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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural issue of MAG's quarterly newsletter. MAG celebrated 50 years of serving our region this past June! Designated as the Association of Governments for Utah, Summit and Wasatch Counties, MAG strives to accomplish the best work we can for those we serve. We thrive on seeing the communities in our area grow and succeed. Our emphasis areas include Informed Aging, Community & Economic Development and Planning for Growth.



Upcoming Events

Sept. 12th 13th & 15th, 2022

Tag Program Workshops

Oct. 4, 2022

Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers course starts, Tuesdays 1-2:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 & 20, 2022

Community Development Block Grant apply workshops

Nov. 4 & 5, 2022

Caregiver Conference, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Community & Economic Development

Mark Your Calendars for October 12th and 20th!

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 cycle kicks off with How to Apply workshops held on October 12th & 20th. Come join us for a brief introductory meeting to the program and information about the application process. Attendance at one of these workshops is mandatory for any organization wishing to apply for a grant.

RSVP to jbedingfield@mountainland.org or visit our website for more info.

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income individuals and families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Our MAG team of professionally trained weatherization crews use computerized energy assessments and advanced diagnostic equipment to create a comprehensive analysis of the home to determine the most cost-effective improvements for a client's home. The Weatherization Assistance Program also thoroughly inspects households to ensure the occupant's safety and to check indoor air quality.



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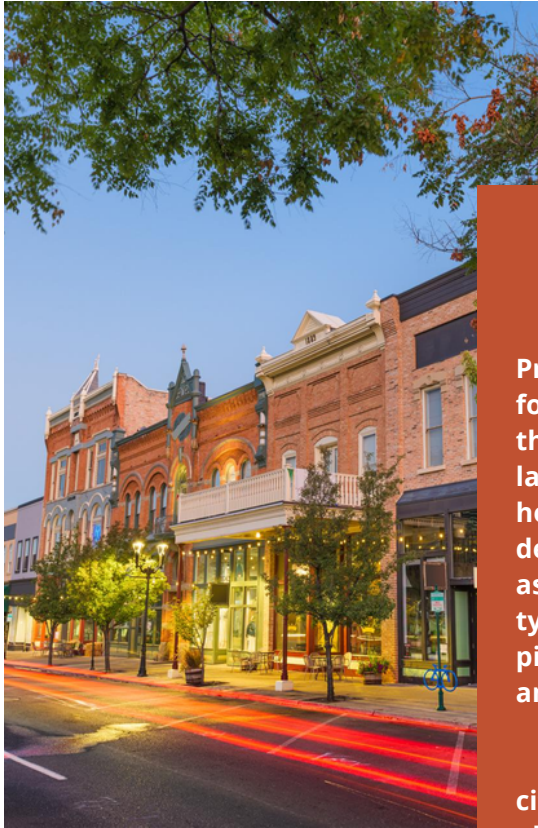
I have been so impressed with the professionalism shown by every single person that has walked through our doors. You guys are the cream of the crop! They went above and beyond and even they way they asked permission to enter rooms etc. was very much appreciated. It has been fantastic from start to finish.

From a Weatherization Client served in July 2022



New Program:

A new water and sewer infrastructure revolving loan fund program is coming soon! Low-interest loans will be available to small and rural communities in the MAG region to update and improve water and sewer infrastructure. MAG staff are currently drafting program guidelines and will seek feedback from our communities in the next few months. We hope this will be a useful tool for cities and towns to keep our communities vibrant, healthy, and sustainable. Stayed tuned for more info in MAG's next newsletter.



Regional Planning: TAG Program

Let's Grow! (Smartly)

MAG's new Technical Assistance to Governments (TAG) Program is here to support local efforts to proactively plan for growth. The TAG Program gives cities and counties in the MAG region access to over 80 consultants specializing in land use policy, multimodal transportation, affordable housing, community engagement, urban design, parking, development agreements, and much more. Technical assistance may be used for a variety of planning project types that integrate land use and transportation - from big-picture visioning and data analysis to project-level planning and design work.

In addition to filling planning and knowledge gaps, cities and counties are encouraged to tackle specific obstacles preventing local plans from being fully implemented, barriers that are discouraging developers from implementing transformational projects, and detailed content needed for upcoming capital construction grant applications.

TAG Program Guidelines, including instructions on how to apply, can be found online at mountainland.org/tag/. MAG staff are also eager to discuss your community's unique needs and project ideas at an upcoming workshop.

