

## UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICY

### UTA.01.09

#### SUSTAINABILITY

1) Purpose

This policy outlines Utah Transit Authority's (UTA'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 well-being while meeting the needs of current and future generations.

“*Sustainability Plan*” is an agency-wide plan that integrates Sustainability with UTA's strategic priorities to help the agency meet Sustainability goals and objectives.

“*Sustainability Report*” is a report created by the Sustainability Steering Committee and submitted to the executive director on an annual basis. The Sustainability Report 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.

3) Policy

A. Sustainability Statement

1. 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:
  - a. Plan and implement Sustainability practices which take into consideration environmental impacts, reduce air pollution and water use, divert waste, use renewable resources, and reduce overall energy use;
  - b. 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;
  - c. Maintain sustainable mobility solutions that are cost effective and promote economic prosperity within the community;
  - d. Establish avenues of information to ensure that stakeholders, businesses and riders are aware of UTA's sustainable practices; and
  - e. Provide UTA employees with information regarding the agency's Sustainability initiatives.

- B. Within UTA, the following groups and individuals are responsible for implementing the Sustainability Initiatives through the responsibilities identified below:
1. Executive Team
    - a. The Executive Team supports agency-wide Sustainability goals and empowers all other working groups with authority to act on behalf of the agency.
    - b. 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.
  2. Manager of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability
    - a. The manager of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability directs and manages UTA's Sustainability program and associated budget; manages environmental planning and compliance services and associated budget.
  3. Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Specialist
    - a. The Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability specialist is the individual responsible for creating, implementing, and monitoring the Sustainability Plan, and overseeing the Sustainability Steering Committee and Green Team.
  4. Sustainability Steering Committee
    - a. The Sustainability Steering Committee is a 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 Plan and policies. The Sustainability Steering Committee is responsible for creating the Sustainability Report and submitting it to the Executive Director on an annual basis.
  5. Green Team
    - a. The Green Team is a voluntary group of individuals agency-wide who help promote sustainable practices across the agency by creating and implementing Sustainability projects and initiatives.

4) Review

This policy will be reviewed every four years.

5) Cross-References.

- UTA.01.19 Environmental Protection
- UTA Agency Strategic Plan

This UTA Policy was reviewed by UTA's Chief Capital Services Officer on 03/03/2026, and approved by the Executive Director on \_\_\_\_\_. This policy takes effect on the latter date.

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**History**

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