

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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- An integrated approach to land use decisions, economic development, environmental conservation and transportation investments should be used to achieve a balanced transportation system.
- A primary goal of the transportation investment program should be to *reduce* the rate of increase, rather than attempt to *accommodate* the predicted doubling of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in the Greater Wasatch Area over the next twenty years
- Planning future transportation projects should include an analysis of the optimum *sequencing* of future transit and transportation projects in order to reduce VMT and maximize early benefits from transit oriented development
- Planning future transportation projects should include an analysis of the optimum integration of transit and roadways
- Transportation planning agencies (i.e. WFRM, MAG, UDOT and UTA) should make greater effort to plan and coordinate future projects and studies consistent with the quality growth initiatives of Envision Utah which enjoy widespread support from public interest groups and the business community
- A Transit First investment policy should be implemented in the Greater Wasatch area for new transportation capacity and a Fix-It-First policy should maintain the safety and efficiency of our roadway system
- Travel Demand Management strategies should create viable alternatives to single occupant vehicle use, especially at peak travel times
- The total number and length of motorized vehicle trips should be reduced by creating walkable communities, bicycle networks and better housing/jobs/services balance in land use development patterns
- Consumer oriented transit services should be provided to those too young, too old, or unable to own or drive an automobile, including attractive pricing for transit
- Air quality plans should seek to reduce air pollution by reducing VMT growth
- Public involvement in transportation plans should be early, ongoing and meaningful in its methods and outcomes