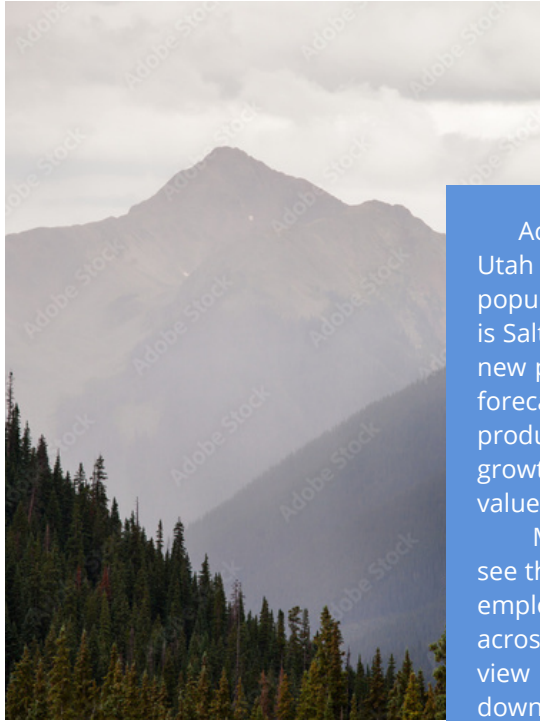
TAG Program Workshops

- American Fork Admin Building (51 E Main St.), September 12, 3 - 4:30pm
- City of Heber Council Chambers (75 N Main St.), September 13, 10am - Noon
- City of Springville Civic Center (110 S Main St.), September 15, 3 - 4:30pm

Deadline to submit pre-application letter of intent: September 29, 2022

Deadline to submit final application: December 8, 2022

For additional information, contact Daniel Wayne, Community Planning Director,
at 801.229.3800 or dwayne@mountainland.org



