

## UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICY

### No. UTA.01.09

#### SUSTAINABILITY

1) Purpose.

This policy outlines Utah Transit Authority's comprehensive approach to providing sustainable mobility solutions in a manner that protects the planet, strengthens the community, and enhances shared prosperity. UTA recognizes the wide-ranging impacts of its transit services and commits to developing sustainability initiatives to provide lasting quality service and a better future for all.

2) Definitions.

"*Sustainability*" is the balance of ensuring economic growth, protection of the environment, and social wellbeing while meeting the needs of current and future generations.

"*Sustainability Plan*" is a plan that integrates sustainability with UTA's strategic priorities to help the agency meet sustainability goals and objectives.

"*Sustainability Report*" is a report provided by the Sustainability Steering Committee to the Board of Trustees on an annual basis which summarizes UTA's current sustainability efforts and progress.

"*Sustainability Steering Committee*" means a group of UTA employees who are tasked with overseeing and guiding sustainability initiatives within the organization and producing the annual Sustainability Report. This group comprises representatives from various UTA service units, ensuring diverse and comprehensive representation.

"*UTA*" means Utah Transit Authority.

3) Policy.

A. Sustainability Statement

UTA provides multi-modal public transit services that improve the quality of life in the communities in which it serves. UTA is committed to operating in a manner that protects the environment, enhances human health and wellbeing, and ensures economic prosperity within the community. To demonstrate this commitment, UTA will:

1. Plan and implement sustainability practices which take into consideration environmental and climate impacts, reduce air pollution and water use, divert waste, use renewable resources, and reduce overall energy use;
2. Provide sustainable mobility solutions for all through accessible, affordable, safe, and equitable service that will in turn improve the health and quality of life of all those in the communities which UTA serves;
3. Maintain sustainable mobility solutions that are cost effective and promote economic prosperity within the community;
4. Establish avenues of information to ensure that stakeholders, businesses and riders are aware of UTA's sustainable practices; and
5. Provide UTA employees with information regarding the agency's sustainability initiatives.

B. Organization

1. **UTA Board of Trustees**

The UTA Board of Trustees provides agency-wide governance and establishes the strategic plan for the agency.

2. **Executive Team**

The Executive Team sets agency-wide sustainability goals and empowers all other working groups with authority to act on behalf of the agency.

In addition to regular compliance responsibilities, each year the Executive Team sets strategic goals, some of which include UTA's sustainability efforts. Once identified, these are handed off to the Sustainability Steering Committee for development.

3. **Manager of Sustainability and Environmental Services**

Directs and manages UTA's sustainability program and associated budget, in addition to managing environmental planning and compliance services and associated budget for UTA.

4. **Sustainability Specialist**

Individual responsible for creating, implementing, and monitoring an agency-wide sustainability plan, and overseeing the Sustainability Steering Committee and Green Team.

5. **Sustainability Steering Committee**

Multi-disciplinary team, assigned by executive staff, who assist in the formation of UTA's sustainability plans alongside designated sustainability staff. With the goal of creating thorough and comprehensive sustainability objectives, committee members meet regularly to collaborate on the research, writing, and editing of UTA's sustainability plans and policies. This team is responsible for the Sustainability Report.


6. **Green Team**


Voluntary group of individuals agency-wide who help promote sustainable practices across the agency by creating and implementing sustainability projects and initiatives.

4) Cross-References.

- Corporate Policy 4.4.1 Environmental Protection Policy
- Corporate Policy 4.4.13 Vehicle Engine Idling
- UTA Agency Strategic Plan

This UTA Policy was reviewed by UTA's Chief Officers on 09/06/2023, approved by the Board of Trustees on 10/11/2023 and approved by the Executive Director on 10/12/2023. This policy takes effect on the latter date.

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