



**Northern Utah Chamber Coalition
2020 / 2021 Legislative Priorities (01/29/21)**

The Northern Utah Chamber Coalition (NUCC) is comprised of the Bear Lake, Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Morgan Area and Ogden-Weber Chambers of Commerce. NUCC combines efforts to support public policy and government funding issues in Northern Utah that positively affect the business community and the quality of life in our region. Each Chamber has its own respective legislative policies and process and has agreed the following issues are of regional significance and endorsed as Northern Utah priorities.

Capital Facility Priorities

- 1. Bridgerland Tech Health Science and Tech Building \$39 M (funding suspended due to COVID-19)
- 2. Brigham City Public Safety Consolidated Building \$7 M (funding suspended due to COVID-19)
- 3. Utah State Heravi Global Teaching and Learning Center \$14 M (funding suspended due to COVID-19)
- 4. Bear Lake Marina \$45-48 M
- 5. East Canyon State Park upgrades to include Big Rock Campground and Mormon Flat Recreation Area \$1.35 M
- 6. Farmington Combined DLD/DMV Building \$10.8 M

Transportation Project Priorities

- 1. I-15 / 5600 South Interchange and widening (3500 West to 1900 West) – EIS completed. \$194 M for interchange,\$93 M for widening – total project cost: \$287 M
- 2. I-84 / US-Hwy 89 Interchange \$60 M
- 3. Reconstruct I-15 from SLC to Ogden in phases. SLC to Farmington phase \$1.4B. Farmington to Ogden TBD.
- 4. 1800 North Sunset / HAFB widening and grade separated crossing \$114 M
- 5. I-84 Mt. Green Interchange to Trapper’s Loop EIS \$3.5 M
- 6. West Weber Corridor Preservation and EIS \$352 M
- 7. Add additional lanes to Legacy Parkway

Hill Air Force Base

- o Support the Hill Aerospace Museum expansion \$12M
- o Relocation of the Hill AFB Roy Gate relocation. \$10M
- o Widening of Wardeigh Road for Gare relocation. \$19M
- o State purchase of Union Pacific right of way, 111 acres and 6.2 miles of rail line. \$18.5 - \$24M

Justice Reform

- o Halfway houses equitably placed throughout the state to reduce recidivism rates
- o Additional treatment for inmates to include counseling
- o Work with law enforcement and diverse communities to improve current social unrest

**Northern Utah Chamber Coalition
2020 / 2021 Ongoing Platform Issues**

Hill Air Force Base

- o Seek opportunities to expand the mission of HAFB

Utilities

- o Support efforts to improve energy efficiency

Economic Development

- o Ongoing Procurement assistance funding
- o Continued support of UDA and MIDA

Economic Development

- o Support the Inland Port initiative and its satellite areas, encouraging a satellite location in Northern Utah
- o Restore funding to Senate Bill 95 programs. Senate Bill 95 retired BEAR, Fast Track Grants, and Enterprise Zones and the counties were going to use the new funding to replace those programs and grants.
- o Support efforts to create a partnership with federal, state, education, and business entities to further support economic development to create an innovation center in partnership with HAFB and other entities (explore previous U-Star building)
- o Support Workforce needs, including apprenticeships, through Talent-Ready Utah
- o Ogden Airport infrastructure improvements to support defense-related businesses \$9 M
- o Support initiatives that encourage the continued development of housing affordability
- o Support the US Main Street Program \$500 K (one-time / on-going)
- o Support initiatives that develop Northern Utah's leadership in composites, advanced manufacturing, and systems engineering
- o Restoration of Business Resource Center funding to support services to small businesses

Tourism

- o Maintain current TRT distribution formula
- o Continue to support the tourism marketing performance fund
- o Support policies and initiatives that create a capital facility replacement and update plan for state parks
- o Support trail projects to promote tourism / recreation. Explore a state-wide trails coordinator at office of outdoor recreation

