

# ENVIRONMENTAL



UTA takes a proactive approach to environmental management and compliance with all federal, state and local regulations through its environmental management system (EMS). The program focuses on continuous improvement of environmental performance by evaluating the impacts of UTA's activities, products and services on the community.

## ***Environmental Management***

UTA's EMS program complies with the agency's corporate environmental protection policy. The

policy affirms UTA's commitment to protect the environment, meet environmental safety objectives, develop procedures and identify employee responsibilities. UTA is committed to the following:

- Develop standards that encourage public transit use and environmental protection
- Ensure the design, construction and operation of UTA facilities and services
- Incorporate environmental protection
- Practice pollution prevention and waste reduction
- Constantly consider alternative and effective solutions to environmental problems

## ***ISO 14001***

In 2006, UTA became ISO 14001 certified through the International Organization for Standardization. This designation requires UTA to identify its environmental priorities and to systematically address each priority through awareness and education. To maintain certification, UTA must verify its environmental performance through monitoring and measurement.



## ***Land Recycling***

In cooperation with local officials, UTA works to clean up and redevelop contaminated or potentially contaminated sites and turns them into vibrant transit centers, Park & Ride lots or operation facilities. UTA's efforts have rejuvenated more than 50 acres along TRAX and FrontRunner corridors.

## ***Air Quality***

UTA does its part to improve air quality. In 2005, idling policies at UTA were revised to minimize the effects of diesel exhaust emissions on the environment. These efforts also improve fuel economy, saving more than \$150,000 per year and reducing idling times by an average of two hours per day.

## ***Alternative Fuels***

UTA strives to keep up with the latest advancements in fuel technologies that apply to public transit vehicles that run at high altitude. Currently, UTA uses a bio-diesel fuel mixture in all of its buses. UTA is also using hybrid-electric buses and compressed natural gas (CNG) buses in its system, expanding its fleet of CNG buses each year.