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# **35N MAX:** the First BRT in Salt Lake County









#### 35M MAX BRT





#### 35M MAX Project Map Great Salt Lake MAGNA 8400 WEST 8000 WEST 7200 WEST 6400 WEST ---5600 WEST 4800 WEST 4000 WEST-3600 WEST-WEST VALLEY CITY VALLEY FAIR MALL 215 DECKER LAKE DR. REDWOOD RD -1200 WEST 900 WEST SOUTH SALT LAKE 15 35M MAX (BRT) 35M MAX (BRT) with Dedicated Guideway MILLCREEK TRAX STATION TRAX (Light Rail)





### BRT Type I – the MAX

- 10 miles, from Magna to 3300 South TRAX station.
- 14 stations one-way, with approximately .7 mile spacing.
- Extended hours and a 15 minute frequency to meet TRAX, (LRT system).
- Ridership is 4,200 riders per day; pre MAX ridership was 2,100 riders per day.







#### Special Branding



- Unique station canopies
- "MAX to TRAX" slogan
- Bus branding
- Bus stop signage







#### **Reasons MAX is Faster**

Lake Central Station

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Less stops than regular 35 route to Ogden

3500 South MAX

Boarding at three doors

3500 3





300 South

2100 South

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900 South

400 South

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OUT OF SERVICE

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Off-board fare collection

Traffic signal priority





#### **Provides a Better Service**

- Higher frequency and faster run time
- Exclusive lanes
  - One mile section through a heavily urbanized and congested portion of the route
- Single lane + signals
- Easily recognized and understandable system



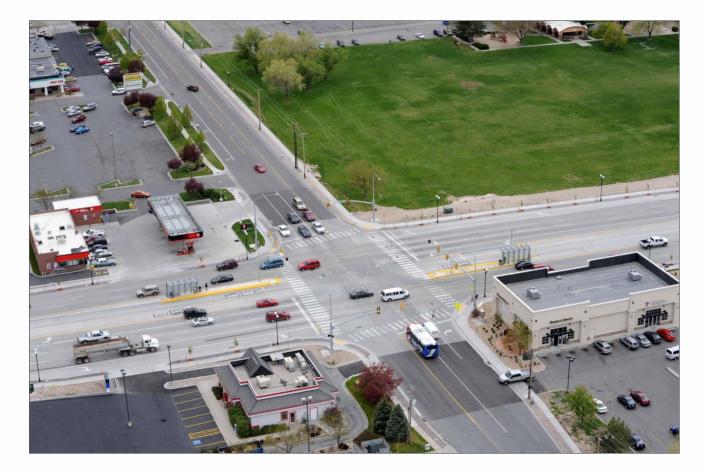


#### **Exclusive Lane Operation**





#### 3500 South Center Lane











#### Center running canopy

#### **Canopies and Platforms**

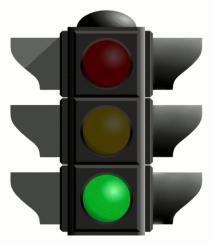


Side running canopy





#### Single Lane and Signal Priority



- Single lanes + signals
- Traffic weaving + signal priority





### MAX TVM vs. TRAX TVM

- Repurposed parking ticket vending machines
- Accepts cash and gives change
- Real time credit card
   processing
- Cost per machine = \$15,000
  - Standard transit TVM are \$50,000 + per machine
- Real time online back office





#### Features of the Vehicle

Social seating



# Stop request buttons at all exits and seats



#### Rear window

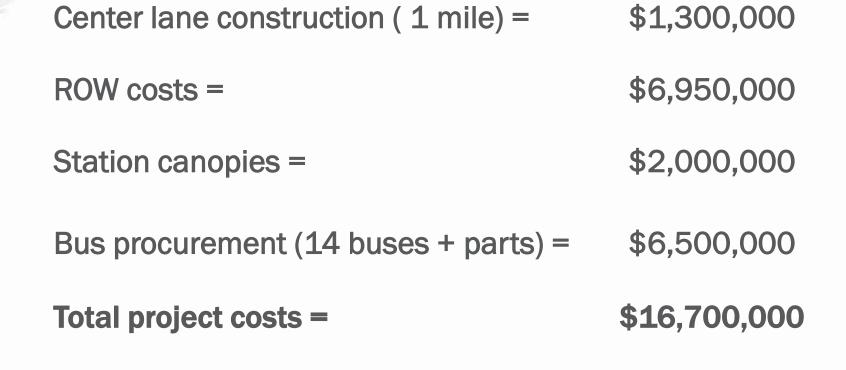




Improved ADA ramp, restraints, and all-low floor configuration



#### System Costs







#### System Enhancements

- West Valley light rail connection at the West Valley Hub. opening August 2011
- Future center station at 3000 West

