.001309	0.001309
Estimated Annual Midvale City Property Tax	\$753,803	\$687,218	\$1,214,884
Years to Pay for Public Space	12	25	15

As can be seen in the comparison table, Option 3 would generate the highest new taxable value for the City and pay back the investment in new public space in 15 years (assuming Midvale City participation only.)

# SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITY

Implementation of the preferred level of future development in the 7200 South Station Area will depend on real estate market forces and the ability of developers to gain ownership of area properties. Demand for the homes, office space and shops in the planning area is expected to remain high. Table 9 identifies the anticipated market share for the preferred intensity of future development.

TABLE 9: MARKET SHARE OF PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT - 7200 SOUTH

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	224	212,400	5	8,471	3%
Office		216,000	1	483,000	45%
Retail		124,500	3	1,000,000	12%
Hotel	338	208,000	2	998	34%
Total Private Development		760,900	11		
Public Space		385,000	9		

Table 10 provides the planning level preliminary pro forma for the preferred development at 7200 South. The public space investment is comparable to the investment assumed in 7200 South Development Option 3 but the intensities of future use are closer to the values of 7200 South Development Option 2.

TABLE 10: 7200 SOUTH STATION AREA PREFERRED OPTION PRO FORMA SUMMARY

LAND USE	INVESTMENT COST	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT VALUE
Residential	\$37,170,000	\$42,893,617
Office	\$37,800,000	\$58,013,199
Hotel	\$36,400,000	\$127,864,636
Retail/Restaurant	\$21,787,500	\$24,014,750
Development Parking	\$74,415,000	\$0
Total Private Cost/Value	\$207,572,500	\$252,786,203
Public Space	\$18,000,000	\$0
Total Future Assessed Value		\$233,484,075
Midvale 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate		0.001309
Estimated Annual Midvale City Property Tax		\$305,631
Public:Private Leverage	\$12	
Years to Pay Back Public Investment		59

The years to pay back public investment is longer than any of the three options presented during the planning process. Increased intensity of activity close to the 7200 South frontage and at the station will increase the future development value, increase public/private leverage and decrease the years to pay back the public investment. Other strategies to decrease the years to pay back public investment include creating a partnership with other taxing entities including UTA and Salt Lake County to participate in the project.

# **CENTER STREET OPTION 1**

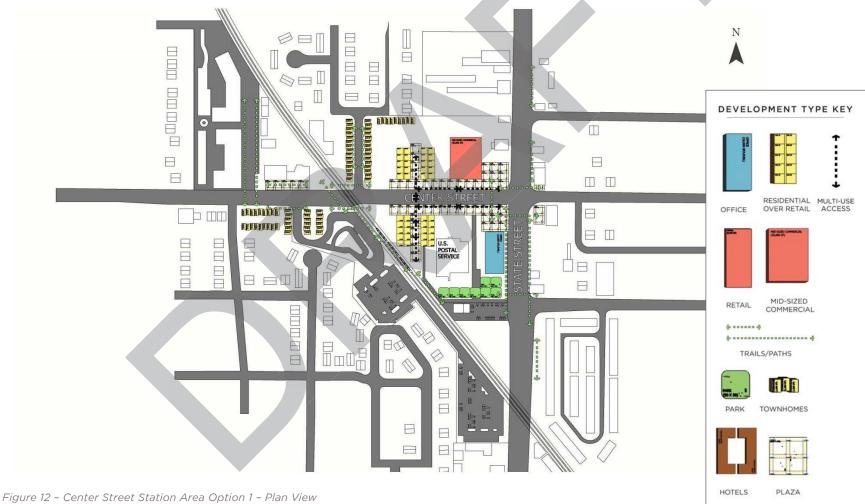


Figure 11 - Center Street Station Area Option 1 - Perspective

# CENTER STREET STATION AREA OPTION 1

Each alternative is meant to build on the impact of the one previous to provide a range of development options for the community. Figures 11 and 12 represent Center Street Option 1, this alternative provides the least development impact of the three with a moderate scale of change. This option is closest to recent development patterns in the area.

#### **CENTER STREET OPTION 1**



Option 1 does not represent a significant increase in intensity of use. Because the option represents minimal new private investment in the area, it also includes minimal new public infrastructure and amenities.

Table 11 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 1. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 11: CENTER STREET OPTION 1 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	79	82,800	2	8,471	1%
Office		54,000	1	483,000	11%
Hotel	0	0	0	998	0%
Retail		70,000	2	1,000,000	7%
Parking			2		
Public Space		145,000	3		

Development is evenly distributed on both sides of Center Street and is comprised of four new multifamily housing buildings, a midsized commercial building, and an office building. The Post Office remains untouched amidst the new developments. New townhomes are placed along Maple Street east of Center.

Connectivity considerations for this option include improvements at existing intersections, with a focus on enhancing the Center Street pedestrian crossing experience. This option includes the new Center Street crossing directly west of the rail line. Plaza space is positioned at all corners of the Center Street State Street intersection and continues west down Center Street. Another new Center Street crossing is added to connect the new residential developments on either side and a pedestrian corridor continues between this new housing on either side of Center St.

The station property is not reconfigured in this option, although the western parking lot may be utilized for temporary public space. Pedestrian access to the station is enhanced with new open space placed between State Street and the station area.

# OPTION 2

Option 2 provides a moderate scale of change with new development focused along State Street north of Center Street and in the triangle of parcels directly adjacent to the Center Street Station to the east. While Option 1 provides limited change, as seen in Figures 13 and 14, Option 2 provides moderate levels of change focused mainly on the eastern side of the rail line.

# **CENTER STREET OPTION 2**



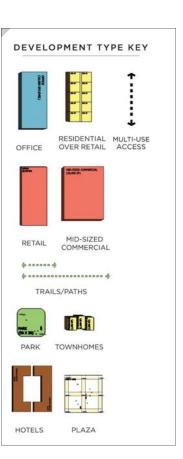


Figure 13 - Center Street Station Area Option 2 - Perspective

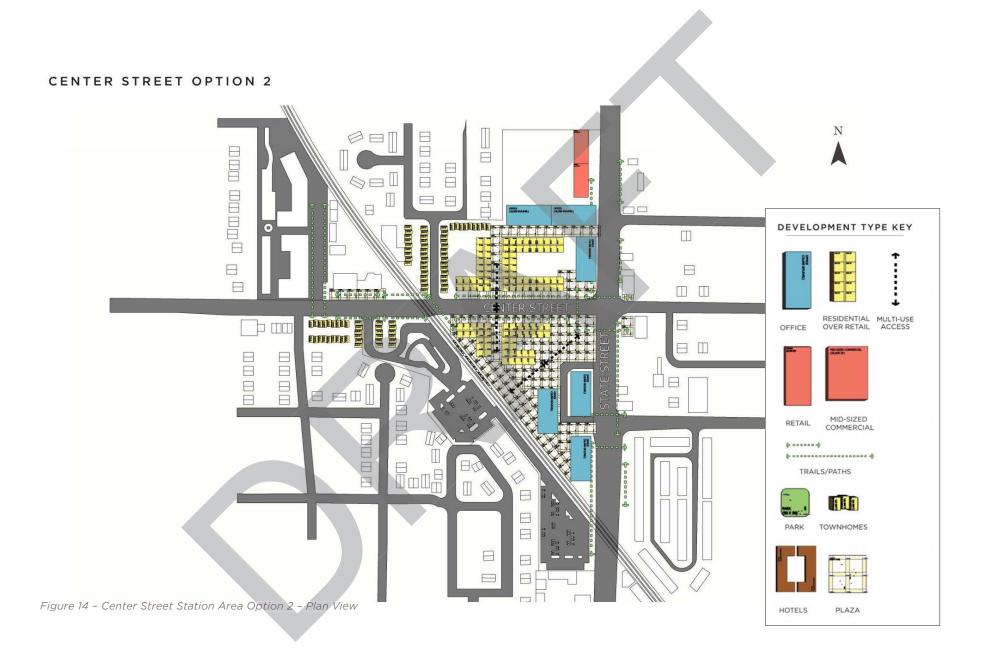


Table 12 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 2. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 12: CENTER STREET OPTION 2 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	428	399,600	9	8,471	5%
Office		216,000	5	483,000	45%
Hotel	0	0	0	998	0%
Retail		70,150	2	1,000,000	7%
Parking			3		
Public Space		340,000	8		

In this option the station platform is reoriented to the east. A plaza is integrated into the area with surrounding new development. The benefit of this layout is a new view corridor from the corner of State and Center Street through to the station platform plaza area, drawing activity through from State Street.

This option maintains human space strategies from Option 1, i.e. existing intersections are improved, and human designed space is incorporated in front of Joe Morley's. The new Center Street pedestrian crossing directly west of the rail line is also maintained to boost connectivity in the area and allows easy access from new townhome developments to transit.

This option, as with Option 1, creates additional connectivity across Center Street north of the rail line. This new pedestrian friendly road creates the opportunity for living and shopping away from the high traffic volumes on State Street.

# OPTION 3

Option three is a complete transformation of the Center Street Station area. As seen in Figures 15 and 16 the option includes lower density buffers adjacent to existing singlefamily neighborhoods. The most intense portion of this development scenario is located along State Street. At the tallest, these buildings are 10 stories above a retail level. As they move closer to existing residential areas the buildings step down to 6 and then 4 stories and eventually to townhomes.

# CENTER STREET OPTION 3





Figure 15 - Center Street Station Area Option 3 - Perspective

# **CENTER STREET OPTION 3**

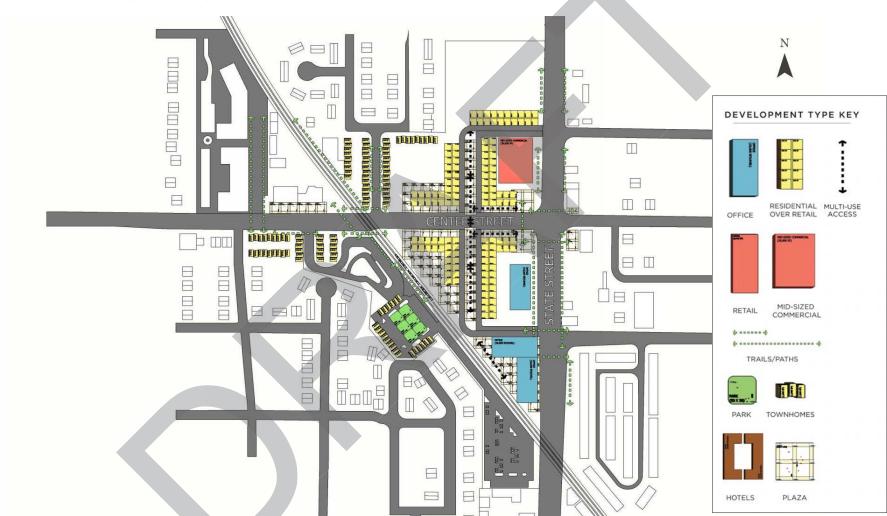


Figure 16 - Center Street Station Area Option 3 - Plan View

This option transforms part of the current Center Street station area parking lot into a new townhome neighborhood. The need for a grocery store in one of the two station areas was identified in the public input process. With the increased density of this option, a new grocery store was included in this option.

