

Safety and Security Report – Utah State Safety Oversight Program





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Rail Transit State Safety Oversight Program

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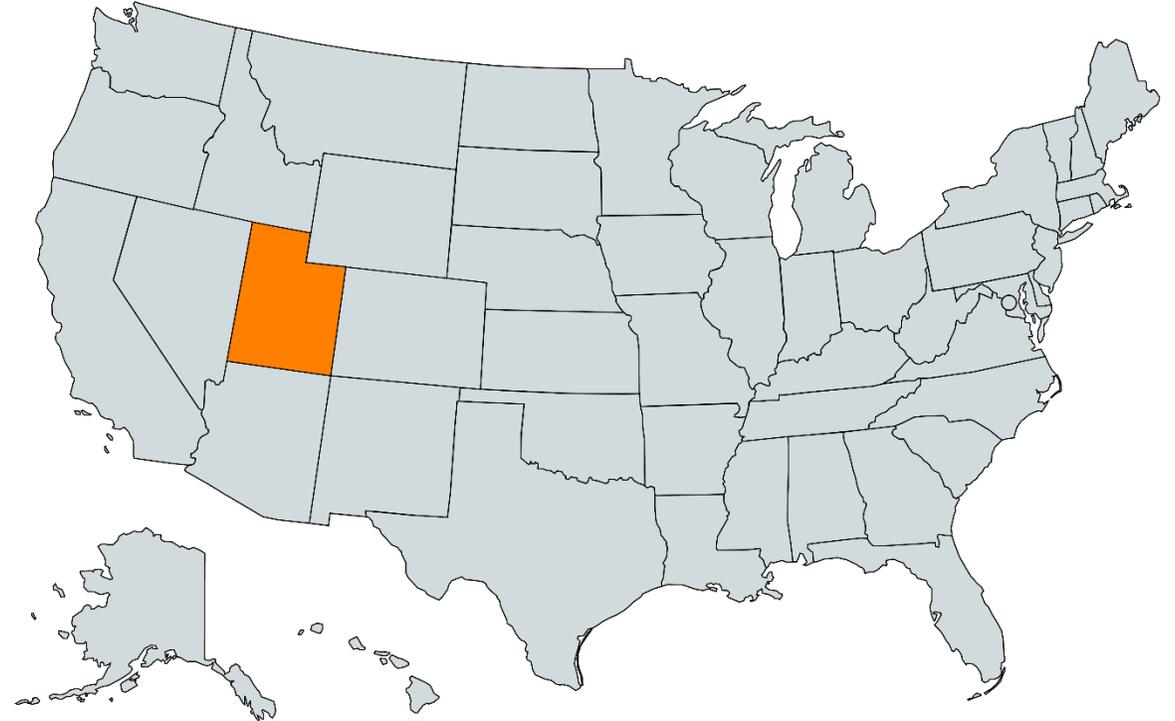
Overview



1. Utah DOT State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program
2. Key Program Activities
3. 2020 Program Highlights

1. Utah SSO Program

- Required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) since 1995 and updated in 2015
- Lines covered under this legislation are TRAX Light Rail and the Sugar House Streetcar (S-Line)



1. Utah SSO Program

UDOT is compliant with 49 CFR Part 674, which requires:

- Legal independence from UTA
- Enforcement authority
- SSOA and contractor staff follow an established training plan
- Involvement with and oversight of UTA capital projects



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2. Key Program Activities



- Oversight activities conducted by UDOT staff and contractors include:
 - Regularly meeting with UTA staff
 - Conducting scheduled audits and as-needed special assessments,
 - Approving primary UTA safety and emergency preparedness documents,
 - Adopting UTA investigations of accidents, incidents, and hazards, and
 - Verifying UTA progress in correcting safety deficiencies.

3. 2020-21 Program Highlights: Hours of Service Audit

- In October 2020, UDOT conducted annual audit of UTA hours of service
- The one finding from the audit was closed in February 2021



3. 2020-21 Program Highlights: Event Investigation



- In 2019 UDOT tracked 43 UTA safety event investigations in 2020 that met UDOT or FTA mandated reporting criteria.
- Many tracked events involve automobiles making illegal left turns into or in front of trains.
- UTA and UDOT are collaborating to find ways to prevent reoccurrence of certain accidents, particularly automobiles making left turns into trains.

3. 2020-21 Program Highlights: TRAX Airport Extension Oversight:



- UDOT is involved in UTA construction of a new station at Salt Lake International Airport.

3. 2020-21 Program Highlights: FTA Triennial Audit



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Administration**

- The FTA conducted its triennial audit of the UDOT oversight program in July 2019
- In December 2020 released two draft findings.
- Both findings have been fully addressed and received by the FTA.

Thank You



Questions or comments?

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