

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

Ogden BRT combines the capacity and speed of light rail with the flexibility and lower cost of bus. BRT allows riders to get to their destinations quicker than driving due to dedicated bus lanes and signal priority lights.

### What are the major destinations for Ogden BRT?

Ogden BRT connects Northern Utah students, residents and businesses to 13 stations located at FrontRunner, The Junction, Downtown Ogden City, 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden High School, Harrison Boulevard, Weber State University, Dee Events Center and McKay Dee Hospital.

### How often will the BRT busses be available?

Busses will arrive every 10-15 minutes during weekdays or 15-30 minutes on the weekend. Weber State University students will have busses running every 5-8 minutes from the WSU Central Campus to Student Housing or the Dee Events Center.

### How much will the Ogden BRT project cost?

Project costs are approximately 120-million dollars. The costs include 11 electric busses, electric charging stations, 13 stations, road widening, campus bus ways, right of way purchases, and utility relocation. Sixty - five percent of the funding will be provided through an FTA Small Starts Construction Grant, and the remaining thirty-five percent will be funded through partner funding.

### Who are the major partners involved with Ogden BRT?

The key partners for this project include Utah Transit Authority, Ogden City, Weber County, Weber State University, Intermountain Healthcare, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

### How long has UTA worked on the Ogden/WSU BRT project?

Utah Transit Authority and their partners have been working on this project for the past 20 years. It started out as a Gondola, which was not feasible, and then became a street car, which was too



expensive. The proposal then switched to a less expensive and feasible BRT line, but no state/federal funding was available. In the past few years, federal funding was made available to conduct transit studies and an environmental impact assessment. Additional Federal Transit Administration funding was made available to help subsidize the cost of the project by 65%, the remaining 35% will be provided by local partners. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2021 and will be completed in late 2023.

### **Who is designing this project?**

Jacobs Engineering, AECOM and WCEC are the key companies involved with the overall design of the Ogden BRT Project. Since 1941, these companies have worked on large and small projects in water, transportation, infrastructure, environment and advanced technologies in over 50 countries. Utah Transit Authority, Ogden City, Weber State University and McKay Dee Hospital have been working collectively design this BRT system. Sixty percent of the design will be completed by March 2020.

### **Who will handle construction for this project?**

Stacy and Witbeck Inc. is the construction company selected for this project. They are a leader in the heavy civil construction industry since 1981. They have over 1000 construction experts that have built over 500 projects. This includes corridor, rail extension, station, street car and viaduct replacement projects in Utah, California, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Missouri, Michigan, Colorado and Texas. More info at <https://www.stacywitbeck.com/projects/>.

### **How long will construction last?**

Construction will begin in the spring of 2021 and is scheduled to be completed in late 2023. To meet this accelerated schedule, construction will occur simultaneously along Harrison Blvd, Weber State University, Washington Blvd, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction will be phased on Harrison to maintain traffic flow as we create new lanes. Construction at central campus will be scheduled during school breaks to minimize the disruption to WSU students and classes. Construction of BRT stations will also be phased to minimize disruption to the public.

### **How will I be notified about detours or delays during construction?**

Utah Transit Authority and the Utah Department of Transportation will provide a website ([www.rideuta.com/ogden](http://www.rideuta.com/ogden)), twitter feeds, Facebook page, door to door notifications and email/app notifications to drivers and passengers with weekly updates. The notifications will include maps, alternative routes and tips to help you minimize your delays during construction. Additionally detour signs will be placed throughout the construction area to help drivers find alternative routes.



### **Will all businesses be open during construction?**

All employers will be open for business during the construction. UTA and Project partners will provide signage and other notifications to indicate that businesses are open. Alternative access to businesses will be provided to ensure all businesses are open during their normal business hours.

### **When will Ogden BRT begin service?**

The plan is to open service for the Ogden BRT late 2023. Schedules, community posters and advertising will be used to educate students, residents and businesses on when and how they can use the new BRT system.

### **How much will the Ogden BRT pass cost me?**

Utah Transit Authority, Ogden City and federal organizations are working on getting a three-year grant to subsidize the cost to ride the BRT. This means that any Utah resident will be able to RIDE for FREE for THREE years. Weber State University students will be able to continue to ride for free with their ED pass. After the three years, riders will pay the standard one-way fare of \$2.50 for adults/youth and \$1.25 for seniors/youth. All these passes can be purchased on the GoRide app at <https://www.rideuta.com/Fares-And-Passes/UTA-GoRide-Mobile-Ticketing>.

### **How can I plan my trip on Ogden BRT?**

Simply download the TRANSIT app at <https://transitapp.com>. Then type in your destination and the app will tell you where to go to find a station, notify you when to get off, and tell you how to walk, bike or scooter to your final destination.

