

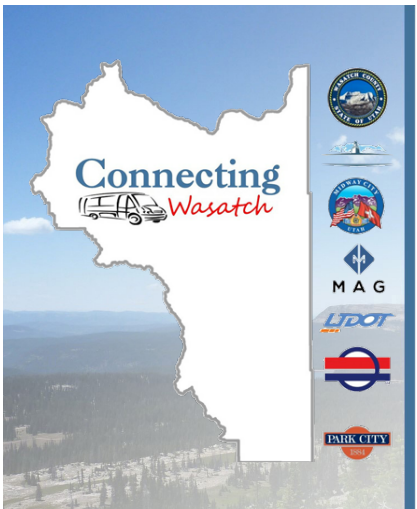
Midway City Council
4 August 2020
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Wasatch County Transit Study /
Findings

Wasatch County Transit Study Executive Summary 2020

BACKGROUND

Funded by Heber City, Midway City, Park City, Wasatch County, UDOT and UTA
Managed by Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
Consultant team: LSC Transportation Consultants with Fehr & Peers



LOCAL SERVICE

- » Combination of route-deviation & demand-response service
- » Year-round
- » Daily: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Extended winter hours to 11:00 pm)
- » Two small buses
- » \$910,000 annually
- » Estimated annual ridership: 75,000 passengers

PARK CITY COMMUTER

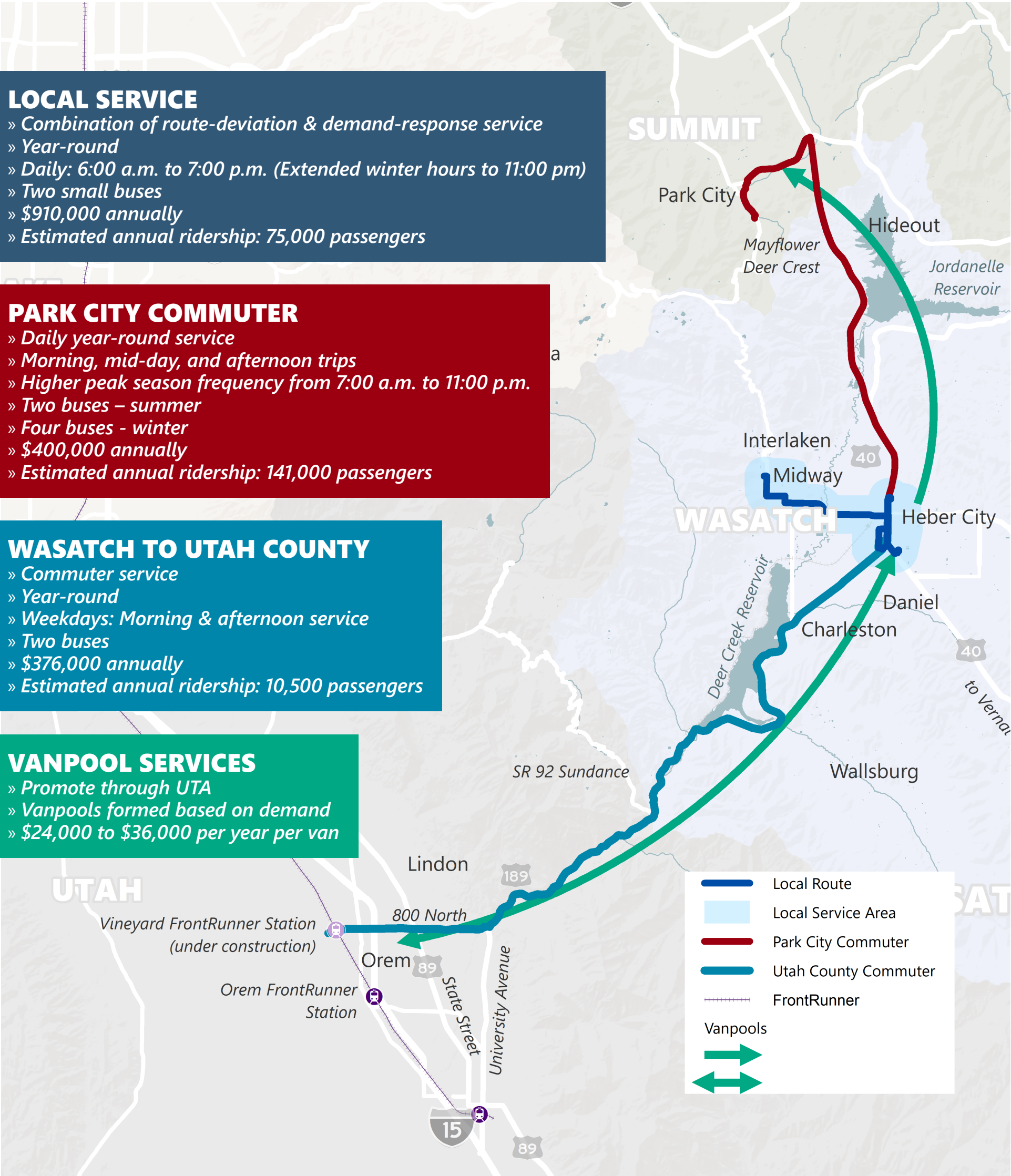
- » Daily year-round service
- » Morning, mid-day, and afternoon trips
- » Higher peak season frequency from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- » Two buses – summer
- » Four buses - winter
- » \$400,000 annually
- » Estimated annual ridership: 141,000 passengers

