

**R2022-07-03**

**Resolution Authorizing an Amended and  
Restated Agreement with the Utah  
Department of Transportation for the  
Mountain View Corridor Project  
Implementation for Phase I Transit**

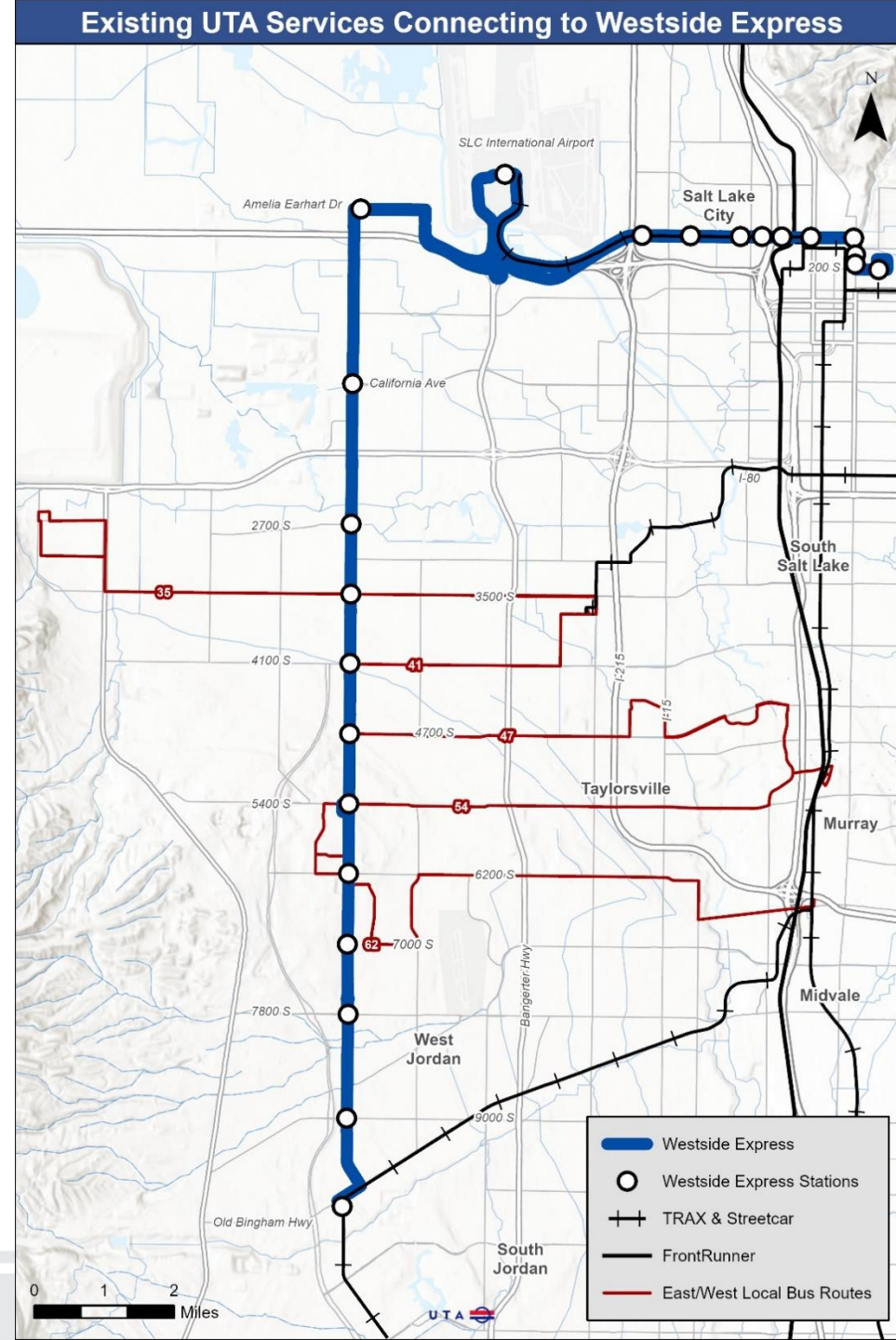


# Project Overview

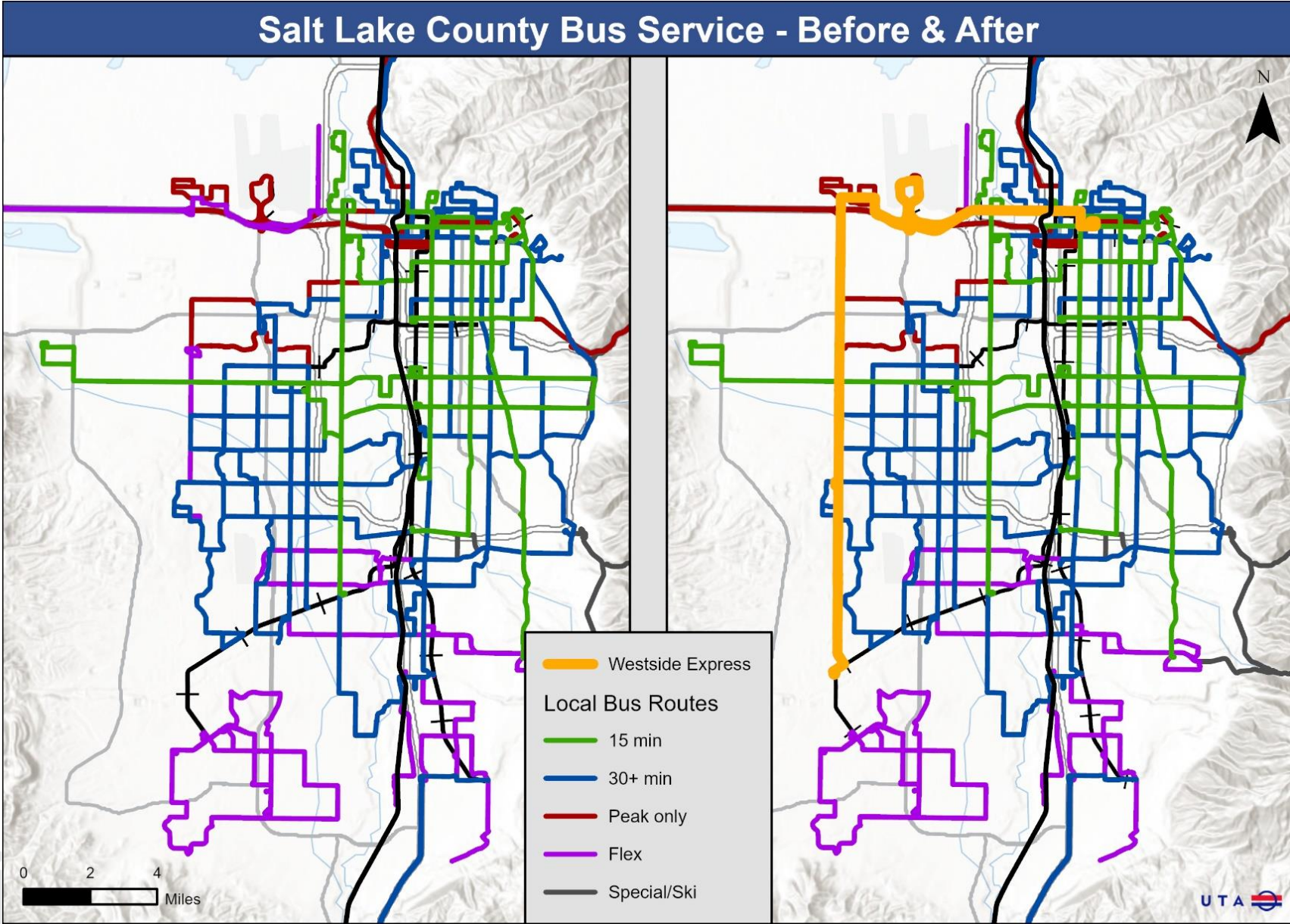
- By 2050 the population is projected to double, this growth is occurring on the west side of Salt Lake County
- The Westside Express will be delivered by 20 new electric busses and will offer a one-seat transit ride for residents that previously would have had 1 to 3 transfers
- The 29-mile route will include connection to:
  - 5600 West to Salt Lake City International Airport, downtown Salt Lake City, and other regional job centers
  - UTA's TRAX Lightrail system at the Old Bingham Highway Red Line Station at the route's southern end
  - Five Green Line TRAX stations to the north and west
  - Enhanced stops with shelters, benches, lighting, and real-time bus arrival displays along with six park and ride lots



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# Westside Express Connector Map



# Project Background



- The original transit component was arranged in the 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) as a mitigation for the freeway component of Mountain View Corridor (MVC) congestion relief project
- Originally, the transit mitigation was a five-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line along 5600 West, with potential future conversion to Light-Rail Transit (LRT)
- The impacts of the 2008 recession dramatically reduced UTA's expected revenues and consequentially was unable to implement the BRT service
- Further market evaluation showed the proposed project would have limited ridership with a high cost
- Due to a shared desire UDOT and UTA agreed to reevaluate in 2019 and refined the transit component to an express bus route of 29 miles
- The Express bus concept produced much higher ridership at a lower cost



# Discussion

- UDOT and UTA developed a refined Selected Alternative for Phase 1 transit implementation which addresses the MVC's purpose. Phase 2 and 3 transit and project implementation will be addressed after the Phase 1 elements are fully implemented; they were not part of the EIS Re-evaluation.
- Phase 1 transit is now an Express Bus service along the existing 5600 West and North Temple roadway travel lanes from the Old Bingham Highway TRAX station to downtown Salt Lake City. This change will allow transit to be implemented more cost-effectively.



# Recommendation

- Approve the Amended and Restated Mountain View Corridor Agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation



# Next Steps

- Update UDOT MVC Agreement
- Complete fundraising: Raise Grant is pending



# Questions



# Recommended Action

## (by roll call)

Motion to approve R2022-07-03

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