

Safety and Security Report – Utah State Safety Oversight Program





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Rail Transit State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program

Report to UTA Board of Trustees

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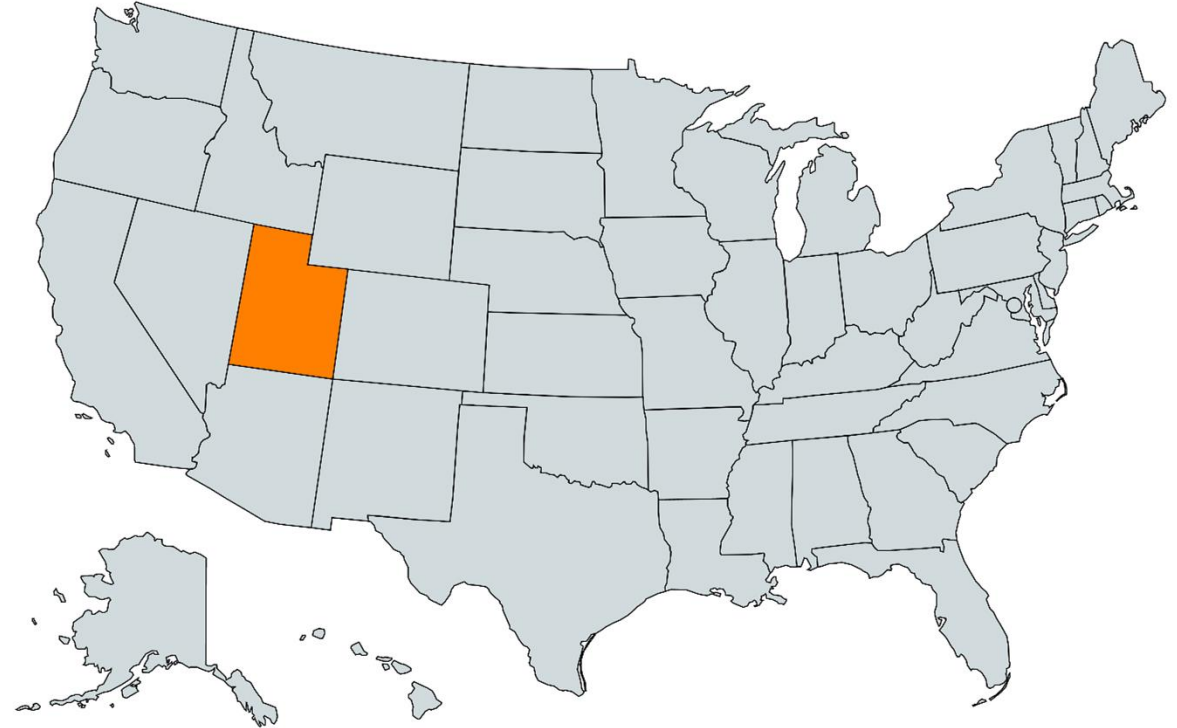
Overview



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Utah SSO Program

- ⑩ Required by FTA since 1995, updated in 2015
- ⑩ TRAX Light Rail and the Sugar House Streetcar (S-Line)
- ⑩ 49 CFR Part 674 requires:
 - ⑩ Legal independence from UTA
 - ⑩ Enforcement authority
 - ⑩ SSOA and contractor training plan
 - ⑩ Involvement with and oversight of UTA capital projects



Utah SSO Program

- Oversight activities include:
 - Regular meetings with UTA staff
 - Conducting scheduled audits and as-needed special assessments
 - Approving primary UTA safety and emergency preparedness plans
 - Adopting UTA investigations of accidents
 - Verifying UTA progress in correcting safety deficiencies.
 - **Risk Based Inspection Program (New in 2024)**



Rail Transit State Safety Oversight Program Procedures & Standards

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2024-25 Capital Projects : South Jordan Downtown New Station Oversight



- ⑩ UDOT's SSO program successfully aided with the final stages and opening of the new TRAX light rail station on Grandville Ave. in downtown South Jordan, adjacent to the new Bees Ballpark .

2024 Program Highlights: Inspections and Special Audits

- ⑩ In August 2024, UDOT conducted a full audit of the Light Rail program, as required by the FTA on a triennial basis.
- ⑩ 23 Findings of non-compliance were identified and corrective action plans created. 15 have been closed to date.



2024-25 Program Highlights: Inspections and Special Audits

- ⑩ In October of 2024, the Risk Based Inspection program was approved by the FTA and implemented by UDOT.
- ⑩ This is a new program mandated by the FTA. Implementation and data gathering are underway.
- ⑩ Monthly data reports from multiple departments are used to determine where to focus inspections.



2024-25 Program Highlights: Event Investigation

- ⑩ In 2024 UDOT tracked 28 UTA accident investigations that met UDOT or FTA mandated reporting criteria.
- ⑩ Most of these events involved collisions between a train and an automobile at a grade crossing or intersection.



Planned Activities for 2025: Continued Oversight of Future Expansion

- ⑩ UDOT SSO will continue to provide safety oversight of the S-Line extension and future expansions.



Planned Activities for 2025: Hours of Service Audit



- ⑩ Fall 2025: UDOT will conduct its annual hours of service audit to ensure compliance with FRA requirements.

Thank You



Questions or comments?

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