Funding the Future of Transportation

North Carolina F1RST Commission Meeting

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MISSION

Innovating transportation solutions that strengthen Utah's economy and enhance quality of life.



UDOT's Strategic Goals



Zero Fatalities



Preserve Infrastructure

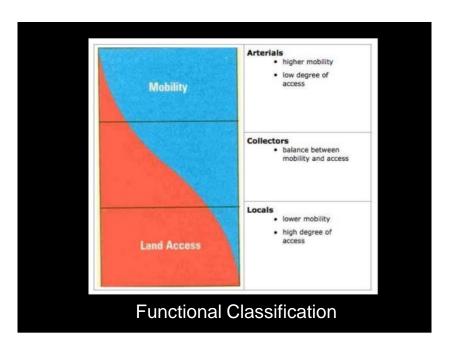


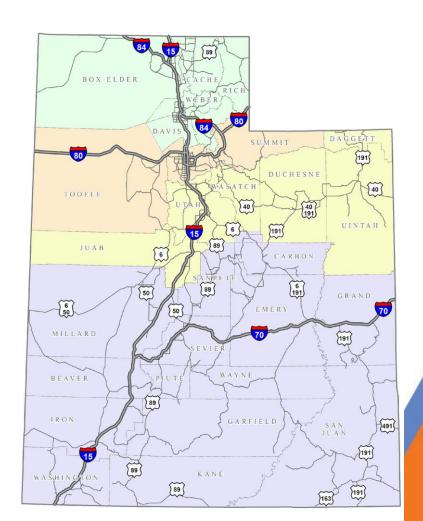
Optimize Mobility



Utah State Highway System

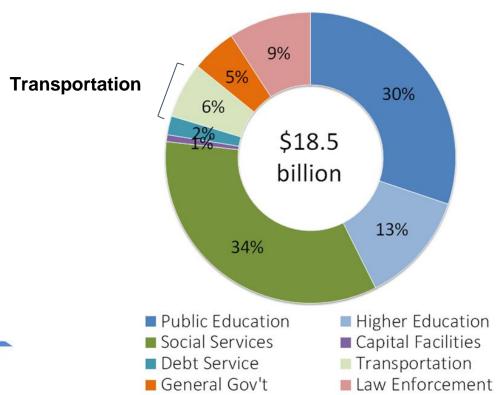
- 5,865 centerline miles
- Statutorily defined, Title 72 Chapter 4
- Higher functional classification roads





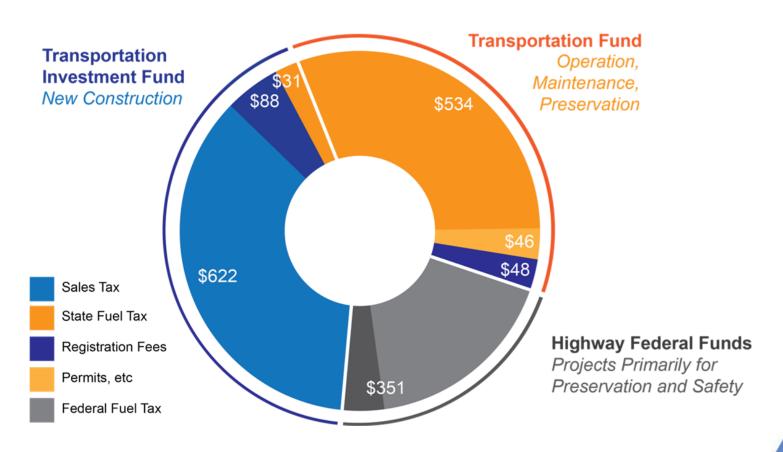
State of Utah Budget

Fiscal Year 2020





UDOT's Budget



Funding Transportation for the Near-Term Future

- 2003/2004 Legislative Task Force: "Reliance on fuel tax alone will never be adequate for highway needs."
- H.B. 1008 (2005)
 Transportation Investment Act
- H.B. 362 (2015) Transportation Infrastructure Funding