Table 13 estimates residential units and square feet by land use in Option 3. The table also includes projected 2040 growth by land use type in Midvale and how much of future need is met by the option.

TABLE 13: CENTER STREET OPTION 3 DEVELOPMENT TYPES AND INTENSITY

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	961	885,600	20	8,471	11%
Office		270,000	6	483,000	56%
Hotel	0	0	0	998	0%
Retail		96,300	2	1,000,000	10%
Parking			2		
Public Space		177,500	4		

Once again, the station platform is reoriented to the east with significant public space adjacent to the new, more intense development along the State Street frontage. Because of the significant new investment represented in this option, additional public space is viable. The focus of this new public space should reinforce the preferred brand for this area as a new village within Midvale.

# **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

As seen in Table 14, input from attendees of the external stakeholders meeting and online demonstrated a preference for Option 3. Option 3 is the most intensive future use including a new street grid that connects the east side of State Street to the station area and the north side of Center Street to new development on the current Post Office location.

TABLE 14: SUMMARY OF CENTER STREET AREA SURVEY RESULTS - COMPARATIVE QUESTIONS

COMPARATIVE QUESTION	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Which option would be most awake and vibrant?	0%	8%	92%
Which option would be the most charming and good for pedestrians?	4%	24%	72%
Which option would best represent positive transformation over time?	4%	35%	61%
To which option would you most want your neighborhood connected?	17%	26%	57%
Which option would engage redevelopment of the area?	0%	22%	78%
Which option best supports potential for a "Neighborhood Village" brand?	9%	22%	70%

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

The public input process also measured opinions on specific land uses summarized in Table 15. Redevelopment of the station area with the following uses enjoys significant public support:

- Office
- Retail
- Market-rate housing
- Public space

TABLE 15: COMPARISON OPTIONS LAND USES

	NOT ENOUGH	JUST RIGHT	тоо мисн
Option 1 Housing is:	66%	17%	17%
Option 2 Housing is:	37%	52%	11%
Option 3 Housing is:	4%	52%	44%
Option 1 Office is:	75%	21%	4%
Option 2 Office is:	16%	40%	44%
Option 3 Office is:	17%	83%	0%
Option 1 Retail is:	57%	43%	0%
Option 2 Retail is:	48%	48%	4%
Option 3 Retail is:	26%	74%	0%
Option 1 Public Space is:	64%	29%	7%
Option 2 Public Space is:	15%	35%	50%
Option 3 Public Space is:	13%	83%	4%

The only land use type for which there was a difference of opinion is housing. An equal number of people felt the Option 2 level of intensity for housing (428 units) was just right as felt the Option 3 level (961 units) was just right. This difference was resolved in the discussion surrounding housing. Most participants preferred the lay-out and location of housing in Option 3 with a combination of the building heights in Options 2 and 3 (a little taller than 2 and a little lower than 3.) The location and intensity of each of the uses must be carefully considered. Public input has indicated that the intensities summarized in Table 16 are preferred.

TABLE 16: PREFERRED INTENSITY BY LAND USE - CENTER STREET

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES
Residential	695	642,600	15
Office		270,000	6
Retail		96,300	2
Human Designed Public Space		177,500	4
Total Developed			27

GSBS completed preliminary planning level pro forma analysis of the viability of each of the options in the private development market. The analysis used the rental rates and market opportunity identified in the existing conditions analysis as inputs to the pro-forma. The inputs and full description of the pro-forma analysis can be found in Appendix B. Table 17 summarizes the results for each of the Center Street Station Area options.

TABLE 17: CENTER STREET OPTIONS FUTURE VALUE

LAND USE	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Residential	\$19,812,766	\$87,421,277	\$196,289,362
Office	\$144,388,407	\$61,880,746	\$77,350,933
Retail/Restaurant	\$211,800,303	\$148,577,912	\$203,963,691
Total Private Value	\$376,001,476	\$297,879,935	\$477,603,986
Total Future Assessed Value	\$367,085,731	\$258,540,360	\$389,273,773
Midvale 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate	0.001309	0.001309	0.001309
Estimated Annual Midvale City Property Tax	\$480,515	\$338,429	\$509,559
Years to Pay for Public Space	14	49	17

As can be seen in the comparison table, Option 3 would generate the highest new taxable value for the City and pay back the investment in new public space in 17 years (assuming Midvale City participation only.)

# SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITY

Implementation of the preferred level of future development in the Center Street Station Area will depend on real estate market forces and the ability of developers to gain ownership of area properties. Demand for the homes, office space and shops in the planning area is expected to remain high. Table 18 identifies the anticipated market share for the preferred intensity of future development.

TABLE 18: MARKET SHARE OF PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT - CENTER STREET

LAND USE	UNITS	SF	ACRES	2040 GROWTH PROJECTION	% OF 2040 GROWTH PROJECTION
Residential	695	642,600	15	8,471	8%
Office		270,000	6	483,000	56%
Retail		96,300	2	1,000,000	10%
Total Private Development		1,008,900	23		

Table 19 provides the planning level preliminary pro forma for the preferred development at Center Street. The public space investment is comparable to the investment assumed in Center Street Development Option 3 but the intensities of future use are lower than Option 3 and higher than Option 2.

TABLE 19: CENTER STREET STATION AREA PREFERRED OPTION PRO FORMA SUMMARY

LAND USE	INVESTMENT COST	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT VALUE
Residential	\$112,455,000	\$132,989,362
Office	\$47,250,000	\$72,516,499
Hotel	\$0	
Retail/Restaurant	\$16,852,500	\$18,575,265
Development Parking	\$74,415,000	\$0
Total Private Cost/Value	\$250,972,500	\$224,081,126
Public Space	\$8,875,000	\$0
Total Future Assessed Value		\$164,235,913
Midvale 2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate		0.001309
Estimated Annual Midvale City Property Tax		\$214,985
Public:Private Leverage	\$28	
Years to Pay Back Public Investment		41

The years to pay back public investment is longer than Options 1 and 3 presented during the planning process. Increased intensity of activity close to the State Street and Center Street frontage and at the station will increase the future development value, increase public/private leverage and decrease the years to pay back the public investment. Other strategies to decrease the years to pay back public investment include creating a partnership with other taxing entities including UTA and Salt Lake County to participate in the project.

# IV. RECOMMENDED STATION AREA PLANS

The Midvale Station Area Planning process generated several key findings relating to the vision and brand, preferred future land uses and intensities and public infrastructure for each of the station areas. The plans will guide future development in each of the areas as new development and investment occurs. The plans will also guide public investment in each of the areas.

The City has several tools to use in implementing the plans. These include directly funding some of the public infrastructure projects, participating in public-private partnerships to fund other elements of the public infrastructure in the plan, imposing zoning requirements on private developers to achieve the design and development types desired and partnering with other public agencies to fund and implement other elements such as improvements to the UTA-owned station areas and new recreation opportunities.

#### 7200 SOUTH STATION AREA PLAN

The 7200 South Station area presents a redevelopment opportunity. To maximize the value of past infrastructure investments and address increasing traffic pressure, the area should be redeveloped to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access.

Redevelopment of the area should be consistent with this Station Area Plan based on the vision and goals of the community living, working and using the station area.

#### VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were identified for each of the final vision statements.

- 1. Transformative through urban design and land use.
  - a) Intensify land uses
  - b) Diversify land uses
  - c) Refocus land uses to human scale
  - d) Improve pedestrian and bicycle access

- e) Update parking standards to reflect improved access to station platform including:
  - 1. Parking Minimums and Maximums:

#### Residential

	W/IN .25 MI		OUTSIDE .25 MI	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
1 BR	0.75	1	1	1.25
2 BR	1	1.5	1.25	2
3 BR	1.25	2	1.5	2
4+ BR	1.5	2	1.75	2

- Senior unit .25 spaces
- 1 guest space/4 units but on-street is acceptable.
- Project qualifies for w/in .25 mile standard if any part of project is within .25 mile.

#### Non-residential

	MIN	MAX
Commercial	2.5 spaces/1000 leasable sf	4 spaces/1000 leasable sf
Office	2 spaces/1000 leasable sf	3.5 spaces/1000 leasable sf
Hotel	.75 space/room + 2 spaces/1000 separate net leasable building area	1 space/room + 3.5 spaces/1000 separate net leasable building area

#### 2. Additional reductions:

- 1. 50 percent affordable housing allowable reduction.
- 2. Alternative compliance management plan:
  - a. Based on parking impact study undertaken by developer.
  - b. Must accomplish purpose of parking standards or TOD zone better than standards.
- 3. Total reduction of parking minimums is limited to 50 percent of the minimums.

#### 3. Shared parking:

- 1. Keep shared parking provision.
- 2. Allow staff to approve.
- 3. Must be within 800 feet.
- 4. Parking study to show complementary peak demand.

#### 4. Off-site parking allowance:

- 1. Can accommodate up to 100 percent of parking off-site.
- 2. Must be within 800 feet of the use.
- The location and terms of the off-site parking shall be specified in a written deed, lease or contract, signed and notarized by all affected property owners.

# 5. On-street parking allowance:

- 1. Below unit limit (10,000 sf) can accommodate all parking on-street, where available.
- 2. Above the limit, can accommodate 25 percent of parking for additional square feet on-street, where available. For example, for a 15,000 building, the parking required for the first 10,000 square feet can be accommodated on-street, while up to 25 percent of the parking required for the additional 5,000 square feet can be accommodated on-street.
- 3. Residential guest spaces can be accommodated on-street.
- 4. On-street spaces must be within, directly adjacent to, or as close as possible to the development.
- 5. On-street spaces must be on new streets or streets fronted by non-single-family residential uses.