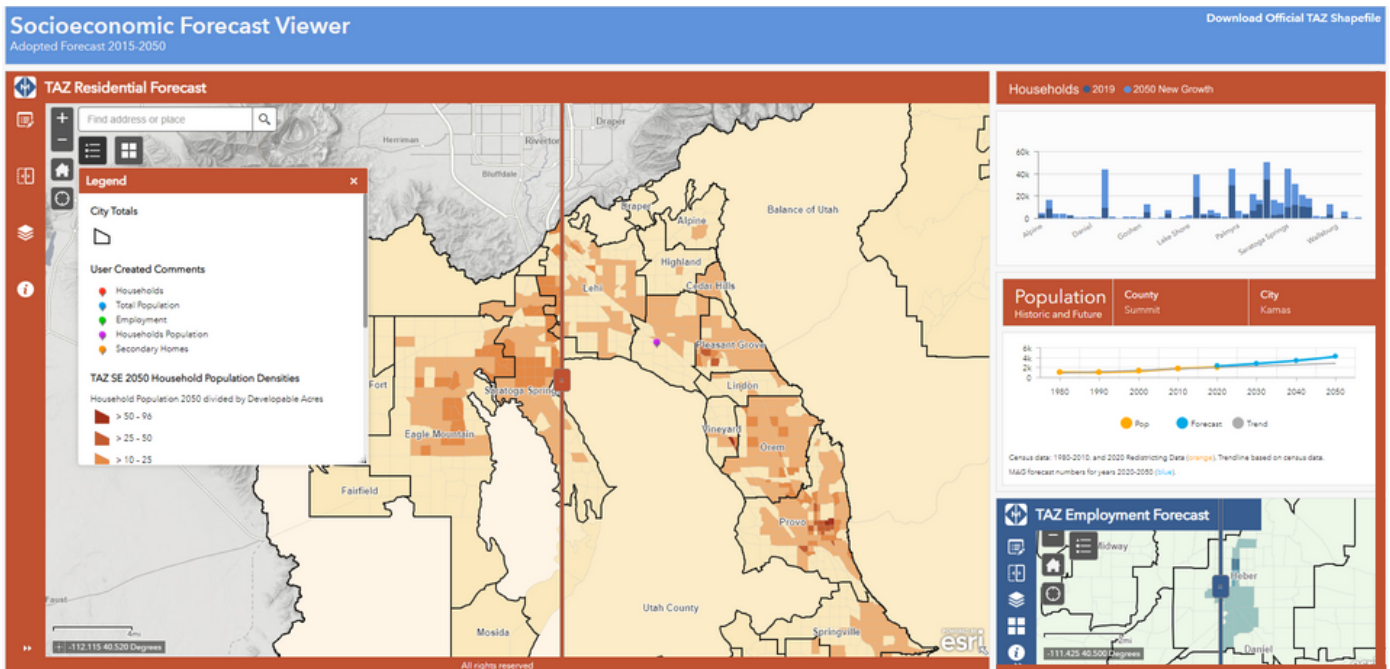
Regional Planning: TAZ Forecast

According to the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Utah and Wasatch Counties are projected to roughly double their population by 2050 with Utah County at 1.2 million! In comparison, that is Salt Lake County's current population. MAG is tasked with locating the new population and employment within Utah County and aids UDOT in forecasting them in Summit and Wasatch Counties. MAG does its best to produce a future forecast that is a reasonable representation of the growth based on historical trends, municipal zoning and policy, and land value and availability.

MAG has built the [Socioeconomic Forecast Viewer](#) for everyone to see the forecast and for MAG to receive feedback on the population and employment 30-year forecast continually. The viewer lets you swipe across the map to see 2019 vs 2050, see city totals and growth charts, view current city planned land uses, place comments on the map, and download the forecast as a shapefile.

The viewer currently has the adopted forecast for 2019. A new forecast is produced every 4 years; so, in the coming months, it will contain a new draft forecast to be adopted in early 2023. Our work improves with your involvement; we welcome your comments anytime!

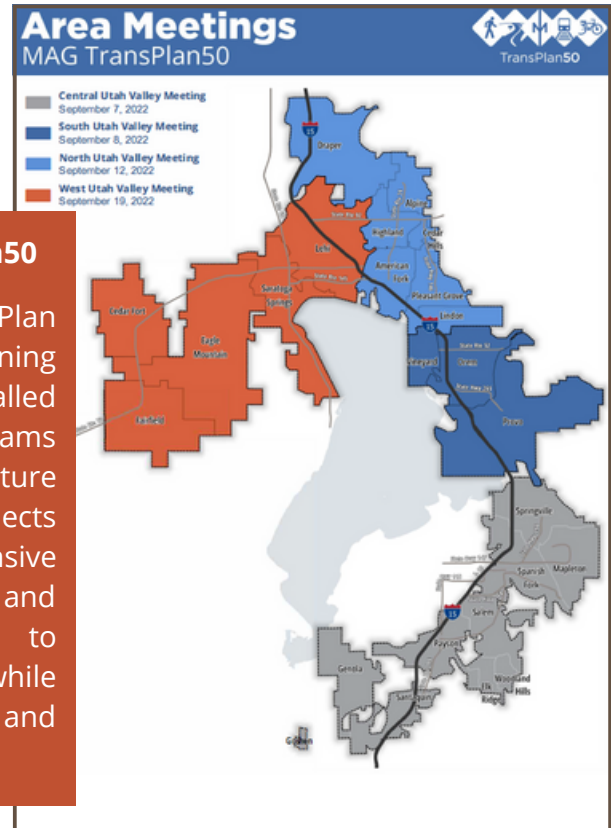
Map of the Quarter



Regional Planning: TransPlan50

Regional Transportation Plan Update: TransPlan50

MAG is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for urbanized Utah County through a planning process that occurs every four years. The RTP, also called TransPlan50, outlines proposed projects and programs needed over the next thirty years to address future growth and anticipated travel demand. These projects include a coordinated system of capital-intensive roadway projects, transit improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities. The plan attempts to minimize impacts on society and the environment while providing for enough transportation capacity and choices to ensure continued economic growth.



The goals for TransPlan50, developed with input from community leaders and partner agencies, have evolved to keep pace with our rapidly expanding population and travel demands. The five goals are to:

1. Update the Regional Highway System to a Metropolitan Grid-Based Network
2. Explore Additional High-Capacity Highway Corridors, Add Capacity
3. Create a Robust Regional Transit System
4. Build a Regionally Connected Active Transportation System
5. Preserve What We Have

Come Participate in TransPlan50 Small Area Meetings City and county staff, local elected officials, community partners and transportation agencies are invited to consider how the TransPlan50 goals can be met by attending any of the four small area meetings being held in early September. Information presented at each meeting will relate to the regional transportation system as a whole, while providing focused information on the community in which the meeting occurs. At these meetings, MAG will provide more information on the RTP planning process and work with community leaders to identify projects for consideration in the plan update. Follow this link to register to attend any of these meetings virtually or in-person.

