

Budget priorities outlined here affect you and your community. Guided by the adopted 2030 UTA Strategic Plan, we've developed our budget is built to accomplish the UTA mission.

Mission

"We Move You"

The Utah Transit Authority moves Utah to a stronger economy, a cleaner environment, increased mobility, greater access to opportunity, and a better quality of life — all driven by safe, reliable transportation.

2027 Budget Overview

At UTA, we prepare our annual budget as part of a long-term financial strategy for responsible, accountable stewardship of public funds. Investments in transit today, including replacement and major repair of infrastructure, align with a 30-year vision developed in collaboration among UTA, the Utah Department of Transportation, our regional planning partners, and the communities we serve.

Our budget is strategic, but it also responds to changing needs and emerging demands. On a local level, Utah's growth creates opportunities and challenges for mobility and connectivity. Traffic congestion, commute time, housing accessibility, and air quality are a few of the issues transit seeks to address. On a regional and state level, economic development and seminal events like the 2034 Olympics present significant transit-oriented opportunities.

The UTA 2027 Proposed Tentative budget provides a financial plan that aligns resources with organizational priorities to move people, expand & maintain our system safely, collaborate regionally, and provide livelihood for over 3,000 employees.



**Expand
Sustainably**



**Maintain
Deliberately**



**Advocate
Regionally**

This Partial 2027 Proposed Budget, often called the "2027 Stump Budget," bridges the end of our former calendar year budget and the start of our new Fiscal Year 2028. Once this new fiscal year begins in July 2027, UTA's budget cycle will align with the state fiscal year.

UTA's Partial 2027 Tentative Budget is \$504 million with a projected 2027 total year expense of \$994 million. UTA reports as a single enterprise fund, and all revenues are deposited in the UTA enterprise fund. Within this enterprise fund, UTA maintains 2 budgets: Operating and Capital. The Operating Budget covers ongoing expenses related to services UTA provides, whereas the Capital Budget accounts for one-time expenses related to building, maintaining, and investing in our transit system.



2027 Operating Budget Highlights



UTA 2027 Capital Budget Highlights

Bus Expansion

- 5600 West

Rail Expansion

- S-Line extension completion

Maintaining a
State of Good Repair

- Rehabilitation & replacement of:
 - Light rail vehicles
 - Train control
 - Bus and paratransit vehicles

Building Remodel & Expansion

- Ogden admin building
- TRAX operations and maintenance facility (Jordan River)
- Jordan River training facility



2027 Revenue Summary

UTA receives Operating revenues from multiple sources, with Partial 2027 Budget revenue of \$342 million (full-year forecast of \$685 million). Sales tax revenue, totaling \$269 million (\$517 million full-year, or 54% of total), represents the largest funding source for the 2027 budget. Federal preventive maintenance funds are anticipated at \$37 million (\$74 million full-year, or 8%) and fares are planned at \$21 million (\$41 million full-year, or 4%). Other revenues include, in order of magnitude, investment income, local support, other revenue, advertising, and fees.

UTA plans to draw \$88 million from our existing savings in the enterprise fund balance to finance the full 2027 Tentative Budget.

External Capital sources of \$250 million are further described in the Capital Budget Summary.

2027 Expense Summary

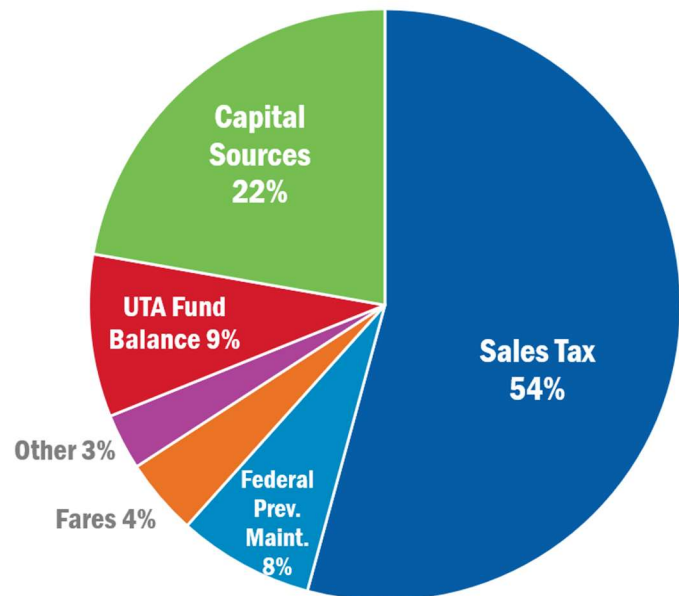
The total Partial 2027 Tentative Budget includes a \$259 million (full-year forecast of \$517 million) Operating Budget for Operations (35% of total) and Management & Support of the system (17% of total). These functions are represented in dark and light blue on the graph. Operations expenses include, in order of magnitude: bus, light rail, commuter rail, paratransit, vanpool, and microtransit. Management & Support includes planning and capital support, communications, IT, HR, finance, leadership, and other admin group expenses.