# 6. Parking benefit district.

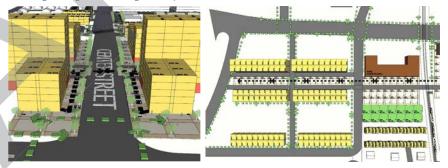
Long-term potential to develop a parking benefit district in one or both station areas. Members of the district (likely property owners) would pay into the district as an alternative to supplying parking on their own. This would potentially be focused more on office/commercial/hotel; could be a better strategy in the 7200 South station area. Consider coupling this concept with the parking changes desired in the Main Street Small Area Plan to create a citywide district.

#### 7. Parking design standards:

- 1. No parking in front setback of any building.
- 2. Parking structures shall contain ground-level retail, office or display windows along all street-fronting facades of the parking structure.

# 8. Additional parking policies:

- 1. Buffer surface lots.
- 2. Landscaping and trees in surface lots.
- 3. Integrate low-impact development/green infrastructure into parking areas.
- **2.** Increase human designed space (as opposed to automobile designed space) to 25-30 percent.
  - a) Improve pedestrian pathways within the ¼ mile radius of the station



- b) Provide cross platform access to allow uses on the westside of station area to access platform
- c) Create plaza/park amenity with focused on outdoor recreation in close proximity to the station platform for amenities for visitors and residents
- d) Program the plaza/park with activities for visitors and residents
- e) Provide spaces adjacent to the human space for restaurants/retail consistent with the station area "brand"
- **3.** Connect the area to the rest of the community.
  - a) Create a combination of physical and use connections
  - b) Create internal circulation network that can be extended to the east as area nearer State Street redevelops
  - c) Work with UDOT to improve pedestrian connections across 7200 South

- d) Develop a strategy to improve 7200 South street scape
- **4.** Focus on hotels and hospitality.
  - a) Work with current hotel/motel owners to upgrade quality of accommodations consistent with the station area brand
  - b) Identify target hotel brands for new room development in station area
- **5.** Create a cohesive brand for the area as a regional entry point to the community and a gateway to recreation.
  - a) Work with a branding agency to identify a brand consistent with the community vision and this station area plan

b) Create a comprehensive wayfinding and branding package for the station area

To achieve the vision goals and objectives for the 7200 South station area, this plan has identified opportunities for catalytic projects, primarily within the areas currently zoned TOD or TODO. Some longer-term opportunities were identified on the north side of 7200 South. Catalytic opportunities likely to occur within the next 5 years are identified as "near-term". "Mid-term" opportunities are likely to occur in the next 5-10 years and "long-term" opportunities will take longer than 10 years to occur. The illustrative plan in Figure 17 also identifies the location of known current opportunities and areas where land use and density should be constrained to buffer adjacent stable neighborhoods.

#### 7200 SOUTH STATION PLAN



Figure 17 - 7200 South Station Area Catalytic Opportunity Plan

Human-focused spaces are the most important component of the 7200 South Station Area Plan. Input from area residents, property owners and transit riders reinforced the importance of including human scaled connections and amenities throughout the station area to support and benefit current and new residents, employees and

visitors to the area. The illustrative plan in Figure 18 identifies a possible network of connections and amenities focused on pedestrians and bicyclists that provides connectivity to and from the station to existing and future development.

#### 7200 SOUTH STREET NETWORK PLAN

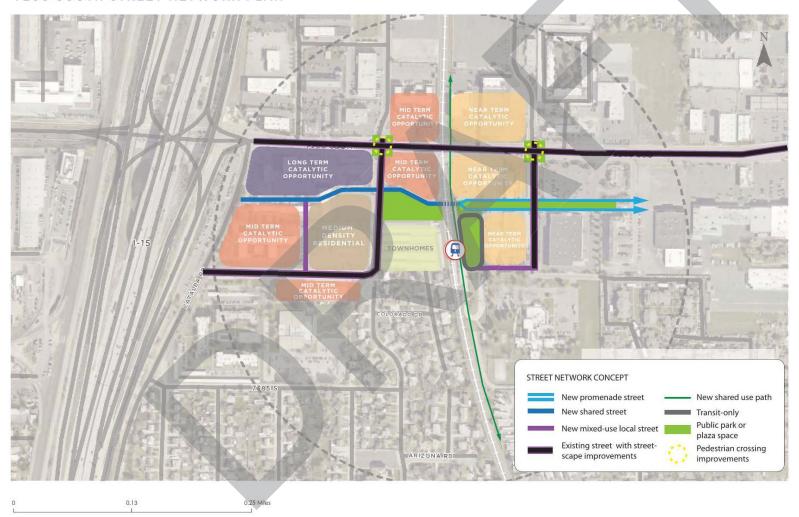


Figure 18 - 7200 South Station Area Public Space Framework Map

Because of the increased connectivity of the area visitors and residents will be able to park once and walk to different uses within the station area. This will reduce reliance on the automobile and encourage shorter trips. The plan also focuses human-scaled amenities away from 7200 South preserving current roadway capacity and providing a more conducive pedestrian environment allowing for sidewalk cafes and a plaza protected from the high traffic volumes of the major arterial.

The new interior connection is designed to extend further east to State Street, creating an internal boulevard providing interior multi-modal access to a newly redeveloped area at 7200 South from State Street to I-15 while maintaining current TRAX vehicular crossing points.

#### PROJECTS AND IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. Work with existing business and property owners to identify a brand and theme consistent with the plan vision statements.
- **2.** Explore the appropriate mix of funding mechanisms for the public improvements within the station area. Options include:
  - a) Community Redevelopment Act Project Area
  - b) Special Improvement District
  - c) Transportation Reinvestment Zone Project Area
  - d) Grants
  - e) Pay-as-you-go

#### **3.** Work with UTA to:

- a) Explore a viable alignment for cross platform connectivity
- b) Explore realignment of the bus drop off area
- c) Create a developer RFP for the station area for mixed use development focusing primarily on office, hotel, and retail uses
  - 1. Incorporate new shared use street in redevelopment plans

### 2. Explore replacement of existing parking on less than a 1:1 basis

### **4.** Update the Zoning Code to require:

- a) Dedication of open space associated with new developments to support the public space network incorporated in the plan
- b) Contribution to an open space fund in lieu of dedication if the development is not adjacent to the public space network
- c) A balanced mix of land use types within the station area to include:
  - 1. Medium and high density residential
  - 2. Office
  - 3. Hotel
  - 4. Retail
- d) New development to comply with design guidelines implementing the station area's brand and theme
- e) The most intensive development to be along the 7200 South frontage
- f) A buffer for existing single-family residential areas with less intensive development
- g) Updated parking requirements in accordance with parking analysis recommendations
- 5. Develop street cross sections and streetscape requirements consistent with the station area brand and theme.

#### CENTER STREET STATION AREA PLAN

The Center Street Station area was once a thriving commercial center serving Midvale and the formerly unincorporated areas to the east. The area can and should return to its role as a primary source of economic opportunity in the City. New development in the station area should also maximize the value of past infrastructure investments and address increasing traffic pressure, the area should be redeveloped to enhance multi-modal access and allow visitors and residents to park once and walk to different uses within the station area.

Redevelopment of the area should be consistent with this Station Area Plan based on the vision and goals of a community village with opportunities for social interaction as well as places to shop, eat, work, play and live.

#### VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were identified for each of the final vision statements.

#### 1. Awaken and activate the area

- a) Provide pedestrian connections to and from surrounding neighborhoods
- b) Improve the pedestrian experience across State Street
- c) Intensify land uses in the station area
- d) Diversify land uses in the station area
- e) Include the east side of State Street in plan implementation

# **2.** Design and improve for charm

- a) New development should be:
  - 1. aesthetically pleasing
  - 2. classic
  - 3. livable
  - 4. pedestrian friendly
- b) The ideal ratio for space specifically designed for humans (as opposed to automobiles) is 40 percent.

#### 3. Encourage transformative development

- a) Actively recruit key partners for public/private partnerships
- b) Exercise patience within the real estate market to achieve plan goals
- c) Invest in infrastructure improvements most likely to result in private development consistent with the plan
- 4. Concentrate the most intense uses near State Street and Center Street.
- **5.** Create a cohesive brand for the area as a village center and activity hub in the community.
  - a) Work with a branding agency to identify a brand consistent with the community vision and this station area plan
  - b) Create a comprehensive wayfinding and branding package for the station area

To achieve the vision goals and objectives for the Center Street station area, this plan has identified opportunities for catalytic projects, primarily within the areas currently zoned TOD. Some longer-term opportunities were identified on the east side of State Street. Catalytic opportunities likely to occur within the next 5 years are identified as "near-term". "Mid-term" opportunities are likely to occur in the next 5-10 years and "long-term" opportunities will take longer than 10 years to occur. The illustrative plan in Figure 19 also identify the location of known current opportunities and areas where land use and density should be constrained to buffer adjacent stable neighborhoods.

### CENTER ST STATION PLAN

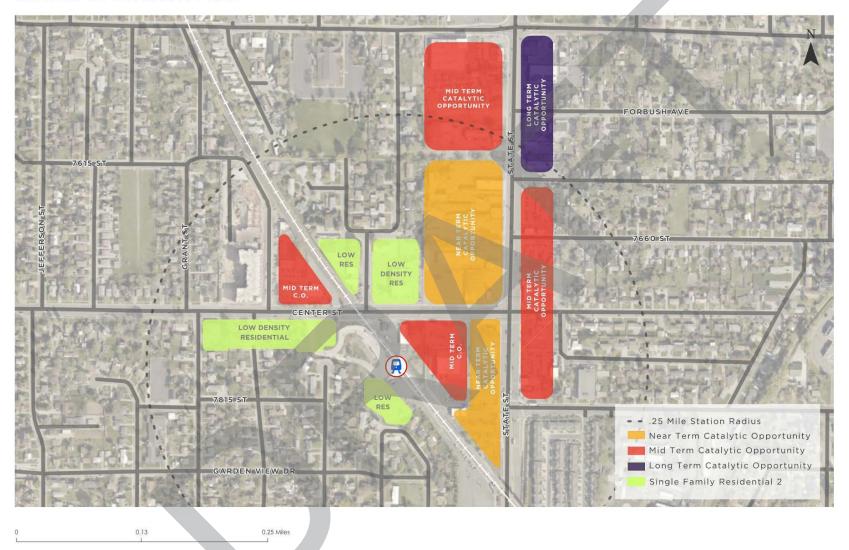


Figure 19 - Center Street Station Area Catalytic Opportunity Illustrative Plan

Human-focused spaces are the most important component of the Center Street Station Area Plan. Input from area residents, property owners and transit riders reinforced the importance of including human scaled connections and amenities

throughout the station area to support and benefit current and new residents, employees and visitors to the area.