For more information regarding the Utah Valley Area Meetings and the RTP, contact the TransPlan50 team at planning@mountainland.org or go to our website at www.mountainland.org/transplan50.

Regional Planning UTA FrontRunner

Vineyard FrontRunner Station is Open!

MAG joined Utah's Governor, Vineyard City, and our partners, UTA and UDOT, for the opening of the FrontRunner Vineyard Station. It has been 10 years (2012) since a new FrontRunner station opened, and we couldn't be happier that it is in the fast-growing community of Vineyard. The station not only opens service to FrontRunner but also connects a new bus service to Vineyard from Orem and Provo, integrating into UVX. These are important transportation connections throughout our region. Importantly, this station supports Vineyard's vision of a mixed-use, transit-centered, and walkable community in one of Utah's Largest Regional Developments.



"Several years ago, we focused on the importance of double-tracking as a possible path forward for the FrontRunner to become an eventual high-speed, world-class transit option; faster and more frequent. Today, through the efforts of incredible partnerships, we mark the opening of Vineyard station, and a UTA-UDOT Multi-modal Frontrunner Station, with new double tracking, as the first steps into the future of world-class transit. We will build in ways that give to the future and serve the area with more robust, reliable connectivity, efficient multi-modal throughput, and cost-effective options for people to live, visit, work, learn and recreate in this great state."

Mayor of Vineyard, Regional Development Chair,
UTA (AC) Chair Julie Fullmer

"Congratulations to @vineyardcity and @RideUTA on your new FrontRunner Station! It's a model for sustainable development, and we were happy to be a part of the groundbreaking. We need to get back to building, and this is one of many examples in which Utah is leading the way."

Governor, Spencer Cox



Aging & Family Services

Post-pandemic it has become very clear that there is an ever increasing need in our community regarding the aging population. In the state of Utah, 13.1% of seniors are experiencing food insecurity. For Utah, Wasatch, and Summit Counties specifically, that means 10,615 seniors each day desperately need food assistance. Many older individuals are unable to prepare food anymore due to physical or mental constraints. Some, also, may have financial burdens that make it challenging to provide food for themselves. Also of concern, and most often a major contributor to this situation, is the reality of being homebound. These individuals often need assistance from the community by way of local organizations, individuals, and programs. There are many ways our seniors can receive this help which often may include their own personal caregiver, extended family members, food banks, food stamps, community members, senior centers, Meals on Wheels, and various others.

In 2021, the MAG Meals on Wheels program served 5,180 people either by home delivery or at their local senior center. Unfortunately, that leaves 51.3% of our seniors still in need of help. These are our community members. This could be us someday.

By partnering with the MAG Meals on Wheels program you can change someone's day, maybe even someone's life. Please visit <https://mountainland.org/meals/> or call 801.229.3802 to find out how you can help. Together we can help fight hunger for our seniors, while meeting the needs of a generation that helped lead the way to building a strong and healthy community for us.



Upcoming Events

Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers

Learn to take better care of yourself while providing care for someone else.

This course teaches proven stress-reducing techniques for those caring for someone with a chronic illness or dementia.

Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

October 4th - November 29th

Visit mountainland.org/stressbusting to register or call 801-229-3835.

Caregiver Conference: Unlocking a New Perspective

November 4 & 5

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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or virtual

Free admission, space is limited.
Register at mountainland.org/cg.



Electrification Forum

WHAT:

Where business meets the environment. Electrifying the transportation system increases efficiency, uses cleaner energy and is good for business.

WHY:

Electrification helps improve air quality, reduces greenhouse emissions and benefits business bottom-line by saving longer term operating and maintenance costs.

WHERE:

Utah Transit Authority Headquarters
669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City

WHEN:

September 23, 2022
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:20 Introduction
- 9:20-9:50 Setting the Table: Electrification in Utah
- 9:50-10:00 Break
- 10:00-11:20 Round Table Discussion
- 11:20 -12:00 Walking Tour of Depot District Clean Fuels Tech Center (UTA)
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch/Keynote
- 1:00- 2:00 The Business Case for Transportation Electrification
- 2:00-2:10 Wrap up

[Click Here](#) or
Scan the QR Code
to RSVP on Eventbrite