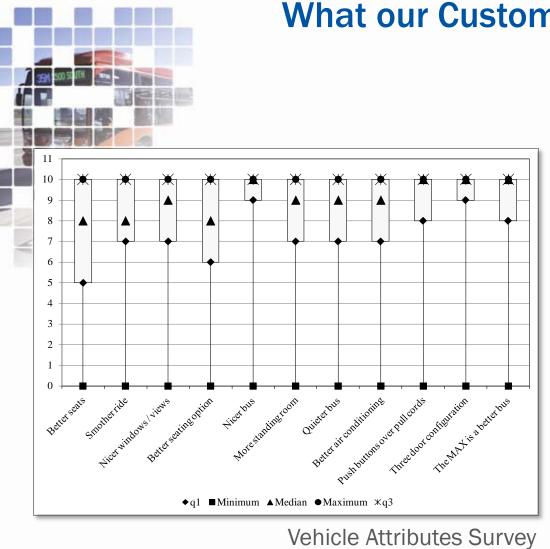






# RESULTS

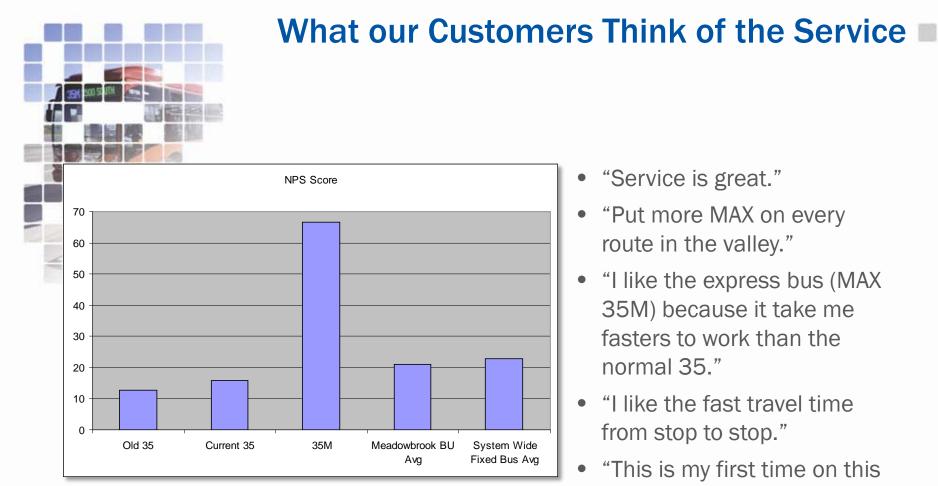




### What our Customers Think of the Bus

- New buses scored very high in passenger surveys.
- Survey Replies:
  - The MAX is quieter than other buses.
  - The MAX has windows with nicer views outside.
  - The MAX offers a smoother ride.
  - Overall, the MAX is better than other UTA buses.





Net Promoter Score

#### **Ridership has increased from** 2100 riders per day to 4200 riders per day

- "Service is great."
- "Put more MAX on every route in the valley."
- "I like the express bus (MAX) 35M) because it take me fasters to work than the normal 35."
- "I like the fast travel time from stop to stop."
- "This is my first time on this new system, but it seems that it's going to be a success."
- "Very good service! Thank you!"







# Average Travel Time from 8400 West to 3300 TRAX

Car	MAX	Local Route
25 minutes	29 minutes	35-39 minutes

Average Travel Time in the Dedicated Lane			
Car	MAX	Local Route	
4 ½ minutes	3 minutes		







#### Average Speed (UTA) Eastbound

#### West of 5600 West

- Average travel time

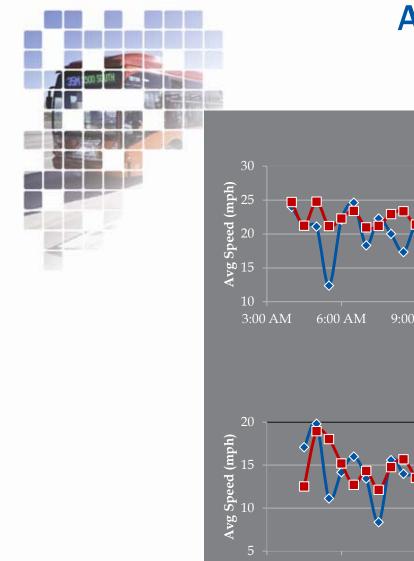
   No TSP: 19.6 mph
   TSP: 21.8 mph
- Morning peak (7-9 am)