Debt Service expenses of \$80 million (full-year \$177 million, or 18% of total) are budgeted to repay bond debt from building out rail systems and financing bus, paratransit, and other vehicles.

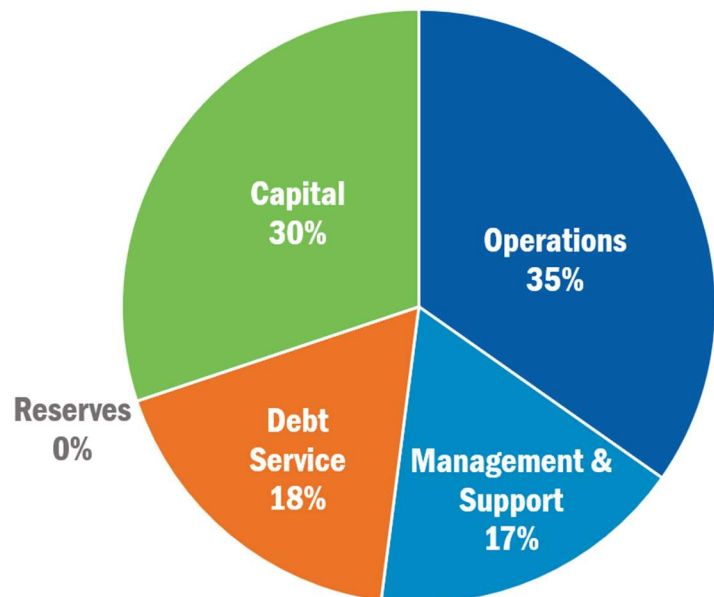
Contributions to Reserves are required by policy and ensure that we have emergency funding in a variety of scenarios. However, these funding requirements have already been met for next year.

Capital uses are further described in the Capital Budget Summary on the next page.

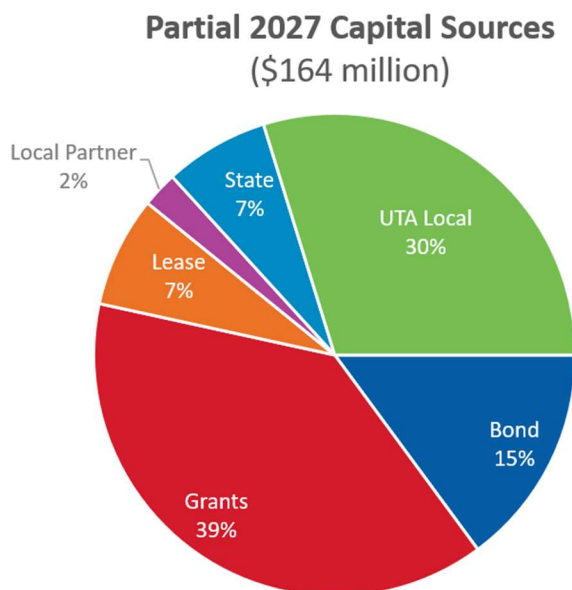
Sources



Uses



Capital Budget Details



10 Largest Capital Budget Projects

Light Rail Vehicle Replacement
Clean Diesel Bus Purchase
Paratransit Vehicle Replacement
Light Rail Vehicle Rehabilitation
S-Line Extension
5600 West Bus Route
Rail Replacement Program
Grade Crossing Replacement Program
Fares Systems Replacement Program
Train Control Rehab & Replacement

UTA receives \$79 million in federal grant, state, and local partner (cities and counties) funding to complete Capital projects. Bond financing for major infrastructure projects and new vehicle acquisition using financing or “lease” revenue brings in another \$36 million of debt-based funding sources. The remaining \$49 million of UTA’s Capital Budget expenses require use of UTA local enterprise funds, as noted above.

The 10 largest-budget projects in 2027 make up about 59% of the total Partial 2027 Capital Budget of \$164 million. Overall, 72% of this budget is for maintaining a state of good repair on existing service vehicles & infrastructure.

Ways To Get Involved

Review the 2027 Tentative Budget and submit comments by October 26, 2026.

Submit your feedback in any of the following ways:

- Website comment form: rideuta.com/budget
- Email: hearingofficer@rideuta.com
- Phone: 801-287-3888
- Mailing: Jolisha Branch, c/o Utah Transit Authority, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

You are also welcome to attend the public hearing and open house:

- Thursday, October 26
 - Open house: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 - Public hearing: 6:00 p.m.
- Location: 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Join virtually: rideuta.com/meetings

More information on the 2027 Tentative Budget can be found at rideuta.com/budget.