The illustrative plan in Figure 20 identifies a possible network connections and amenities focused on pedestrians and bicyclists that provides connectivity to and from the station to existing and future development.

# CENTER ST STATION PLAN

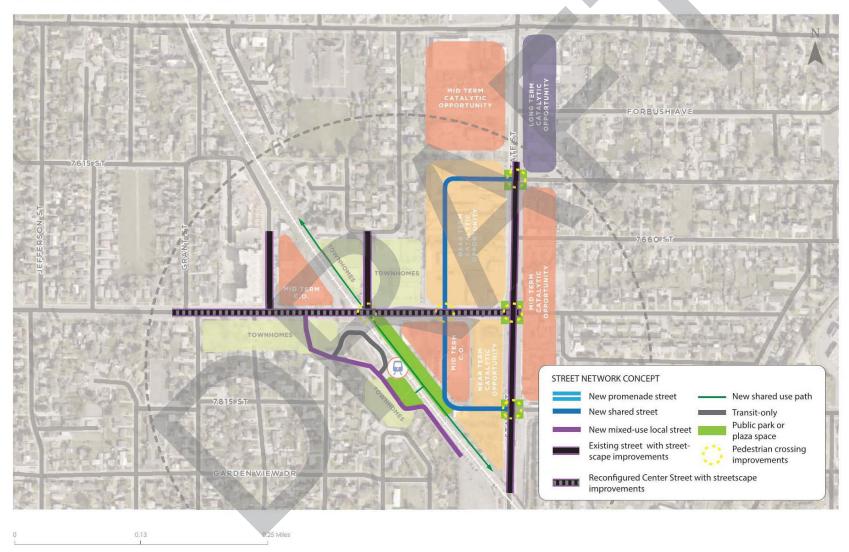


Figure 20 - Center Street Station Area Public Space Framework Map

Because of the increased connectivity of the area visitors and residents will be able to park once and walk to different uses within the station area. This will reduce reliance on the automobile and encourage shorter trips. The plan also focuses human-scaled amenities east of the station area creating new connectivity to the east side of state street and moving the more intense uses away from existing single-family neighborhoods west of the station.

The new interior connection is designed to create accessibility to the new development without the need to interact with traffic on State Street.

#### PROJECTS AND IMPLEMENTATION:

- **1.** Work with existing business and property owners to identify a brand and theme consistent with the plan vision statements.
- **2.** Explore the appropriate mix of funding mechanisms for the public improvements within the station area. Options include:
  - a) Community Redevelopment Act Project Area
  - b) Special Improvement District
  - c) Transportation Reinvestment Zone Project Area
  - d) Grants
  - e) Pay-as-you-go

#### **3.** Work with UTA to:

- a) Redevelop the northerly parking lot with medium density housing
- b) Improve the drive aisle as a new mixed-use local street
- c) Create a park/plaza space adjacent to the existing platform (west)
- d) Improve the pedestrian connection to the State Street 8000 South intersection
- e) Identify a development partner to acquire the USPS property for redevelopment in conjunction with UTA properties on State Street
  - 1. Incorporate new shared use street in redevelopment plan
  - 2. Create a park/plaza space adjacent to the existing platform (east)

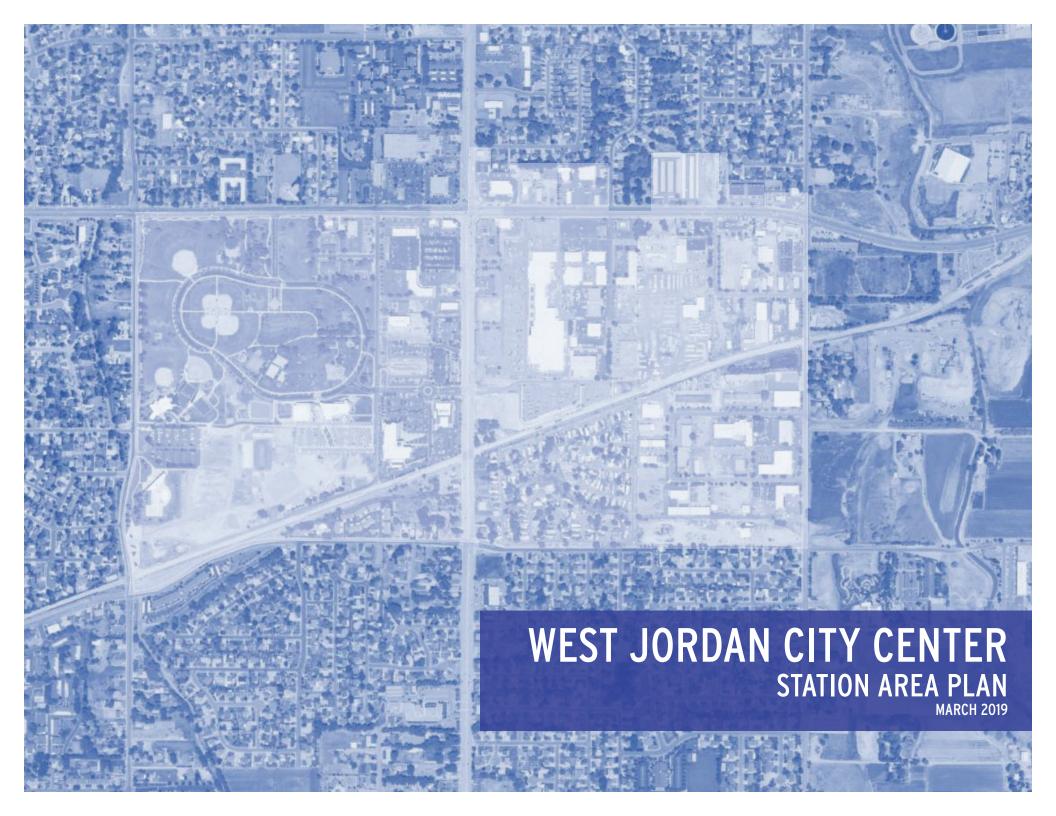
# **4.** Update the Zoning Code to require:

- a) Dedication of open space associated with new developments to support the public space network incorporated in the plan
- b) Contribution to an open space fund in lieu of dedication if the development is not adjacent to the public space network
- c) A balanced mix of land use types within the station area to include:
  - 1. Medium and high density residential
  - 2. Office
  - 3. Retail
- d) New development to comply with design guidelines implementing the station area's brand and theme
- e) The most intensive development to be in the area from State Street to the station
- f) A buffer for existing single-family residential areas with less intensive development
- g) Updated parking requirements in accordance with parking analysis recommendations
- **5.** Develop street cross sections and streetscape requirements consistent with the station area brand and theme.
- **6.** Create pedestrian areas on all four corners of the State Street and 8000 South, State Street and Center Street and State Street and 7615 South intersections.
- **7.** Reconfigure Center Street to improve the pedestrian environment and install streetscape improvements.

# V. APPENDIX

- A Public Engagement Process Report
- B. Existing Conditions Analysis Report
- C. Parking Analysis Report
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# Exhibit C



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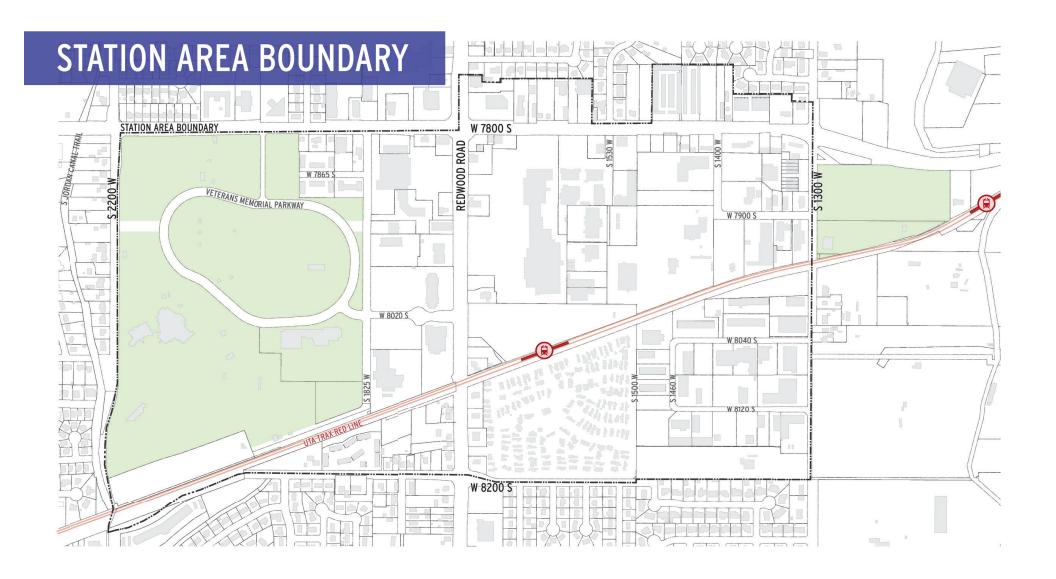
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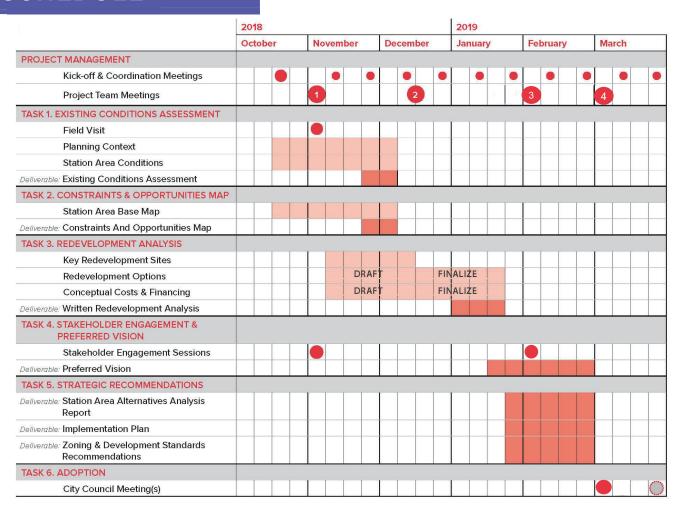
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PROJECT PROCESS



# PROJECT SCHEDULE



# STATION AREA ANALYSIS



### **TRANSIT**

The UTA park-and-ride lot is currently underutilized and pedestrian unfriendly. The rail line and adjacent sound wall bisect walking and biking access across the tracks. There are no 18-hour active uses adjacent to the station, creating potentially unsafe conditions for transit riders.