   No TSP: 19.9 mph
   TSP: 22.0 mph
- Evening peak (4-6 pm)
   No TSP: 20.0 mph
   TSP: 20.3 mph

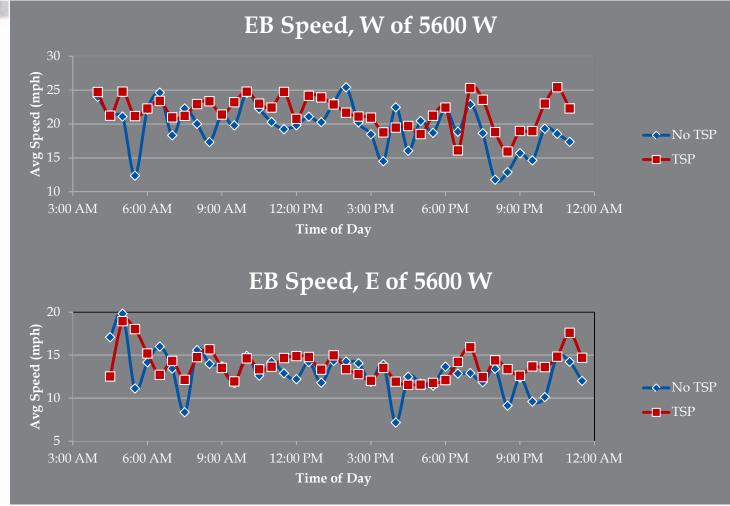
### East of 5600 West

- Average travel time
  - o No TSP: 13.0 mph
  - o TSP: 13.9 mph
- Morning peak
  - o No TSP: 13.0 mph
  - o TSP: 14.1 mph
- Evening peak
  - o No TSP: 11.3 mph
  - o TSP: 11.8 mph