WASATCH TO UTAH COUNTY

- » Commuter service
- » Year-round
- » Weekdays: Morning & afternoon service
- » Two buses
- » \$376,000 annually
- » Estimated annual ridership: 10,500 passengers

VANPOOL SERVICES

- » Promote through UTA
- » Vanpools formed based on demand
- » \$24,000 to \$36,000 per year per van



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STUDY PROCESS



ESTIMATED COSTS & FUNDING

- ▶ Approximately **\$2 million** annual **Operating Cost for Full Implementation**
- ▶ **Capital Cost for Full Implementation** is approximately **\$6.5 million total** spread over multiple years

LIKELY FUNDING SOURCES:

- » FTA through UDOT (Capital & Operating)
- » Wasatch County Transportation Sales Tax

Table X-1 Summary of Access to Funding Sources

	CITY	COUNTY	JPA*	DISTRICT
Federal Transit Formula Funds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federal Transit Discretionary Funds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sales Tax	✓	✓		
Fares	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Joint Powers Authority



25% of 1% from sales tax would generate about **\$2.4 million/year**



The total potential revenue from the Wasatch County Transportation Sales Tax would be

\$11 million annually

COMPARATIVE COSTS

Wasatch County Transit Service total cost per transit passenger: **\$2 to \$41** depending on service.



That's an average of about **\$7** per transit passenger

For comparison:



The average cost **per transit passenger** in Utah is about **\$12**.

The average **cost per rural vehicle trip** in Utah is about **\$9**.



IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

- ▶ **PILOT PROGRAM:** Wasatch County – Park City service. Use existing transportation provider. Partnership among existing local governments
- ▶ **PHASE IMPLEMENTATION:** Phased over multiple years. Could build on pilot program

- » Decide whether to implement
- » Determine initial governance structure
- » Hire transit coordinator
- » Submit applications for grant funding
- » Identify local funding sources
- » Start development of bus stop improvements & new facility
- » Begin vanpool operations for both Summit & Utah County Corridors

- » Transit facility in operation
- » Begin Park City Commuter Service & Park City Skier Service
- » Begin both Utah County Commuter services with Heber to/from Utah Co.
- » Additional Winter Seasonal Dial-a-Ride service
- » Begin new route deviation service in Heber City & Midway
- » Additional Winter Seasonal Route Deviation Service



- » Begin dial-a-ride services in Heber City & Midway
- » Continue work on further bus stop improvement & begin construction of new facility
- » Purchase vehicles

