

UDOT Intercity Bus Study Update



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About the UDOT Intercity Bus Study

Last updated in 2010

Required by the Federal Transit Administration

Provides strategic direction for the UDOT Rural Public Transit team (RPT)



Utah Department of Transportation

UDOT Statewide Intercity Bus Study

**Updated
Needed!**

Section 5311(f) – Intercity Bus Program

February 2010

Why is the Intercity Bus Study important?



Provides access to social services, employment, education, recreation, medical, shopping, etc.



Improves quality of life by providing mobility options




Improves and expands access and connectivity to the nation's intercity bus network

What are the 2023 Intercity Bus Study Project Goals?


Create a vision for the intercity bus network



Identify how intercity bus services can better connect to local, regional, and intercity transit modes



Determine priorities and develop a phased implementation plan



Enable UDOT's Rural Public Transit team (RPT) to make informed decisions

What is UDOT's Role?

UDOT manages
and allocates FTA
5311(f) funding

15% of annual
5311
apportionment
goes to intercity
bus

What are the priorities for 5311(f) funding?



Connecting nonurbanized areas to the larger regional/national system of Intercity Bus service



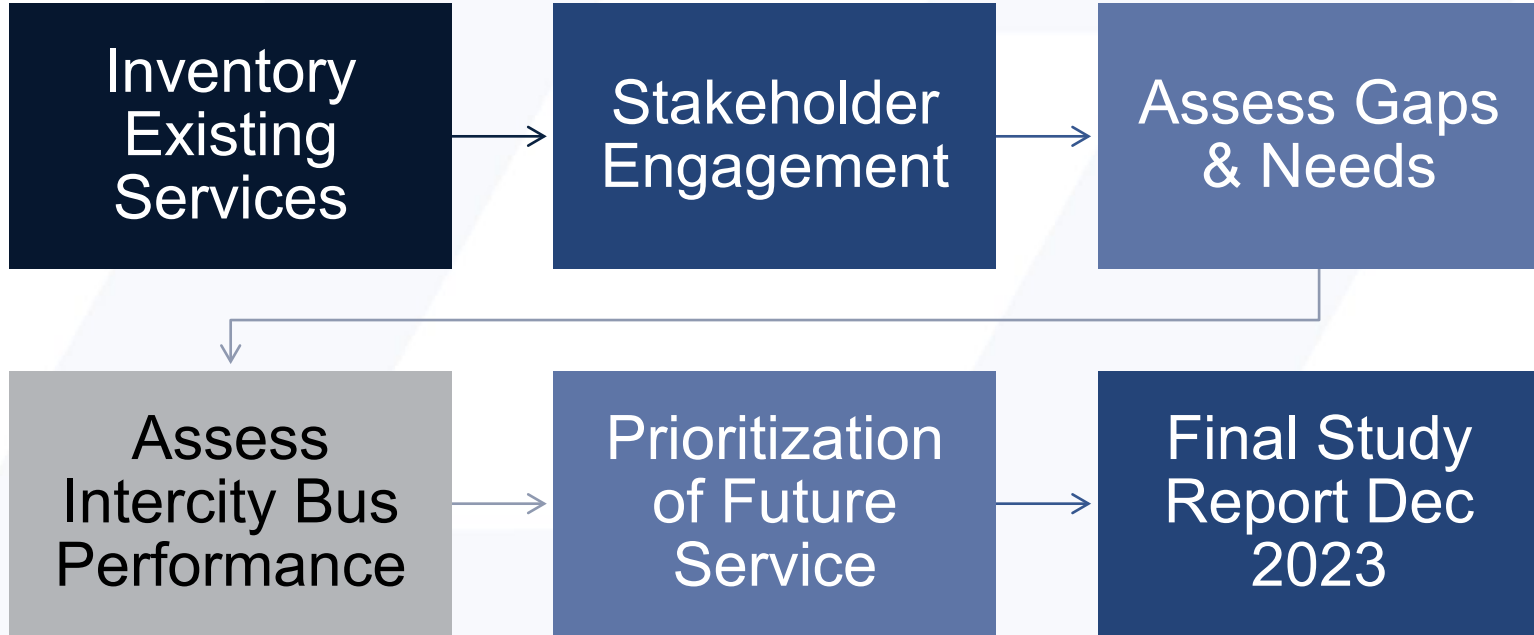
Supporting service to meet the intercity travel needs of residents in nonurbanized areas



Planning, marketing assistance, capital investments for intercity infrastructure investments