### REDWOOD ROAD

Redwood Road is a barrier between the existing civic center and the future city center area due to its auto-oriented character, including infrequent signals, high traffic volumes, and long pedestrian crossing distances.

# STREET GRID

The existing street grid is incomplete, limiting the amount of traffic distributed across the site. Due to large industrial parcels and disconnected streets, east–west and north–south connectivity is limited to arterial roadways.

# PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORK

The existing incomplete street grid limits pedestrian and bicycle routes to high-speed roadways. These routes are neither comfortable or safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

### **EXISTING PRIVATE SECTOR LAND USE**

Existing auto-oriented light industrial uses don't support a walkable mixed-use city center area.

# **EXISTING PUBLIC USES**

The existing civic center and Veterans Memorial Park are located across Redwood Road and are oriented away from the UTA TRAX station, reducing walking and biking access to these destinations.

# **REAL ESTATE MARKET**

There are few comparable examples of high-density mix-use TOD city centers in the region.

### PHASING AND FINANCING

Due to the size of the Jordan School District site within the city center RDA, limited tax increment is available for public projects.



### CITY OF WEST JORDAN GENERAL PLAN

The 2012 General Plan outlines goals and policies for the City Center and Neighborhood TSOD Land Use designation. This designation applies to two areas within the project area boundary, one of which is the original West Jordan downtown core.

This designation encourages the creation a traditional main street or downtown by focusing on two goals:

- 1 Evaluate and update sections of the zoning ordinance and zoning map relating to City Center and Neighborhood TSOD Center development.
- 2 Provide well designed, aesthetically pleasing, and efficient city center and neighborhood center areas.

# **UTA TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES**

The UTA Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines provide a supportive framework for planning a successful station area. The following guidelines are particularly relevant to the City Center Station Area Plan.

# **Short to Medium Block Lengths**

1.1 Blocks lengths shall not be longer than 350 feet in length in any direction and a pedestrian corridor shall be provided no less than every 250 feet.

#### **Grid-Like Street Networks**

1.2 Street networks shall be designed to create a grid-like street network.

#### Park-and-Ride

- 4.2 Site designs shall preserve or contemplate full replacement of park-and-ride stalls, unless otherwise directed by UTA staff.
- 4.3 Parking structures are highly encouraged and shall be used whenever feasible.
- 4.4 The location of park-and-ride stalls shall not exceed 1000 feet walking distance from the center of the platform to the closest stall.

# REDEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Meetings with City staff, elected officials, the Jordan School District, and other key stakeholders confirmed strong support for the development of the City Center Station Area Plan. There is also developer interest in the West Jordan city center area.

### SHORT-TERM REDEVELOPMENT SITES

Properties owned by the Jordan School District and UTA properties have strong potential for redevelopment and these agencies are willing partners in the process.

### **REDWOOD ROAD**

Redwood Road provides significant drive-by exposure for the city center area, averaging over 40,000 average daily trips. Studies such as the Redwood Road Corridor Master Plan include recommendations and strategies for improving street conditions through planned beautification and multi-modal improvements.

# PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORK

The Jordan River Trail is a regional recreational walking and biking amenity. The 1300 South bike lane and the Rail Trails are planned future recreational amenities.

# PREMIUM TRANSIT

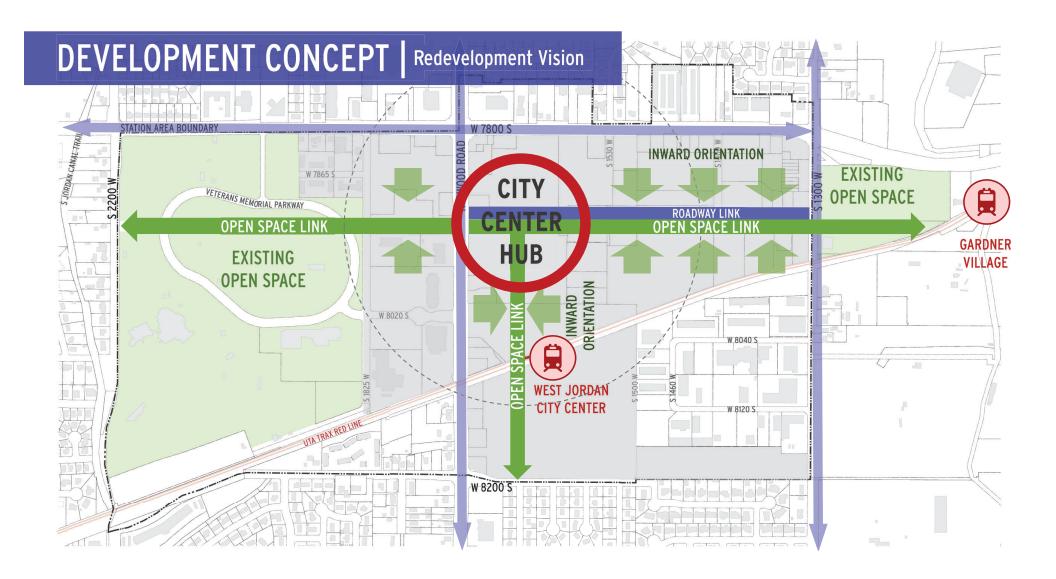
The existing TRAX Red Line and bus service in the city center area provide transit options for commuters. The potential Redwood Corridor BRT may further expand transit options available within the city center.

# **EXISTING PRIVATE SECTOR LAND USE**

Multiple large parcels with underutilized parking lots and a worn character make the area ripe for redevelopment.

# **EXISTING PUBLIC USES**

Existing civic uses and recreational facilities at Veterans Memorial Park provide a strong hub to attract visitors and employees.



### CITY CENTER

A city center hub is proposed approximately a quarter-mile north of the station in order to realize a full radius of potential future development.

# **OPEN SPACE LINKS**

Open space links connect residents and visitors to regional destinations with safe, convenient, and direct pedestrian and bicycle routes.

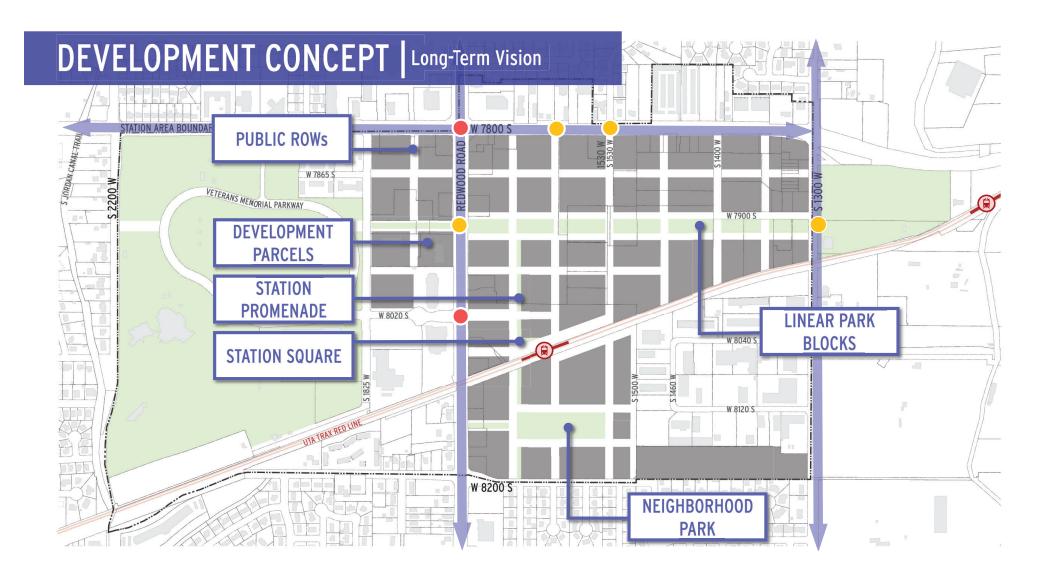
- The east–west open space link connects the Veterans Memorial Park and West Jordan Parks and Recreation, Gardner Village TRAX Station, and the Jordan River Trail.
- The north–south open space link connects the city center hub to the station and the neighborhood south of the TRAX line.

# INWARD ORIENTATION

Development along the open space links should focus inwards, to support planned retail and to commercial development with strong pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

# **ROADWAY LINK**

A proposed extension of 7900 South, connecting Redwood Road to 1300 West, will increase trips along this roadway, supporting planned retail and commercial uses while also allieviating congestion on parallel routes.



#### PARK BLOCKS

Linear park blocks create a central east-west spine, or main street, connecting recreation uses. Park blocks orient residents and visitors to the city center area and establish a neighborhood character that is vibrant, welcoming, and easy to navigate.

Park blocks are approximately 130 feet wide with adjacent streets. Each direction of the proposed couplet includes:

- One 12-foot sidewalk adjacent to the building frontage.
- One 10-foot parking lane adjacent to the building frontage.
- One 14-foot travel lane.

### **DEVELOPMENT PARCELS**

The redevelopment concept envisions a new fine-grained grid, based on UTA Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines, that creates a pattern of walkable blocks.

# PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

An interconnected network of streets ensures that trips to and from the station are short, direct, and easy for all modes to navigate. New public rights-of-way are 60feet wide and includes:

- Two 12-foot sidewalks.
- Two 8-foot parking lanes.
- Two 10-foot travel lanes.