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H.B. 1008

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT

2005 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart

Senate Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code, the Sales and Use Tax Act, the Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act, the State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Act, and the Transportation Code by amending provisions to increase funding for transportation. Hishlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 to pay the costs of maintenance, reconstruction, or renovation to state and federal highways;
- redesignates the Centennial Highway Fund as a restricted account within the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005;
- transfers the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account revenue sources to the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 when the highway general obligation bonds have been paid off and the highway projects completed that are intended to be paid from revenues deposited in the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account;
- provides that a portion of the sales and use tax revenue shall be deposited into the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account;
 - · requires the Division of Finance:
- to monitor the highway general obligation bonds that are being paid from

revenues deposited into the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account; and

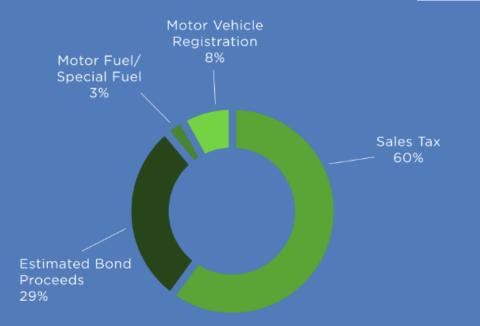
- to report on the status of the bonds to the Executive Appropriations Committee upon request;
 - · requires the Department of Transportation to:



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Transportation Investment Fund Revenue

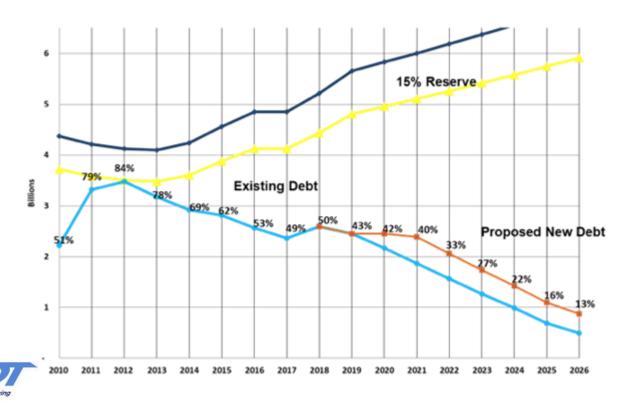


Sales Tax - 17%	\$496,872,257
Sales Tax - 3.68%	\$103,483,877
Sales Tax - 1/16%	\$11,975,269
Sales Tax05%	\$10,089,297
1997 Registration Increase	\$29,667,656
2009 Registration Increase	\$58,380,344
Estimated Bond Proceeds	\$300,816,855

\$Transferred from TF

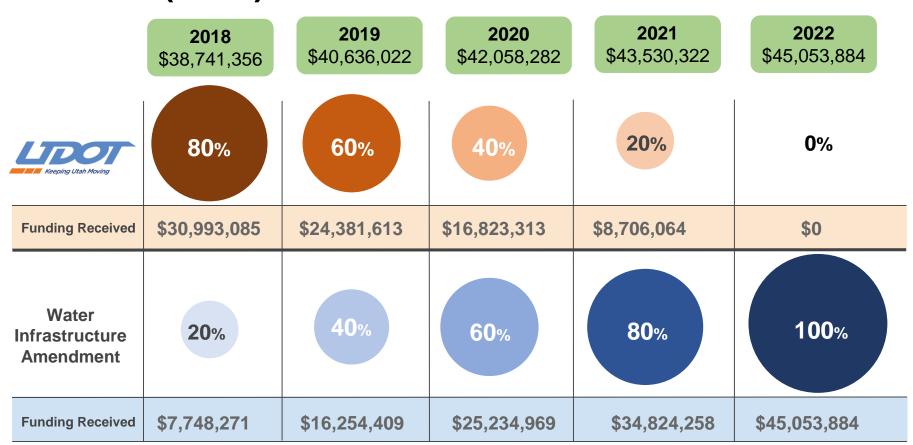
1.8 Cents Per Gallon of Motor Fuel	\$31,601,603
Total TIF Revenue	\$1,042,887,158

Constitutional Debt Limit Graph Estimated Outstanding Debt & Constitutional Debt Limits