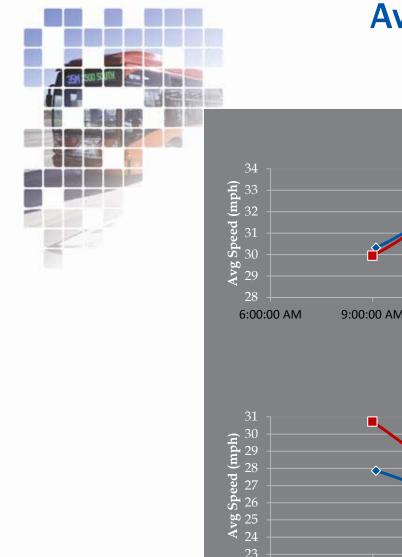




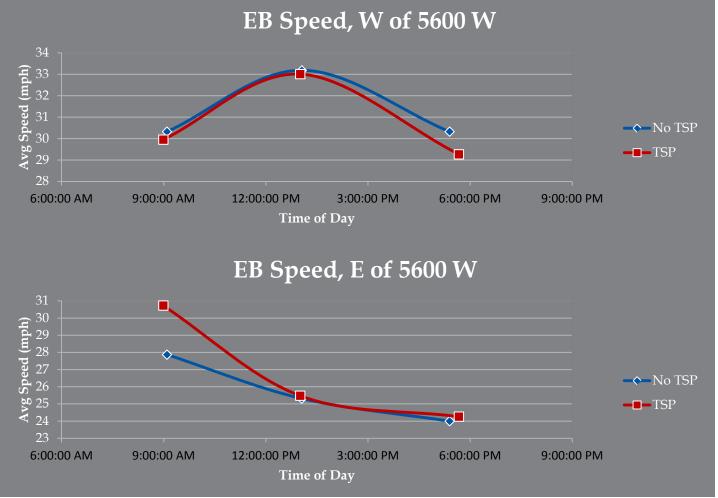
#### Average Speed (UTA) Eastbound







#### Average Speed (UDOT) Eastbound







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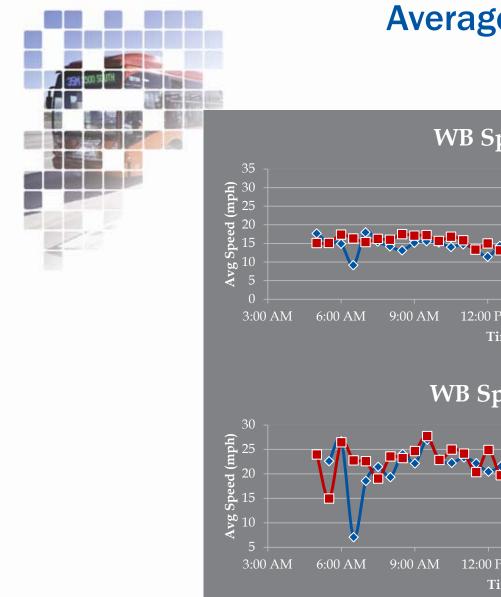
### East of 5600 West

- Average travel time
   No TSP: 12.9 mph
   TSP: 14.1 mph
- Morning peak (7-9 am)
   No TSP: 15.2 mph
   TSP: 16.4 mph
- Evening peak (4-6 pm)
   No TSP: 11.2 mph
   TSP: 12.0 mph

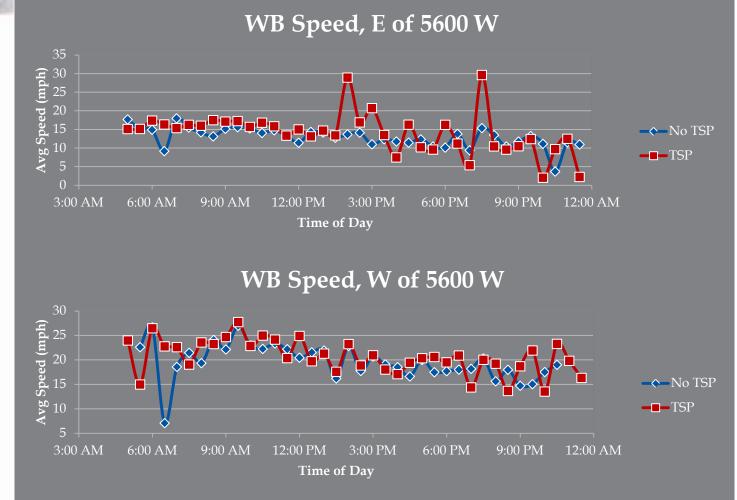
## West of 5600 West

- Average travel time
  - No TSP: 19.7 mph
    TSP: 20.7 mph
- Morning peak
  - o No TSP: 21.1 mph
  - o TSP: 22.6 mph
- Evening peak
  - o No TSP: 18.1 mph
  - o TSP: 19.4 mph

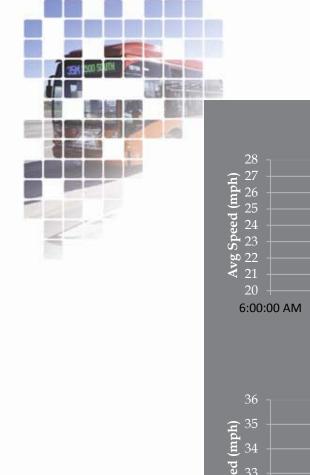




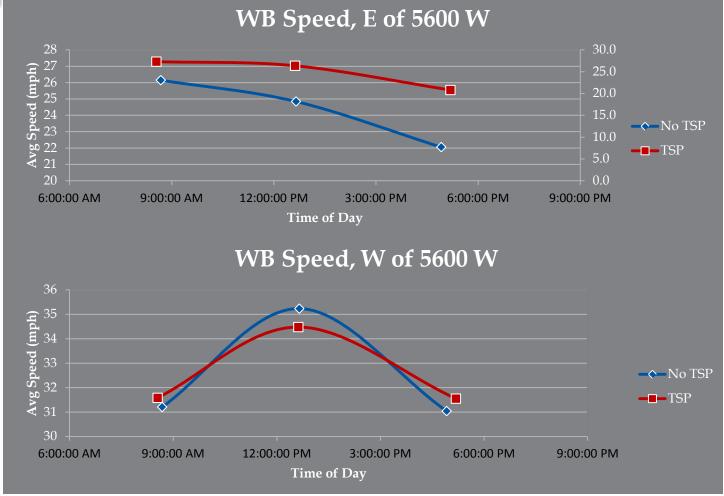
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#### Average Speed (UDOT) Westbound





