



UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY



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The Honorable Mike Lee
United States Senator
363 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lee:

We write today in strong support of the *Streamline Transit Projects Act* and thank you for your leadership in introducing this critically important legislation.

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) provides over 40 million trips annually and serves more than 80% of Utah's population, which is expected to reach 4 million by 2033. In the face of continued, rapid population growth, it has never been more urgent for UTA to shorten timelines from project development to execution. Facilitating the expansion of UTA's transit network while ensuring that UTA projects preserve the natural beauty and pristine environment of Utah go hand in hand. Reducing development timelines by allowing transit agencies like UTA to take responsibility for the environmental impact of transit projects will enable UTA to become nimbler in responding to transit needs and better serve Utahns who rely daily on UTA for their transportation needs.

Again, UTA strongly supports your bill and recognizes the importance of proper environmental stewardship in infrastructure projects, while enabling continued growth so that reliable, frequent public transit is available to communities across Utah. We thank you for addressing both critical needs in this legislation. We stand ready to serve as a resource to you as you work to move this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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Board Chair

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