Study Elements



Existing Conditions Inventory

Intercity Bus Providers

Local and Regional Transit Providers



Primary Intercity Bus Providers



Greyhound

Mountain States Express

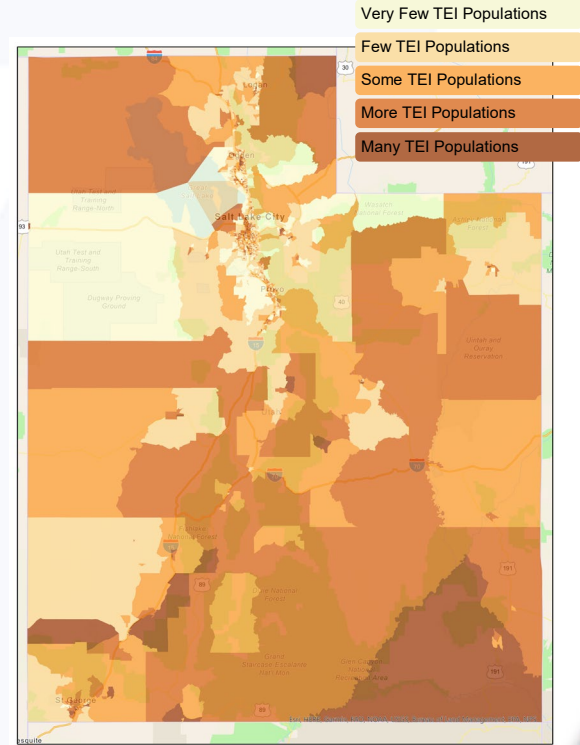
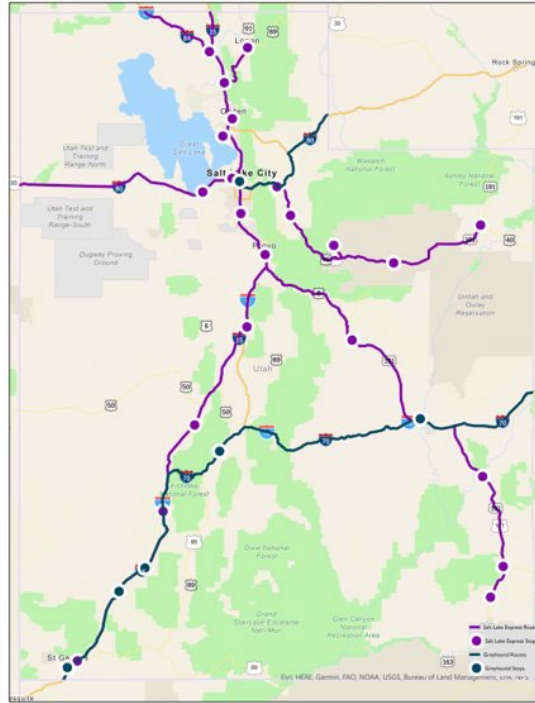
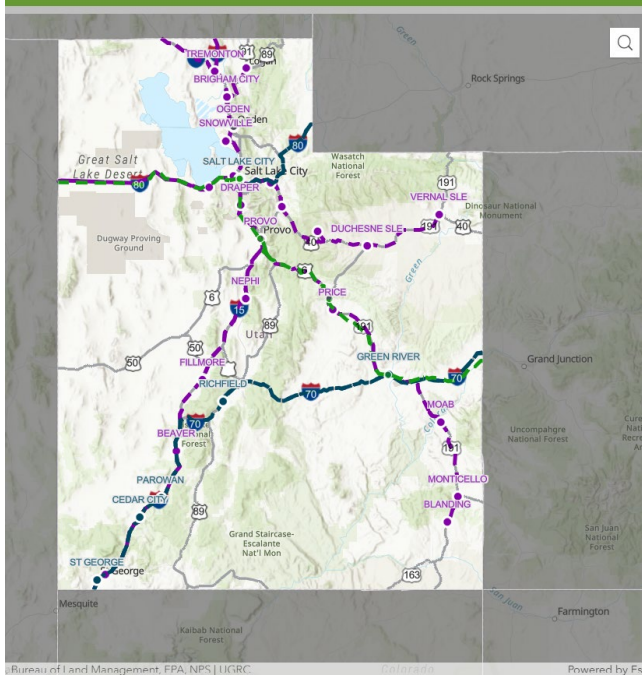
Salt Lake Express*

St. George Express

**UDOT currently funds two Salt Lake Express routes with 5311(f)*

UDOT's Interactive GIS Map Tool

Utah / FTA 5304 Statewide Rural Transit Planning



Stakeholder Engagement

UDOT Rural Public Transit Team
UDOT Planning Division
Amtrak
Bear River Association of Governments
Cache Valley Transit District
Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization
Five County Association of Governments
Greyhound (Isaacs & Associates)
Mountainland Association of Governments

Salt Lake Express
St. George Shuttle
Six County Association of Governments
State of Utah, Aging & Adult Services
Tooele County Transportation
Utah Transit Authority
Utah Valley Paratransit
Wasatch Front Regional Council

June 2023 Meeting | Project Kick-Off & Input

October 2023 Meeting | Present gaps and needs, evaluation, and initial recommendations

Gaps and Needs Assessment & Opportunities

Davis - Morgan
County to
Summit County

Salt Lake
County to
Washington
County

Wasatch Front
to Sevier
County and
Moab/Four
Corners

Intercity Bus Study Next Steps

- Stakeholder Meeting (October)
- Finalize assessment of existing Intercity Bus service performance
- Evaluate and Prioritize Future Service
- Final Recommendations & Report December 2023

Discussion

Intercity Bus Network Vision for Utah

Gaps and needs in the communities you serve?

Other?

Thank You!

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Resources

[Intercity Bus Study Google Form](#)

[Formula Grants for Rural Areas](#)

[2010 Intercity Bus Study](#)

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