#### **TSP Conclusions**



- Travel time TSP helps westbound travel more than eastbound, lower travel time
- Travel speed TSP helps eastbound travel, faster travel speed
  - Has greater impact west of 5600 West (where signals are free) (UTA data)
  - UDOT data shows greater impact east of 5600 West (coordinated signals)
- Travel speed TSP helps westbound travel as well, faster travel speed
  - Has a greater impact east of 5600 West (where signals are coordinated) (UTA and UDOT data)



#### **Overall Conclusions**



- Big increase in ridership
- Customers like the system and service
- Buses are a good fit and work well
- TVMs work well
- Center lane operation is effective with 15 minute headways
- TSP helps improve travel time consistency
- Far side and limited stops improve overall travel time

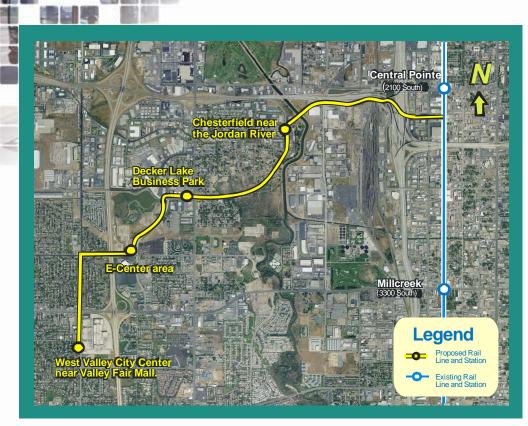








#### West Valley Line



Role: Overall Project Manager Draft Environmental Impact Statement

#### **Project Overview**

- 5.0 miles
- Four proposed stations
- 15-minute frequency
- Projected ridership of 9,000 – 12,000 in 2025
- Completing Draft EIS
- Preliminary engineering underway

#### Accelerated Schedule

- Open for service in 2012
- Estimated cost: \$250 -\$290 million





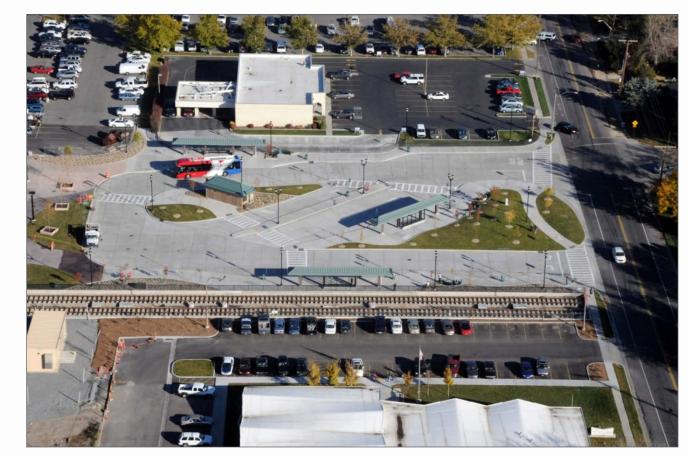
#### FrontLines 2015 Project Existing FrontRunner 45 miles 7 stations Airport Lin 6 miles Salt Lake City 6 stations Existing University LR 3.8 miles 7 stations State Hwy 201 West Valley City South Salt Lake 3500 S Existing North/South LR1 West Valley Line 15.8 miles 51 miles 18 stations 4 stations Main St (SR 73) American Fork Pleasant Grove Saratoga Murrav Springs Lindor 800 N (SR 52) FrontRunner South To Provo 44 miles Orem Univ. Pkwy 8 stations Midvale हिंही Provo West Jordan Utah Lake 8 Mid-Jordan Line 10.6 miles 10 stations Sandy South Jordan Draper Line 3.5 miles 3 stations Ò 11800 \$ Riverton Draper FrontRunner South -----To Provo 44 miles Herriman 8 stations 14600 S Bluffdale

### FrontLines 2015

- UTA's largest project in its history
- Sixth largest rail project (U.S. and Canada)
- Building 70 miles of rail in seven years
- One project that includes five lines
- Mid-Jordan TRAX
- West Valley TRAX
- FrontRunner South
- Draper TRAX
- Airport TRAX



#### West Valley Intermodal Center



- Budget \$10.5 million
- Final project cost \$6.7 million
- West Valley paid local match



