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\$52 Million Approved to Address Logan Main Street Traffic

MOAB, UTAH — The Utah Transportation Commission today voted unanimously to approve \$52 million in funding for the Logan Main Street project to improve traffic capacity on Main Street from 1200 S to 2500 N.

“This is a huge step forward toward fixing our Main Street traffic congestion,” said County Executive David Zook, who testified before the commission this morning in favor of the funding. “This wouldn’t have happened without the coordinated support of so many people, including our local legislators Senator Wilson and Representative Johnson, Mayor Daines, our CMPO, Commissioner Menlove, and the staff at UDOT.”

Securing this funding has been a challenging process. In the 2021 Utah Legislative Session, the legislature appropriated unprecedented levels of new transportation funding. After the session, UDOT published its Transportation Improvement Fund project list detailing how those funds would be allocated across the state. Cache Valley officials were disappointed to see that the Logan Main Street project was not recommended for funding, even though the project had previously been listed as the eighth highest-ranked project in the state and the highest-ranked project off of the Wasatch Front.

In response to that disappointing news, County Executive David Zook, joined by Senator Wilson, Representative Johnson and Mayor Daines, testified before the transportation commission at their April 23, 2021 meeting and urged the commission to reconsider funding the Main Street project. The commission agreed at that meeting to take another look at the project.

Mr. Zook again attended the Commission meeting and spoke about how critical the project was to local traffic flow, the valley’s economy and keeping up with growth, and asked for funding to be approved for the project. Mayor Daines attended virtually and also expressed support for the project. The Commission then voted unanimously to authorize \$52 million.

UDOT has been working with local leaders to explore options for how to improve traffic flow on Main Street. The next step in the process will be to begin an operational analysis and environmental review, which will include a public input process. The goal of those will be to identify one or more solutions to improve traffic flow, while preserving the usability of Main Street for business access and walkability and honoring its historic feel.

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