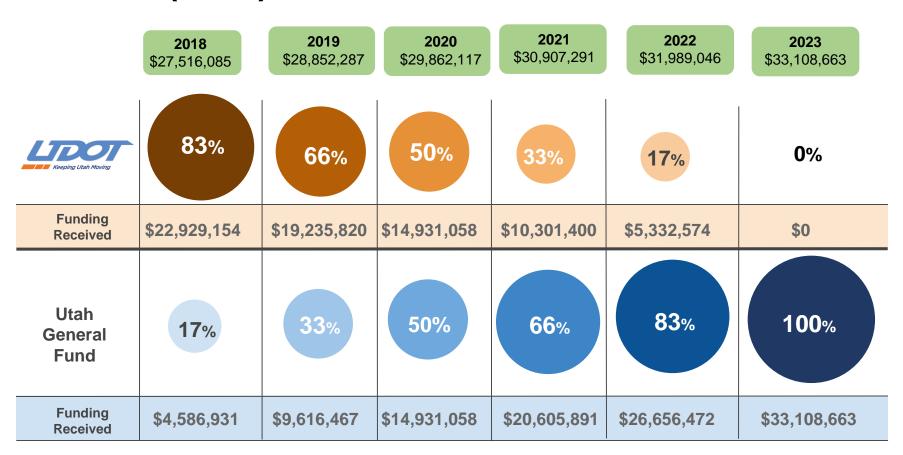


→ Constitutional Debt Limit → Available Debt 85% → Existing Debt → Proposed New Debt