Tax Reform

- o Monitor the update and modernization of tax structure

Future Capital Facility Priorities

- o Ogden Weber Tech – Expansion for health tech building to accommodate LPN and RN students
- o Davis Tech – Institute acquisition for expansion
- o Farmington City transportation access to state / federal facilities
- o Antelope Island new visitors center \$5 M

Health

- o Align incentives to encourage cost containment and

Education / Workforce Development

- o Support removing the tax from military retirement income to encourage high-skilled, retired military talent to Northern Utah
- o Support full funding for student growth in Pre-K to 20
- o Support increased WPU funding with local school district funding control
- o Enhance the education pipeline to increase the number of trained graduates and support stackable credentials and strategic initiative grants
- o Support outcome/performance and market-demand funding for higher ed
- o Continue equalization efforts in ways that allow school districts with low assessed values to offer competitive teacher salaries
- o Provide one-time funds to public schools to improve the infrastructure needs of online learning.
- o Support for additional mental health resources/solutions.
- o Expand Statewide College Access Advising Program \$3 M
- o Support talent development incentive loan for high wage / high demand occupations in Northern Utah (e.g. electrical eng., manufacturing, etc.)
- o Increase strategic investments in short-term training programs to meet immediate needs of key industries.
- o Increase transportation funding for school districts \$5 M
- o Health / Education –Explore additional broadband access to support at home Internet access for students, patients, etc.
- o Fund Systems Engineering (WSU) and Composite Engineering Masters Degrees (USU / WSU) – Composite (\$600) – (previously funded)

Health

- o Support the concept of a private sector model to provide health insurance for uninsured poverty-level Utahns
- o Support funding of the social determinants of health, including food, housing and transportation
- o Support research and projects that reduce opioid-related dependency and deaths
- o Focus on priorities of reducing obesity, high blood pressure, pre-diabetes, suicide and other mental health issues
- o Continue to fully fund traditional Medicaid
- o Encourage COVID-19 safety including mask wearing, social distancing, and hand hygiene. Work to recover economically while acting safely

One-time appropriations

See NUCC priority list for capital facilities and transportation funding priorities. Please consider the following requests as funding may be available.

- o State Domestic Violence funding – (tripling in domestic violence – 14 different organizations) – \$3.5M (one time – intent for ongoing)
- o Adult high school completion program – Weber School District – (meets 20,000 adults who do not have a high school diploma) - \$750K
- o HAFB Air Show - \$100K – Air Show Foundation (recover from 2020 cancelations)
- o Egyptian Theatre - \$864K – Weber County Commissioners
- o Ogden Nature Center - \$225K (one time – intent for ongoing)
- o Composite Engineering Program (with USU):\$300K one-time funding and \$700K on-going
- o Systems Engineering Program:\$22k one-time funding and 600k on-going

<p><u>Future / Ongoing Transportation Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Iowa String Road upgrade in Box Elder County ○ 12th Street 4600 West capacity improvements \$10 M ○ Future commuter rail preservation from Ogden to BE County \$11 M ○ 12th street overpass in Ogden City. ○ Davis-SLC Community Connector Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) <p><u>Transportation Policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TTIF: Develop an equitable process in funding transportation and transit projects. <p><u>Federal Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigration reform consistent with Utah Compact <p>Support marketplace fairness by requiring retailers to collect sales tax in states where they do not have a physical presence</p> <p><u>Racial equality and justice for all</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage policies that allow opportunities for all. 	<p>efficiencies at all levels of the health system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage policy that supports increase in quality and access while minimizing costs ○ Monitor potential impacts of marijuana industry on the workforce <p><u>Environmental: Water, Air and Energy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support water development and planning to responsibly meet the future growth of Northern Utah ○ Support the protection of existing funding mechanisms for large water importation projects and replacement of aging infrastructure ○ Support Statewide financing program for new and aging infrastructure of local public water agencies ○ Support continued improved conservation measures of our water resources, including metering of all domestic uses of water ○ Support legislation which simplifies the “In-stream” (ie. Great Salt Lake) flow right process, while protecting water rights ○ Support practical policies to improve air quality ○ Support the development of efficient energy sources 	
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