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It's About Thyme For Spring!

Upcoming Events

April 19 & May 17, 2023

Small Business Loan Fund
Board Meeting

April 27, 2023

MPO Technical Advisory
Committee Meeting

May 13, 2023

2023 Golden Spoke Ride

May 25, 2023

Executive Council

June 1, 2023

MPO Board Meeting
Utah County COG Meeting

News & Updates

- Meet MAG's New Executive Director
- National Community Development Week
- Advocates for Aging
- MAG 2023 Legislative Summary
- TAG Awards
- TransPlan50 2023 Draft

Business In Blossom

MAG is pleased to announce that Michelle Carroll has been appointed as the new MAG Executive Director. This was confirmed on February 23 by the MAG Executive Council. Michelle is the fourth executive director at MAG in the last 50 years.

"I am so pleased that Michelle Carroll will be taking on the role of Executive Director of MAG. Michelle is not only highly qualified, but is uniquely qualified to direct the day-to-day operations at MAG. She will also be able to help our MAG region deal with the current and future transportation needs as our three counties continue to grow and change," said Denise Andersen, Mayor of Cedar Hills and MAG Executive Council chair. "Her experience with local, regional and state government and planning is extensive, and a true asset to her role at MAG. She is a great collaborator, and truly dedicated to the mission of MAG."

Michelle is an experienced leader with more than 25 years of experience serving the community, most recently as the deputy director of MAG for the past three years. Prior to that, she was the Community and Economic Development Director at MAG for 11 years. Previous to her roles at MAG, Michelle worked in nonprofit meeting the needs of underserved communities.

“ I am passionate about working collaboratively with elected officials, stakeholders, and community partners to build consensus around decisions that empower communities to achieve their vision,” said Carroll. “I am excited to serve the communities in Utah, Summit and Wasatch counties and MAG’s staff as MAG’s Executive Director.”

Carroll received a BS degree in Public Health from Utah State University and an MPA from University of Illinois. She also serves Spanish Fork City as a planning commissioner.



Community & Economic Development

Did you Know?

National Community Development Week is April 10-15, and we're celebrating the great work done in our communities through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program! Local CDBG programs have provided assistance to hundreds of thousands of residents in the MAG region through services, affordable housing, infrastructure improvement, community amenities, economic development, and job creation.

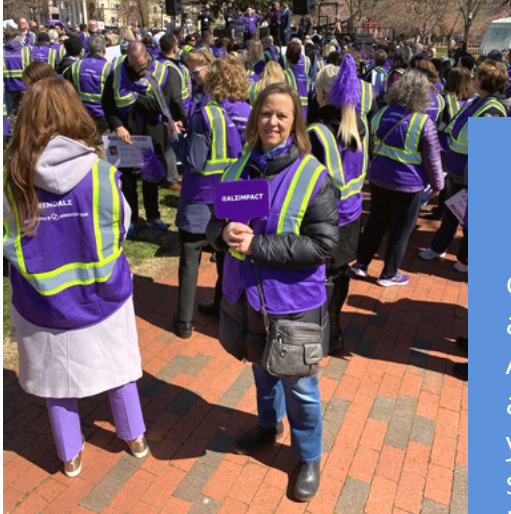


We host How to Apply workshops each October to educate potential grant recipients about the requirements and possibilities of the program.

Cities, towns, counties, and non-profit organizations in the region are eligible to apply, and we invite you to join our application mailing list by reaching out to Debby Lauret at 801-229-3691 or dlauret@mountainland.org. You can also learn more about our CDBG programs [here](#).

Happy Community Development Week!

Aging & Family Services



Gerri Lehnardt, MAG Case Manager

"March-In" D.C.

MAG's Geri Lehnardt traveled to Washington, D.C. on March 20 & 21 to meet with members of Congress and staff to advocate for those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. Geri met with Senator Mike Lee and shared first-hand experiences from her 25+ years of serving those with the disease and the significant increase in need for support not only in Utah, but specifically in the MAG service region.

She joined nearly 900 other Alzheimer's Advocates with the Alzheimer's Association for all 50 states to meet with congress and rally for access to treatment to help fight a disease that more than 6 million people suffer nationwide.

In 2020, an estimated 34,000 people in Utah suffered from Alzheimer's disease. That number is projected to increase by 23.5% to 42,000 sufferers in 2025. To learn more and join the fight, visit <https://www.alz.org/utah>.



From Left to Right: Matthew McCormick, Kamas City Mayor; Meals On Wheels Recipient.

Meals On Wheels

This March, 28 mayors, commissioners and other elected officials volunteered to deliver meals with the MAG Meals on Wheel program as part of our annual March for Meals event. March for Meals is a nationwide celebration commemorating the historic day in March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 or older. Countless seniors and their families have been touched by Meals on Wheels locally and beyond. MAG has celebrated this event for 13 years. To learn more about our event, visit magutah.org/m4m-2023.

Regional Planning:

Save the Date...

...for the 2023 Golden Spoke ride on Saturday, May 13!

This casual ride celebrates over 170 miles of safe and connected multi-use trails linking Ogden and Provo. This year, two rides, a 25-mile ride from Ogden Frontrunner station and a 75-mile ride from Riverside Park in Provo, will conclude at Farmington Regional Park with food trucks, participant giveaways, and vendor booths. This family-friendly event is free, and using Frontrunner to return or shorten the trip is encouraged. MAG staff would love to see a large showing from our region - it'd be great to have at least one representative from each city and county on the ride.

