



2024 Legislative Affairs Priorities

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Position Statement

ChamberWest recognizes transportation is the engine driving Utah's economy with our area being one of the state's hubs for commercial transportation.

We support the following transportation initiatives/projects:

- Support the completion of the Mountain View Corridor, ensuring connections are compatible with commercial vehicle configurations;
- Encourage continued education and programs to promote safe driving between personal and commercial vehicles and alternative modes of transportation, and pedestrians;
- Ensure UDOT and local municipalities include business representatives and representatives of commercial traffic in discussions for design of all major interchanges;
- Strongly encourage UDOT to redesign and eliminate all thru turns and medians contrary to business commerce;
- Discourage grade separations or median curbs preventing free access to businesses;
- Believe UDOT and local municipalities should evaluate existing traffic flows to ensure access and maneuverability for all types of traffic in the design of all roads and interchanges;
- Encourage mass transit to service high density residential areas with appropriate connections to clusters of employment and services with special consideration for hours of operations to meet area needs;
- Coordinate with and support funding for active transportation plans for local municipalities, consortiums, and projects;
- Encourage the development of trail systems that connect to major trails and facilitate neighborhood recreation;
- Strongly encourage UDOT and local municipalities to consider safe intuitive flows of traffic for connectivity for access to business and commercial centers;
- Priority should be given to maintaining existing roads to ensure consistent commercial retail and residential access;
- Support a shift away from a gasoline tax to a user fee to accommodate increased use of electric cars and fair distribution of transportation funding;
- Continue to fund current priorities to complete overpasses on Bangerter Highway to complete highway as a freeway;
- Strategically work with UTA to help identify future locations for transit hubs;
- Continue support of the Mid-valley Connector BRT project;
- Pursue an expansion of High-speed Charging Stations;
- In areas where residential subdivisions are already built out and streets cannot be widened except at high cost, create a strategic plan to limit residential (population) growth on or near these existing roadways to prevent gridlock at peak hours.

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- Strategically collaborate with the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) to ensure that policy decisions support trucking and Salt Lake County transportation efficiencies, minimization of congestion and technological solutions to transportation/freight distribution. Encourage the UIPA to consult with ChamberWest and regional transportation leaders relating to future legislation, capital improvements and vehicle configuration, and operational practices. Suggest UIPA provide frequent updates regarding strategic plans and progress.

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