#### Valley Fair Mall 2006



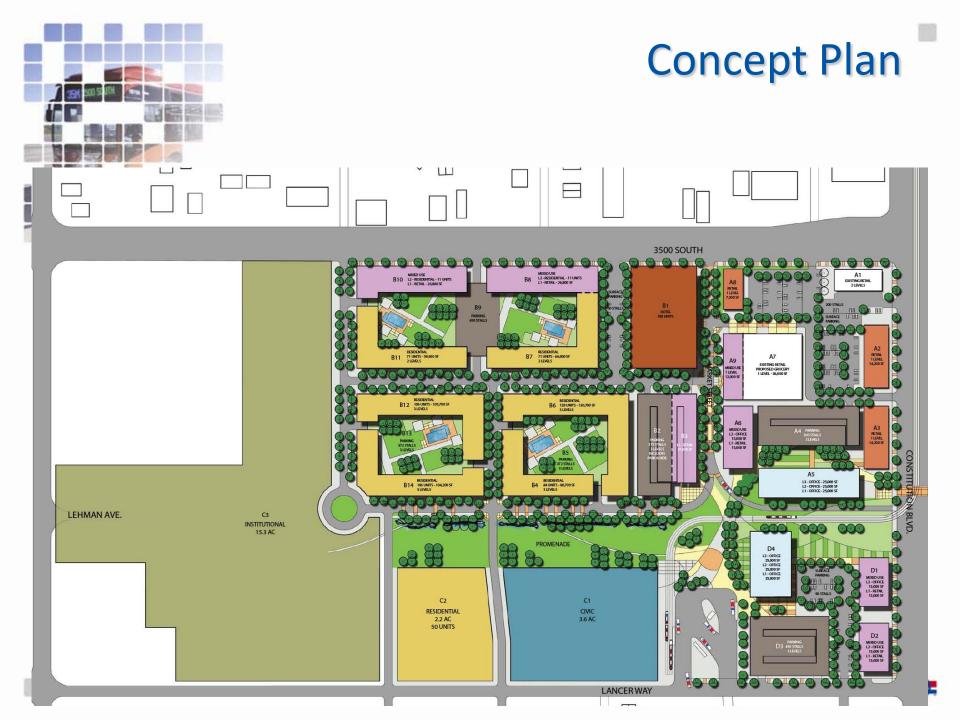




#### Valley Fair Mall 2010







# **Concept Plan**













#### West Valley Promenade 5.10.2011



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Moving







#### Long Range Plan Projects

Long range transportation plans (WFRC/MAG)

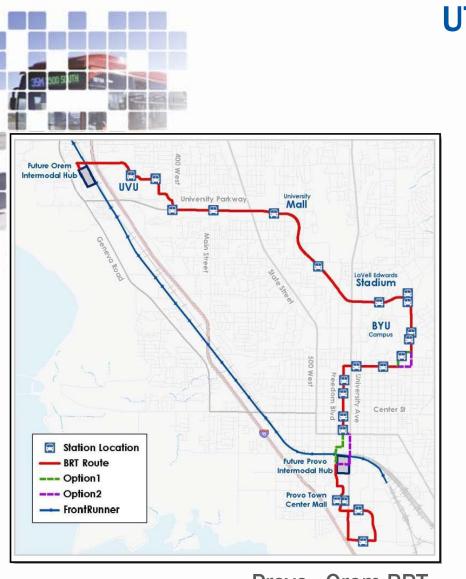
- o 76 miles of added commuter rail
- o 27 miles of added light rail
- 180 miles of bus rapid transit (BRT)
- 106 miles of enhanced bus
- o 11+ miles of streetcar
- Double the number of UTA buses
- Transit-oriented development (TOD)
  - o 150 potential station sites in 2040 plan
- Energy diversification (CNG, electric, hydrogen)





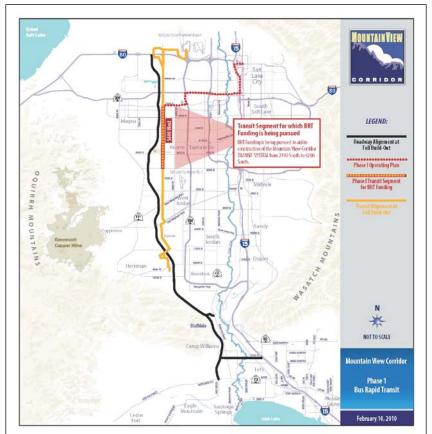






Provo - Orem BRT

#### UTA BRT Planned Corridors



5600 West (MVC) BRT