#### STATION PROMENADE

The station promenade strengthens the north–south pedestrian and bicycle connection between the park blocks and the West Jordan City Center Station and includes:

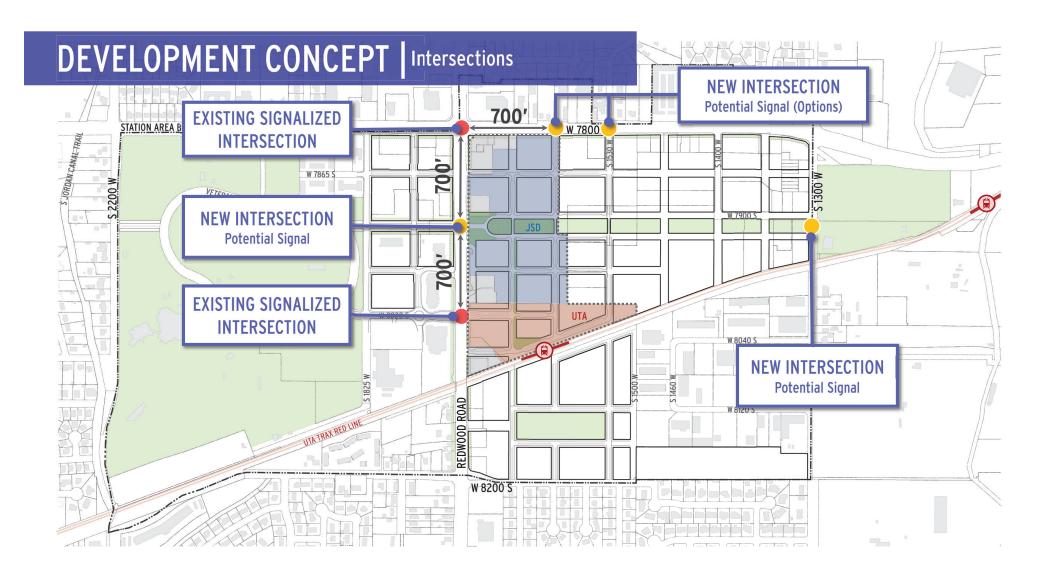
- One 12-foot sidewalk.
- One 20-foot promenade.
- Two 8-foot parking lanes.
- Two 10-foot travel lanes.

# STATION SQUARE

The station square adjacent to the West Jordan City Center Station establishes a sense of place and creates a sense of arrival for commuters, visitors, and residents. This square may accommodate a bike sharing station, bus and transit operator facilities, and other transit-supportive uses that promote a safe, active, and comfortable station area.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

The neighborhood park located south of the transit station creates a focal point and sense of place for neighborhood residents. The neighborhood park is connected to the station platform by the station promenade.



# **EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS**

Existing signals are located at the intersections of:

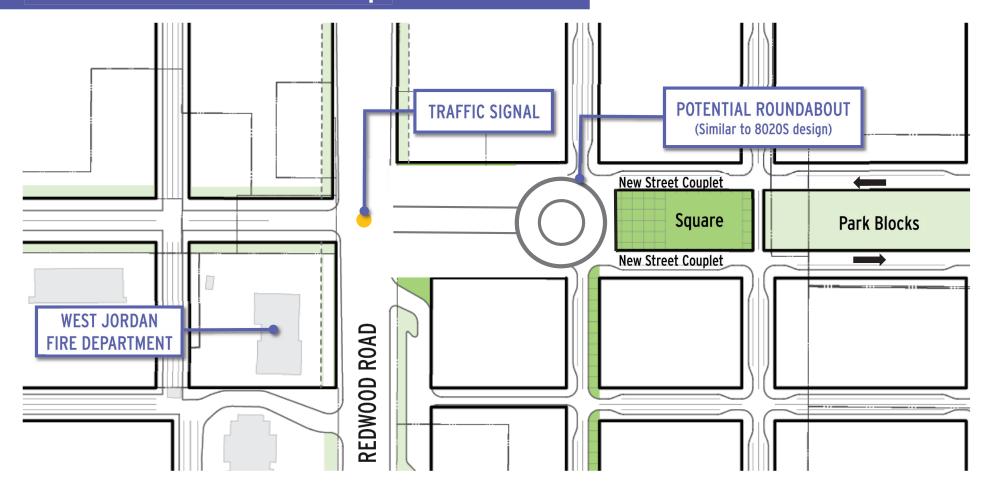
- Redwood Road and 7800 South
- Redwood Road and 8020 South

# **NEW INTERSECTIONS**

Both 3/4 access and signalized intersection concepts should been explored for the intersections of:

- Redwood Road and 7900 South roadway link
- 7800 South and New Street (west of 1530 West)
- 7800 South and 1530 West
- 1300 West and 7900 South

# **DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT** Intersections



# LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SIGNAL

A traffic signal at the intersection of Redwood Road and the proposed 7900 South roadway link is crucial to successful future development. Providing pedestrian, bicycle, and auto traffic access to West Jordan's main street will support thriving retail and commercial uses along the corridor.

This traffic signal would also allievate growing congestion on 7800 South, a parallel route to the north, and would improve access to the West Jordan Fire Department.

# POTENTIAL ROUNDABOUT

A roundabout at the proposed 7900 South roadway link and the promenade street, similar to the 8020 South roundabout design in the West Jordan civic center, should be further investigated and could be beneficial to the proposed signalized intersection. A roundabout design that prioritizes pedestrian and bicycle facilities is recommended in order to better connect with the station promenade to the south. The design of the roundabout should not impact the function of the square, or degrade walking and biking access.

# LONG-TERM REDEVELOPMENT

30-Year Buildout

# LONG-TERM REDEVELOPMENT | 30-Year Buildout

LAND USE	DENSITY (DU/AC)	DWELLING UNITS	FLOOR AREA (SF)
MULTI-FAMILY	30-60 GROSS	2,200	-
RETAIL	-	-	110,000
COMMERCIAL	-	-	65,000
OFFICE	-	-	310,000
RESEARCH OFFICE	-	-	300,000
TOTAL	30-60 GROSS	2,200	785,000



#### **30-YEAR BUILDOUT**

The long-term redevelopment concept illustrates a thirty-year city center area vision and includes a range of uses.

### **MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING**

Housing uses are located around the TRAX station area, in the center of the longterm redevelopment area and on blocks west of Redwood Road and north of 8200 South. A variety of housing typologies such as higher-density affordable and market-rate apartments, senior housing, condominium, and townhome development are all encouraged within the initial phase to ensure that a diverse population of residents is served.

#### **OFFICE**

Office uses are located near the corner of Redwood Road and 7800 South to capture optimal visibility and drive-by traffic.

### RESEARCH OFFICE PARK

Research office park uses are located north and south of the park blocks, near the intersection of 7900 South and 1300 West, to capture visibility and drive-by traffic.

## RETAIL

Locating the retail anchor and potential street-oriented shops off Redwood Road provides high drive-by visibility and convenient access to encourage the development of a retail main street. Future retail uses, such as shops and restaurants, should be located within the ground floors of buildings off the proposed 7900 South roadway link.

The retail anchor should be visible and accessible from Redwood Road. The main entrances should be located directly across from the parking structure to encourage easy access for customers. Retail buildings should have transparent windows, canopies, and include entrances off the proposed 7900 South roadway link.

#### **COMMERCIAL**

Commercial uses should be located along the promenade street within the ground floor of multi-family buildings and the parking structure. Ground floor commercial buildings should have transparent windows, canopies, and include entrances off the promenade street.

Commercial uses should also be located near the intersection of 7800 South and 1300 West to capture visibility and drive-by traffic.

### PARKING STRUCTURE

Locating a parking structure at the intersection of Redwood Road and 8020 South provides quick and convenient auto access and ample parking for commuters and customers alike.

Parking garage buildings should conceal their parking use by replicating building elements along the façade such as windows, columns, and vertical circulation and use materials similar to existing and proposed development. Parking garages should not have sloped floors articulated in the facade.

# **SHORT-TERM REDEVELOPMENT**

Phase 1: 10-Year Buildout

# SHORT-TERM REDEVELOPMENT | Phase 1: 10-Year Buildout

LAND USE	DENSITY (DU/AC)	DWELLING UNITS	FLOOR AREA (SF)	AREA (GROSS)	PARKING SPACES (REQ.*)	PARKING SPACES (PROV.)
MULTI-FAMILY	40 (GROSS)	1,200	-	-	1,490	990
RETAIL	-	-	70,000	-	260	-
COMMERCIAL	-	-	18,000	-	55	-
OFFICE	-	-	70,000	-	210	210
PARKING STRUCTURE	-	-	-	-	-	530
ROADS	-	-	-	7,300 LF	-	-
PARKS, PLAZAS PROMENADES	-	-	-	95,000 SF	-	-
TOTAL	40 (GROSS)	1,200	158,000	-	2,015	1,730



### PHASE 1: 10-YEAR BUILDOUT

The phase 1 redevelopment concept illustrates a five- to ten-year city center area vision and includes a range of uses.

The following property owners will be impacted in the short-term:

- Jordan School District
- Sundborn LLC
- Utah Transit Authority
- First Security Bank of Utah
- Betos Mexican Food LLC
- Lube Development LC
- Go Go Ventures LLC
- Plaza America at 78th

# **SHORT-TERM REDEVELOPMENT**

Intial Phase 1a: 5-Year Buildout

# SHORT-TERM REDEVELOPMENT | Initial Phase 1a: 5-Year Buildout

LAND USE	DENSITY (DU/AC)	DWELLING UNITS	FLOOR AREA (SF)	AREA (GROSS)	PARKING SPACES (REQ.*)	PARKING SPACES (PROV.)
MULTI-FAMILY	60 (GROSS)	485	-	-	600	190
RETAIL	-	-	38,000	-	145	-
COMMERCIAL	-	-	14,000	-	40	-
PARKING STRUCTURE	-	-		-	-	530
ROADS	-	-	-	4,000 LF	-	-
PARKS, PLAZAS PROMENADES	-	-	-	55,000 SF	-	-
TOTAL	-	485	52,000	-	785	720



### **INITIAL PHASE 1A 5-YEAR BUILDOUT**

The Initial Phase 1a redevelopment concept includes the following projects:

- City Center Square: The first park block immediately east of Redwood Road.
- Station Promenade: Between the city center square and the City Center Station.
- Station Square: Located adjacent to the City Center Station.
- Multi-Family Housing: Located on the UTA property immediately adjacent to the City Center Station.
- Parking Garage and Ground Floor Commercial: Located on the Sundborn property.
- Retail Anchor and Shops: Located on the Jordan School District property, adjacent to the city center square.