Please reach out to Shauna Mecham at smecham@magutah.org to learn more.



MAG 2023 Legislative Session Summary

The 2023 Legislative General Session was one for the books. The legislature passed a record 575 bills, approved a historic \$29.4 billion dollar budget that included \$250 million for housing, \$350 million for water, \$1.2 billion for transportation and infrastructure improvements, more than \$900 million for debt reduction and avoidance, a more than \$400 million tax reduction package, and more than \$233 million for public education. I'd say it was the year of water... housing, homelessness, education, tax reduction, and transportation. Check out [MAG's 2023 Legislative Session Summary](#) for more information on the transportation and transportation-related legislation and appropriations that MAG Planning staff tracked. Please reach out to LaNiece Davenport, ldavenport@magutah.org, if you have any questions or comments.

Regional Planning:

TAG Awards Announced

MAG is thrilled to announce that seven projects have been awarded technical assistance for cycle I of the Technical Assistance to Governments (TAG) Program. Awards fund plans and studies that integrate transportation and land use. Each project is unique to the community and their respective growth challenges and opportunities. For example, Jill Spencer, Payson City Planner, noted that their TAG Program award “comes at a critical time in the city’s growth and will help the city plan for big changes in a way that complements the existing community and enhances our quality of life.” See below for a list of the TAG awardees and award amounts.

Local governments that are interested in applying for cycle II of the TAG Program are encouraged to participate in funding workshops to be held across the MAG region this summer. Cycle II letters of interest for project concepts will be due in late September, with final applications due in December. Please reach out to Dan Wayne if you are interested in learning more.

Applicant	Project Title	Award Amount
Lehi	Lehi Downtown Revitalization Plan Update	\$117,000
Payson	Payson Downtown Gateway Plan	\$239,250
Park City	Bonanza Park Zoning Update	\$76,500
Springville	North Main Street Gateway Small Area Plan	\$78,300
Spanish Fork	Spanish Fork General Plan Land Use Element	\$150,000
Coalville	Coalville City Strategic Economic Development and Connection Plan	\$46,500
Midway	Lehi	\$90,000
A summary of each project is posted on the TAG Program webpage: mountainland.org/tag		

Regional Planning:

Mark your Calendars - the Draft 2023 TransPlan50 Public Comment Period Opens April 16, 2023

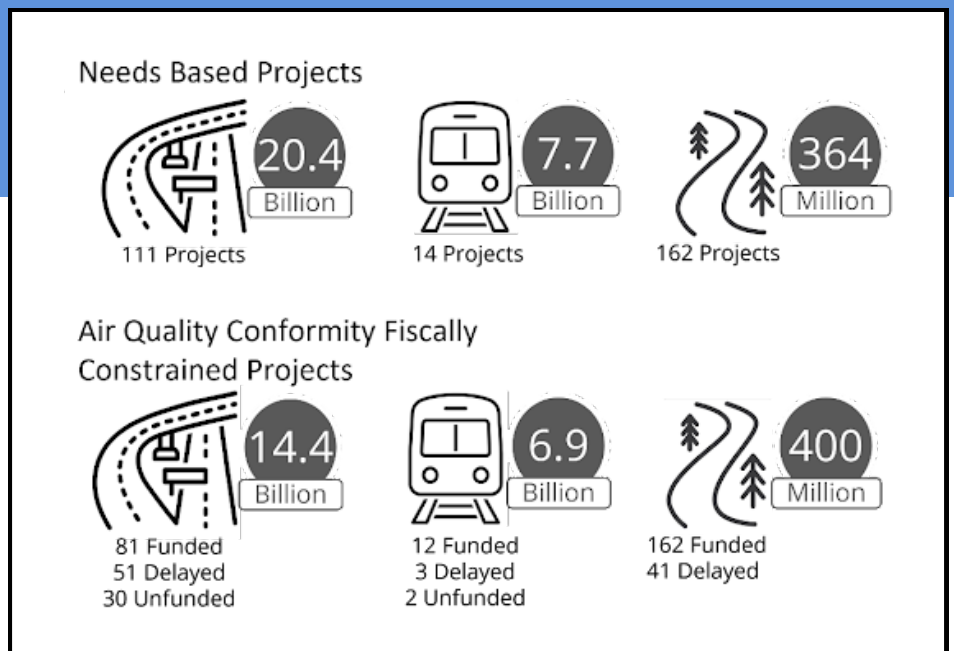
MAG is seeking input about transportation in Utah County. The draft 2023 TransPlan50 and Air Quality Conformity Determination will be released for public comment beginning April 16, 2023.

TransPlan50 is the regional transportation plan (RTP) for urbanized Utah County. Its planned projects and programs are a coordinated system of capital-intensive roadway projects, transit improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities, needed over the next thirty years. The plan attempts to minimize impacts on society and the environment while providing for enough transportation capacity and choices to ensure the region's economy continues to grow.

To stay relevant, the plan is updated every four years.

To keep up with the transportation needs for a county that will grow to 1.2 million people in 2050, the plan proposes over 280 highway, transit, and active transportation capacity projects. Limited funding, especially within the next decade, equates

to 32 unfunded road and transit projects and 115 road and transit projects not funded within the decade when the need is identified (see image).



Please visit: www.mountainland.org/transplan50-2023 to review the draft plan and provide comment.