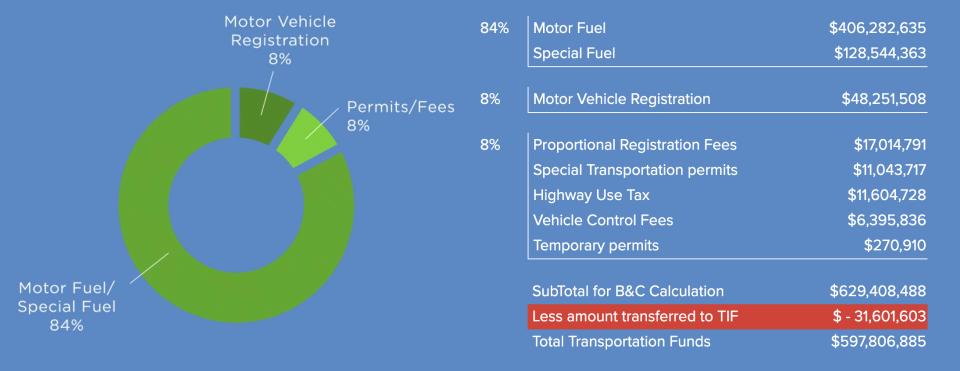
S.B. 80 (2016) - 1/16th¢



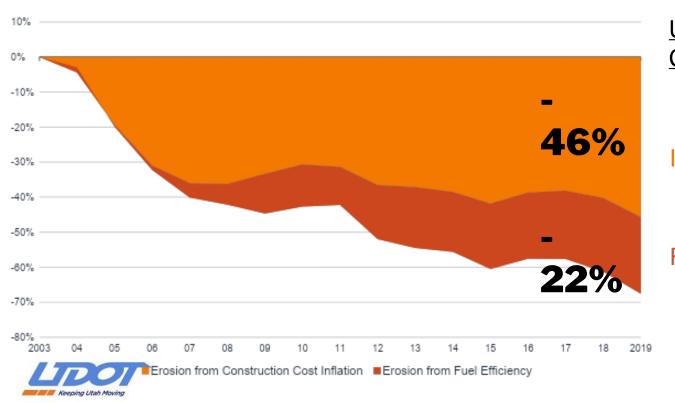
S.B. 80 (2016) - .05% Sales Tax



Transportation Fund Revenue



National Fuel Tax Purchasing Power Decline

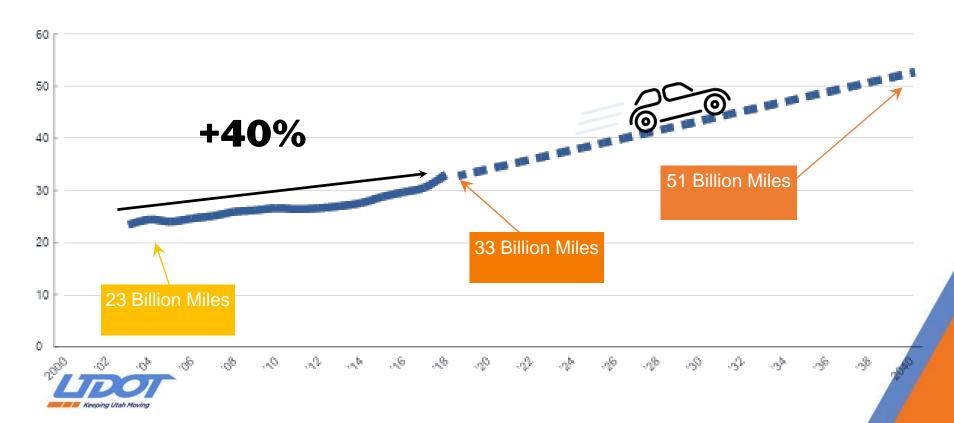


<u>Utah Legislative</u> <u>Countermeasures:</u>

Indexing to CPI

Road Usage Fees

Utah Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Projection



The Case for a Road Usage Charge Program

Registration Fee

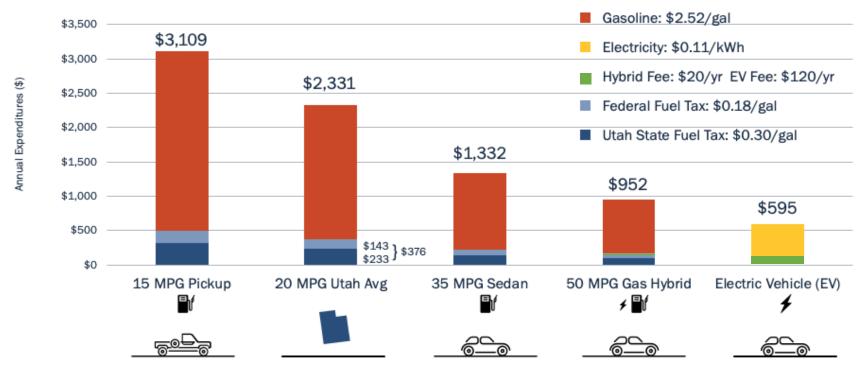
Fuel Tax

Road Usage Charge

Scales With Inflation	User Pays Principle (Fairness)	Long-Term Sustainable Funding Source
Somewhat	No	No
Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Yes	Yes	Yes

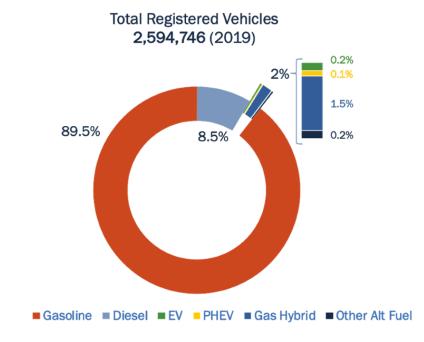


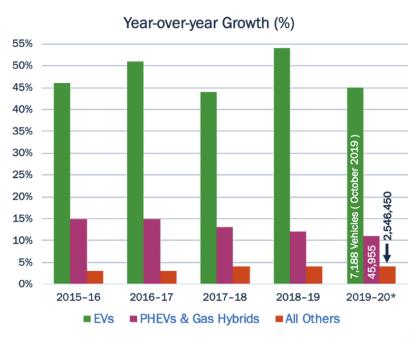
Total Annual Gas Tax Costs for Utah Drivers





Size & Growth of Utah's Electric Vehicle Fleet









Utah's Alt-Fuel Vehicle Payment Choice





Rural & Low-income Households Benefit From RUC

Characteristic	Urban	Rural
% of Utah Households	94%	6%
Average Daily Miles/Household	47.7	52.6
Average Fuel Efficiency (mpg)	22.8	21.1
Average Vehicle Age (years)	9.5	10.7

	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>
	\$229	\$273
00001	\$230	\$254
	+\$1	-\$19
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Utah's Road Usage Charge Program Implementation Timeline

- S.B. 136 (2017)
- Administrative rules filed
- RUC rate set at 1.5 cents/mile
- Vendor began system testing in October 2019
- Full system launches to the public on January 1, 2020



Current RUC System Challenges

- Public education
- Technology
- Administrative costs

- Out-of-state driving
- Privacy perceptions
- Data accuracy