#### PROPERTY IMPACTS

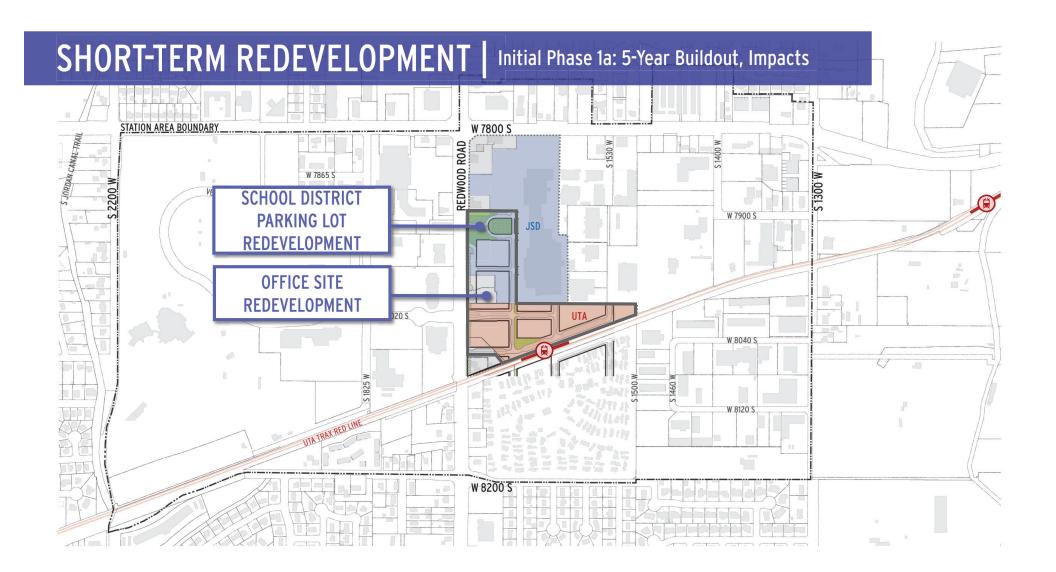
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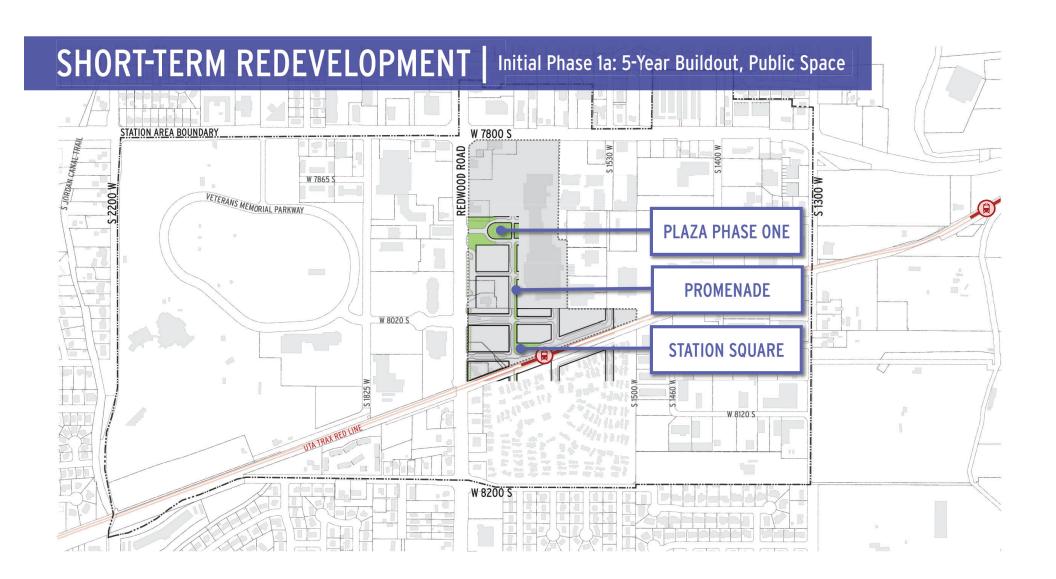
- Jordan School District
- Sundborn LLC
- Utah Transit Authority

#### **Jordan School District**

The Jordan School District Auxiliary Services Building and adjacent access routes to the building will not be impacted during the initial phase.

Jordan School District's parking uses along Redwood Road will be impacted. Further discussion between the City and the Jordan School District are necessary.







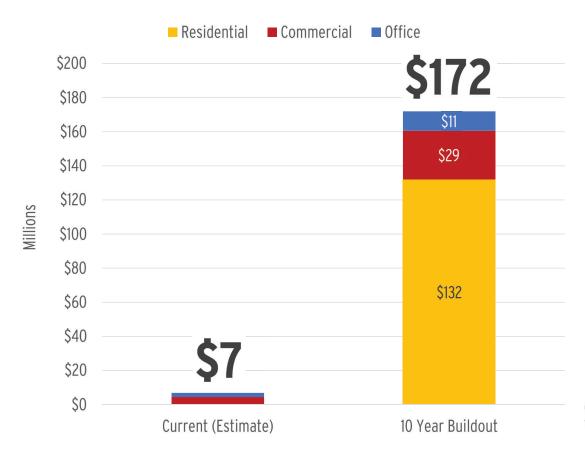


# **BUSINESS CASE**

# **ASSESSED VALUE**

Block	Dwelling	Density						
	Units	(du/ac)	Retail or Commercial SF	Office	Residential	Commercial	Office	Total
5 Year								
Plaza						\$0		\$0
Retail			38,000			\$12,350,000		\$12,350,000
ROW						\$0		\$0
Parking Str.						\$0		\$0
Parking Str.			10,000			\$3,250,000		\$3,250,000
PS Easement						\$0		\$0
ROW						\$0		\$0
MF 1	245	182			\$26,950,000	\$0		\$26,950,000
MF 2 A	12	35			\$1,320,000	\$0		\$1,320,000
MF 2 B	22	27			\$2,420,000	\$0		\$2,420,000
MF 3	205	176			\$22,550,000	\$0		\$22,550,000
ROW						\$0		\$0
Other						\$0		\$0
Subotal	484		48,000	0	\$53,240,000	\$15,600,000	\$0	\$68,840,00
10 Year								
Multifamily	716	93	40,000		\$78,760,000	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$91,760,000
ROW								
Park Office				35,000				
Office				35,000		\$0	\$11,375,000	\$11,375,000
Subotal	716		40,000	70,000	\$78,760,000	\$13,000,000	\$11,375,000	\$103,135,0
Total	1,200		88,000	70,000	\$132,000,000	\$28,600,000	\$11,375,000	\$171,975,0

# **ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE**



Current (2019) assessed values shown. Values not inflated to year of construction.

# LAND TRANSACTIONS

There are a number of property owners in the City Center area, and two primary buyers: mixeduse developers, and the City, which will purchase right of way.

These transactions will be complex and will need to be closely managed by the City.

Revenue to	Cost to (Buyer)			
(Seller)	City	Developer	Total	
Jordan SD	\$4,992,696	\$7,818,300	\$12,810,996	
Private Owners	\$0	\$4,440,000	\$4,440,000	
Sundborn	\$2,435,600	\$0	\$2,435,600	
City	\$0	\$939,250	\$939,250	
UTA	\$0	\$2,708,083	\$2,708,083	Converted to Equity
Total	\$7,428,296	\$15,905,633	\$23,333,929	

# CITY COSTS AND REVENUES

## **City Costs (Uses of Funds)**

Land Acquisitions and Options		
Jordan School District		\$4,992,696
Private Property Owners		\$2,435,600
GSA Relocation		\$0
Contingency	20%	\$1,485,659
Subtotal		\$8,913,955
Hard Costs of Construction		
Grading and Site Prep		\$0
Roads		\$7,300,000
Parks and Plazas		\$3,850,000
Parking Structure		\$9,540,000
Off Site Infrastructure (e.g., Redw	ood Rd.)	\$0
Signage		\$0
Off Site Paths, Trails		\$0
Soft Costs	25%	\$5,172,500
Contingency	20%	\$4,138,000
Subtotal		\$30,000,500
Transfer to Jordan SD for New Building	\$21,111,830	
Total		\$60,026,285

## **City Revenues (Sources of Funds)**

\$0
\$6,480,000
\$2,916,000
\$939,250
\$10,335,250
\$21,128,315
\$2,031,898
\$23,160,213
\$2,997,600
\$0
\$2,628,103
\$5,625,703
\$3,962,971
\$250,000
\$100,000
\$100,000
\$50,000
\$0
\$500,000
\$16,442,148
\$60,026,285

# JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Revenues

Total Revenue	\$19,688,170
Land Sales (to Developers and City)	\$12,810,996
Property Taxes	\$6,877,174

## Costs

Total	\$40,800,000
Moving Cost	\$900,000
Warehouse Acquisition and Renovation	\$18,900,000
New Auxiliary Services Office Space	\$21,000,000

# JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **Relocation of Auxiliary Services Offices and Warehouse**

Auxiliar	v Services:	Office	Space
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Total Area (SF)

Moving Cost and Miscelleneous

	PSF	Total
Land (Owned by Jordan SD)		\$0
Site Prep and Parking Area (Existing)		\$0
Administrative & Classroom Area (SF)		60,000
Core and Shell: Hard Cost	\$214	\$12,814,909
Tenant Improvements	\$40	\$2,400,000
Base Cost		\$15,214,909
Soft Costs	25%	\$3,203,727
Contingency	20%	\$2,562,982
Total		\$20,981,618
		\$350
Warehouse		
	PSF	Total
Warehouse Building Area		120,000
Building Acquisition	\$100	\$12,000,000
Building Improvements	\$20	\$2,400,000
Base Cost		\$14,400,000
Soft Costs	15%	\$1,922,236
Contingency	20%	\$2,562,982
Total		\$18,885,218
Moving Cost		
	PSF	Total

180,000

\$900,000

\$5

# **UTA**

1,200 new housing units at the City Center could introduce 2,000 or more new residents—all potential new transit riders.

# **UTA Summary**

# **Costs: Parking Structure**

UTA: Hard Costs	\$6,480,000
UTA: Soft Costs and Contingency	\$2,916,000
Total	\$9,396,000

### **Revenues**

Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,426,670
Joint Venture Equity (NPV)	\$3,907,791
Additional Riders and Transit Fares	Not calculated
Total	\$5,334,460

# STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

## **ADOPT PLAN**

- City Council
- Jordan SD
- UTA (TOD Program Board March 20th )

## STAKEHOLDER BUY-IN

- Sundborn and other private property owners (work with brokers, possibly secure option)
- Retail (Interviews with Harmon's, Target, Sprouts, others)

### CONTINUE TO FULLY STAFF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **FINANCE**

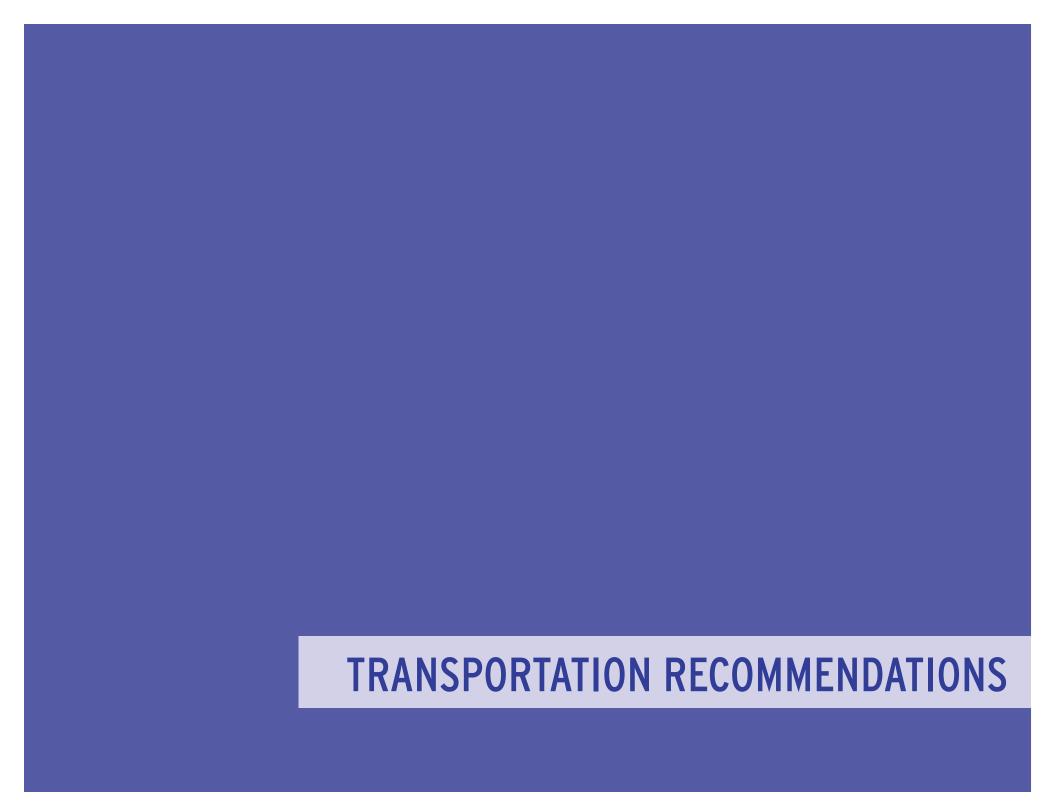
- Extend TIF District
- Potential to bond/dedicate Impact Fees, Retail Sales
- Set aside anticipated General Fund dollars, including for 2020 work with developer

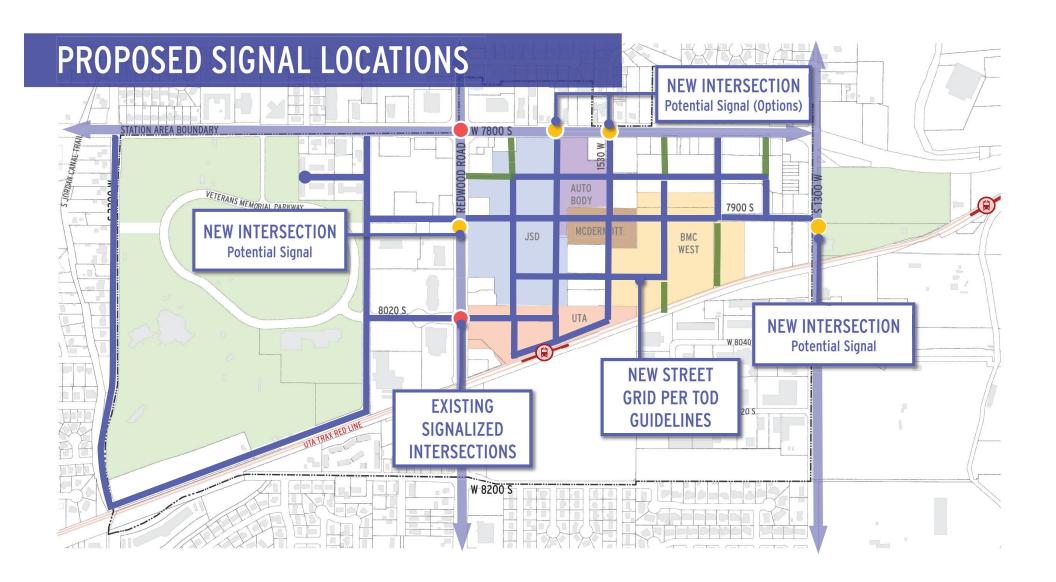
### PRE-DEVELOPMENT

- Zoning modifications
- Development standards (design guidelines, open space guidelines)

### **DEVELOPMENT OFFERING**

- Prepare and issue RFQ (Q3/Q4 2019)
- Short list, Request for Proposals
- Select preferred developer
- Negotiate deal





Through this planning process the project team has made recommendations to increase the grid network and overall connectivity within the study area in order to enhance accessibility, enhance commercial retail store frontage and provide adequate access to the proposed developments. As part of this plan, the project team has also recommended installing new signals on Redwood Road at 7900 South, and either 7800 South and 1530 West or 7800 South and approximately 1590 West to tie the proposed grid network back to the existing roadways. According to UDOT standards, Redwood Road is an Access Category 5 roadway with a minimal signal spacing of 2,640 feet, and a minimum Right-In-Right-Out driveway spacing of 660 feet. The proposed signal is roughly 700 feet from the existing signal at 8020 South and 7800 South.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the project team met with UDOT representatives to discuss the proposed signals and they expressed concern with the signal on Redwood specifically, stating that because it did not meet their required spacing minimums it would need to be examined in greater depth outside of this study.

The 2005 Corridor Agreement for Redwood Road from 6720 South to 9400 South was also evaluated and confirmed that the 7900 South location was not identified as a location for a future signal.

The aforementioned information indicates that a full signal at 7900 South is not possible at this time based on explicit UDOT standards and direction. However, there are long and short term recommendations outlined in the following pages that are intended to provide guidance around this topic moving forward.

# 2005 REDWOOD ROAD CORRIDOR AGREEMENT EXCERPT

SR-68 at 9400 South

SR-68 at 9200 South (Fox Park Drive)

SR-68 at 9000 South (SR-209)

SR-68 at 8600 South (Gardner Lane)

SR-68 at 8200 South (Sugar Factory Road)

SR-68 at 8020 South (City Center)

SR-68 at 7800 South (SR-48 to the west)

SR-68 at 7000 South (SR-48 to the east)

SR-68 at 6720 South

**Future Signal** 

Future Signal

**Existing Signal** 

Future Signal

Future Signal

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**Existing Signal** 

**Existing Signal** 

Future Signal

### SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

A proposed 3/4 unsignalized intersection (allowing for all movements aside from anything on the proposed eastern leg of the intersection) at 7900 South is a short-term recommendation. This type of intersection was called out in the February 7<sup>th</sup> UDOT meeting as acceptable by UDOT staff in the immediate term. This type of intersection is also acceptable by the project team.

### LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

In the long term, it is recommended that West Jordan City work with UDOT to evaluate a potential full signal at 7900 South – as a new signal without replacing or exchanging any other signal. The City may determine that a full signal is necessary to accommodate the flow of traffic into and out of the development, and to help pedestrian access and connectivity into the area. This type of evaluation could be a separate study, or it could potentially be an evaluation and update to the 2005 Corridor Agreement for this area – due to the substantial proposed development. It should be noted that none of UDOT's current Access Management Category descriptions allow for signal spacing of less than 1,320 feet. Future study may not recommend placement of a signal at this location.

Evaluation of other alternatives at this intersection that do not involve a signal but could have a desired effect is recommended. For example, potentially there is an opportunity for a pedestrian overpass at this location because of the development being proposed in the area and because such a facility may create connections to existing and proposed green space in the area. Additionally, this could create a comfortable facility for active transportation users while connecting other paths and green space while not disrupting vehicular travel along Redwood Road. Another facility that could be considered is a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at this intersection. Again, this would help with pedestrian connectivity in the area and may be more feasible than a full signal or a pedestrian bridge.

#### MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Transit Authority Advisory Board From: Kim Ulibarri – UTA Chief People Officer

Date: March 20, 2019

Re: Trustee Retirement Benefit Research

During the Advisory Board's January 2019 meeting, Advisory Board members identified concerns regarding the ineligibility of trustees for UTA's standard retirement benefit. UTA's standard benefit includes a five-year vesting schedule for the defined benefit (pension) plan. Trustee terms are four years or less and therefore they are not eligible for the benefit that is provided to all other employees.

The Advisory Board asked UTA staff to research alternative options that could be considered.

#### **UTA Standard Benefit:**

UTA's retirement benefit for its full-time employees include two components:

- 1) Defined Benefit (DB) Plan: includes a five-year vesting schedule and no COLA
- 2) 457 Defined Contribution (DC) Plan: the employee may contribute 3% and receive an employer match of 2%

### **Research Summary:**

UTA staff contacted several local entities to identify what retirement options were offered in lieu of a defined benefit plan. The most common alternative was to offer an employer-funded defined contribution plan.

#### Benchmark Data:

Organization	Percent of Salary Deposited into DC Plan
Salt Lake City	16.69%
State of Utah (appointed)	20.02%
Salt Lake County	18.50%
University of Utah	14.2%
Utah Valley University	14.2%
Weber State University	14.2%
Layton City	10%

All Average: 15.4%

Non-University Average: 16.30%

University Average: 14.2%

#### Recommendation:

Establish an option that provides trustees an employer paid defined contribution plan with an employer contribution between 14.2% and 16.3% in lieu of UTA's defined benefit plan.